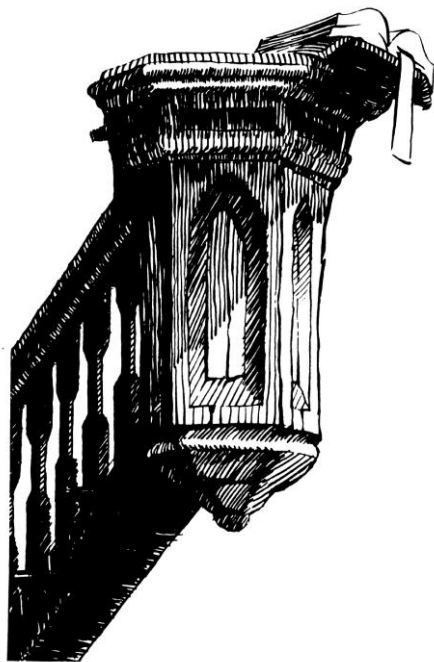


# Christ Presbyterian Church

I have kept back nothing, but have declared to you  
the whole counsel of God. —Acts 20:27



Covenant Renewal Service

14 January 2018

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent;  
for here we meet with a holy God.*

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;  
during the service, let the Lord speak to you;  
after the service, speak to one another.*

## About Receiving Communion

All who trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, are baptized members in good standing of congregations that proclaim the gospel, are repentant of their sin and are at peace with their brothers and sisters in Christ are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

**A Word to Parents:** Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and have been received as communing members by the church to which their parents belong.

As instituted by our Lord, wine is the element used in the Lord's Supper to show forth his blood shed on our behalf (Mark 14:23–25; 1 Cor 10:16; 11:20–21, 25; 1 Tim 4:3–4). If, however, for reasons of conscience, you are not able to participate using wine, grape juice is provided in the center of the tray. Also, gluten-free crackers are available for those who cannot eat bread.

**Nursery today:** Brit Osterling  
Jack Canales

**Next Sunday:** Mary Jo Canales  
Emilie Miller

# Reflection

Everyone may be entitled to his own opinion but everyone is not entitled to his own truth. Truth is but one.

— Doug Groothius

If a million people believe a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing.

— Anatole France

Truth is not limited to the Scriptures, but it is limited by the Scriptures.

— J. Grant Howard

To regularly hear unscriptural teaching is a serious thing. It is a continual dripping of slow poison into the mind.

— J. C. Ryle

A sacred regard to the authority of God ought to lead us to reject an error, however old, sanctioned by whatever authority, or however generally practised.

— Charles H. Spurgeon

A Church which abandons the truth abandons itself.

— Hans Küng

# *We Prepare to Meet with God*

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## **Prelude**

When All Thy Mercies, O My God

When all Thy mercies, O my God,  
My rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view I'm lost  
In wonder, love, and praise.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul  
Thy tender care bestowed  
Before my infant heart could know  
From whom those comforts flowed

When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou,  
With health renewed my face,  
And when in sins and sorrows bowed,  
Revived my soul with grace.

Through every period of my life  
Thy goodness I'll pursue,  
And after death, in distant worlds,  
The glorious theme renew.

# God Calls Us

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## Trinitarian Confession and Salutation

Minister: We are gathered in the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19*

**People: Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth!**

*Psalm 124:8*

Minister: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father  
and Christ Jesus our Lord!

*1 Timothy 1:2b*

**People: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 95:6–7*

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**People: For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

## ▲ Hymn 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Trinity Hymnal*

## ▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 116:1–2

Minister: I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People: **Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

## Corporate Confession of Sin and Supplication for Mercy (*unison*)

Righteous Father,  
we who own more than we use,  
proclaim more than we experience,  
and request more than we need,  
come asking your forgiveness.  
We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves.  
We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors.  
We experience your grace, then act defeated.  
We rely on your power, but only in hard times.  
We have become confused and misguided.  
Forgive our every defection.  
Bring us to an unbroken commitment  
and a steady trust,  
through Jesus Christ,  
who is the way of hope,  
the truth of God,  
and the life of love,  
now and always, *Amen*.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 John 4:14–15

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

## ▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

# *God Consecrates Us*

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## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Reading of Scripture**

Colossians 2 (p. 983)

<sup>1</sup>For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, <sup>2</sup>that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, <sup>3</sup>in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup>I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup>For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.

<sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up

without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

<sup>20</sup> If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—<sup>21</sup> “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” <sup>22</sup> (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? <sup>23</sup> These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

▲ **Hymn 644**

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

*Trinity Hymnal*



## Preaching of the Word

**Sermon Text:** 1 Timothy 3:14–4:5 (p. 992)

Rev. John Canales

*Eternal Danger*

<sup>3:14</sup> I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, <sup>15</sup> if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. <sup>16</sup> Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory.

<sup>4:1</sup> Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, <sup>2</sup> through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, <sup>3</sup> who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. <sup>4</sup> For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, <sup>5</sup> for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 642

Be Thou My Vision

*Trinity Hymnal*

## *God Communes with Us*

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▲ **Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

p. 845, *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ *The Gloria Patri* (#735)

*Trinity Hymnal*

### **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*Invitation and Supervision of the Table*

1 Corinthians 11:23–29

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration*

The minister will lead the congregation in prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer in unison:

**People: Our Father in heaven,  
          hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
          your will be done  
          on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
          and forgive us our debts  
          as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
          but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power  
          and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Words of Institution*

*Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:17–20*

*Distribution of the Bread and the Cup*

Hymn — During the bread I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
My only trust and Savior of my heart,  
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou are the Life, by which alone we live,  
And all our substance and our strength receive;  
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,  
Strong-heart-ed then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,  
No harshness hast thou and no bitterness:  
Make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee  
And never stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;  
Our faith is built up on they promise free;  
O grant to us such strong-er hope and sure  
That we can boldly conquer and endure.

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

## *Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)*

Now may your servant, Lord,  
according to your word,  
depart in exultation.  
My rest shall be serene,  
for now my eyes have seen  
your wonderful salvation.

You did for all prepare  
this Gift, so great, so rare,  
fulfilling prophets' story;  
A Light to show the way  
to Gentiles gone astray,  
and unto Israel's glory.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

### *God Commissions and Blesses Us*

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#### **The Collection of Alms and Tithes**

**Psalm 19:7–14**

*Trinity Psalter*

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

1 Timothy 3:14–4:5

*Eternal Danger*



# Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for worship! It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will know and experience the love, power, and presence of our King and Savior Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting, please take a moment to fill out one of our visitor cards and place it in the collection plate. If you desire any additional information, or if there are ways in which we can pray for you or be of service to you, please let us know. We count it a privilege to serve our community in the name of Christ!

## About our Church

Standing in the great biblical and evangelical tradition of the Protestant Reformation, Christ Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). We are committed to the Bible as the Word of God, the Reformed Faith, and the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.



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