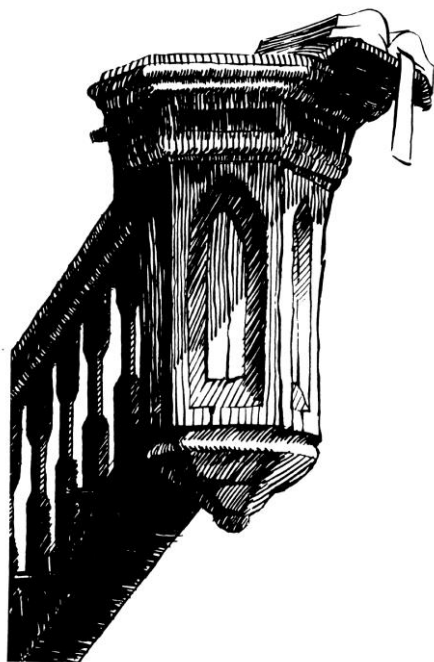


Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

18 March 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: Mary Jo Canales

Gray Canales

Next Sunday: Paula Ea

Jack Canales

Reflection

Here is the truly Christian life, here is faith really working by love: when a man applies himself with joy and love to the works of that freest servitude, in which he serves others voluntarily and for naught; himself abundantly satisfied in the fullness and richness of his own faith.

— Martin Luther

We may think God wants actions of a certain kind,
but God wants people of a certain kind.

— C. S. Lewis

Our lives will harmonize best with God's will and the demands of the Law when they serve other people best.

— John Calvin

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Psalm 87

Zion, founded on the mountains,
God, thy maker, loves thee well;
He has chosen thee, most precious,
He delights in thee to dwell,
God's own city, God's own city,
Who can all thy glory tell?
God's own city, God's own city,
Who can all thy glory tell?

Heathen lands and hostile peoples
Soon shall come the Lord to know;
Nations born again in Zion
Shall the Lord's salvation know;
God Almighty, God Almighty
Shall on Zion's strength be stow,
God Almighty, God Almighty
Shall on Zion's strength be stow,

When the Lord shall count the nations,
Sons and daughters he shall see,
Born to endless life in Zion,
And their joyful song shall be:
"Blessed Zion, blessed Zion,
All our fountains are in thee,
"Blessed Zion, blessed Zion,
All our fountains are in thee."

God Calls Us

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*

**All: 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*

All: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1–4

Minister: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High

**All: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**

Minister: to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

**All: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

▲ Hymn 311

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Trinity Hymnal

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 32:1–5

Minister: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**All: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no
iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Minister: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**All: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Minister: I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

**All: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

Almighty God,

we are unworthy to come into your presence,
because of our many sins.

We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you,
if you dealt with us as we deserve.

We have sinned against you, O Lord,
and we have offended you.

And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses,
so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God,
a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you.

And so we humbly ask you,
for the sake of Christ your Son,
to show mercy to us,
and forgive us all our offenses.

Forgive the sins of our youth,
and the sins of our old age.

By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts,
so that, not only the actions of our life,
but also the words of our mouths,
and the smallest thought of our minds,
may be guided and governed by you.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Micah 7:18–19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1–13 (p. 554)

- ¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
² a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
⁵ a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

⁹What gain has the worker from his toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹¹He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹²I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; ¹³also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

▲ **Hymn 642**

Be Thou My Vision

Trinity Hymnal

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: 1 Timothy 6:1–2 (p. 993)

Changing the World

¹ Let all who are under a yoke as bondservants regard their own masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled. ² Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful on the ground that they are brothers; rather they must serve all the better since those who benefit by their good service are believers and beloved.

Teach and urge these things.

▲ **Hymn 597**

Though I May Speak

Trinity Hymnal

God Communes with Us

▲ **Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’/Nicene 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

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and blood
From thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill your law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to your cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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 263

Lift High the Cross

Trinity Hymnal

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

1 Timothy 6:1–2
Changing the World

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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