Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

25 February 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: Laurie Boswell

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Next Sunday: Amanda Grimes

Jack Canales

Reflection

Is it not wonderful news to be ourselves?	elieve that salvation lies outside
Ourserves:	— Martin Luther
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Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection.

- Watchman Nee

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing *Alleluia! Amen!*Loud praise to Christ our King; *Alleluia! Amen!*Let all, with heart and voice,
Before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. *Alleluia! Amen!*

Come, lift your hearts on high, *Alleluia! Amen!* Let praises fill the sky, *Alleluia! Amen!* He is our Guide and Friend; To us he'll condescend; His love shall never end. *Alleluia! Amen!*

Praise yet our Christ again, *Alleluia! Amen!* Life shall not end the strain; *Alleluia! Amen!* On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore, Singing forevermore, "*Alleluia! Amen!*"

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: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Jude 2

People: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4a

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

All: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Minister: Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!

▲ Hymn 101

Come, Thou Almighty King

Trinity Hymnal

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 66:16, 18–20

Minister: Come and hear, all you who fear God,

and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

All: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,

the Lord would not have listened.

Minister: But truly God has listened;

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

All: Blessed be God,

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

Minister: In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

Corporate Confession of Sin and Supplication for Mercy (unison)

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ.

We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us, for the sake of your dear Son, in whose name we pray. *Amen*.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

★ *The Doxology* (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Galatians 6 (p. 975)

¹ Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

¹¹ See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

▲ Hymn 457

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Trinity Hymnal

Preaching of the Word Sermon Text: 1 Timothy 5:17–25 (p. 992)

Rev. John Canales Principles for Pastors

¹⁷Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages." ¹⁹ Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. 20 As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear. ²¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality. ²²Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure. ²³ (No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.) ²⁴ The sins of some people are conspicuous, going before them to judgment, but the sins of others appear later. ²⁵So also good works are conspicuous, and even those that are not cannot remain hidden.

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 551

How Blest is He Whose Trespass

Trinity Hymnal

God Communes with Us

▲ 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.

<u>Words of Institution</u> Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:17–20

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Amidst us our beloved stands, And bids us view his pierced hands; Points to the wounded feet and side Blest emblems of the crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board, When at his table sits the Lord! The wine how rich, the bread how sweet, When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim, We see the signs, but see not him; O may his love the scales displace, And bid us see him face to face!

O glorious bridegroom of our hearts, Your present smile a heav'n imparts! O lift the veil, if veil there be, Let every saint your glory see!

Scripture Reading — During the cup

Jeremiah 17:7–8, 14

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.

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

The Collection of Alms and Tithes

Hymn 100

Holy, Holy, Holy

Trinity Hymnal

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes 1 Timothy 5:17–25 Principles for Pastors

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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