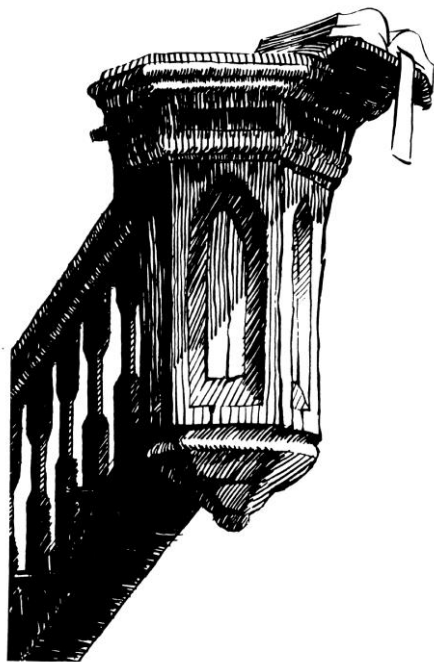


# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

15 April 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  
Jack Canales  
**Next Sunday:** Mary Jo Canales  
Emilie Miller

# Reflection

Peace if possible, but truth at any rate.

— Martin Luther

Truth demands confrontation; loving confrontation, but confrontation nevertheless.

— Francis A. Schaeffer

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 practiced.

— Charles H. Spurgeon

If we hold on to God's truth, we won't be trapped by Satan's lies.

— Author unknown

# *We Prepare to Meet with God*

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## **Prelude**

Shepherd of tender youth,  
Guiding in love and truth  
Through winding ways:  
Christ, our triumphant King,  
We come your name to sing;  
Our children here we bring  
To shout your praise.

You are our holy Lord,  
The all-subduing Word,  
Healer of strife;  
You did yourself abase  
And from sin's deep disgrace  
You saved us by your grace,  
And gave us life.

You are the great High Priest,  
You have prepared the feast  
Of love divine:  
Your Spirit draws us near,  
Your love dispels our fear,  
Your mercy meets us here  
In bread and wine.

Forever be our Guide,  
Our Shepherd and our pride,  
Our staff and song.  
Jesus, O Christ of God,  
By your all-powerful word,  
Renew and feed us, Lord,  
Our faith make strong.

So now and till we die,  
Sound we your praises high,  
And joyful sing:  
May all the ransomed throng  
Who to your church belong  
Unite and swell the song  
To Christ our King.

# 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*

**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 99:1–5*

Minister: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**All: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth quake!**

Minister: The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.

**All: Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is he!**

Minister: The King in his might loves justice.  
You have established equity

**All: you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.**

Minister: Exalt the Lord our God;  
worship at his footstool!

**All: Holy is he!**

▲ Hymn 277

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*Trinity Hymnal*

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 78:52–58

Then he led out his people like sheep  
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.  
He led them in safety, so that they were not afraid,  
but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.  
And he brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand had won.  
He drove out nations before them;  
he apportioned them for a possession  
and settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.  
Yet they tested and rebelled against the Most High God  
and did not keep his testimonies,  
but turned away and acted treacherously like their fathers;  
they twisted like a deceitful bow.  
For they provoked him to anger with their high places;  
they moved him to jealousy with their idols.

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

Most High God—  
our Shepherd, Ruler, Guide, Protector, Nurturer, and Savior—  
we bow before you confessing and bemoaning our sins.  
You called us out of darkness into your marvelous light;  
you redeemed us, adopted us,  
justified us for the sake of your dear Son.  
Yet we have continually rebelled against your righteous rule,  
ungratefully scorned your nurturing word,  
willfully strayed from your guiding hand,  
and faithlessly chased after the idols  
of self-reliance and self-gratification.  
We acknowledge that we have sinned.  
We repent of our disobedience and idolatry.  
We pray to you for forgiveness and cleansing  
in the name of Christ, our Chief Shepherd,  
who lay down his life for us  
and now upholds and sustains us forever, *Amen*.

▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Peter 2:24–25

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.

▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

# *God Consecrates Us*

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## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Reading of Scripture**

Ezekiel 34:1–24 (p. 722)

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the LORD God: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? <sup>3</sup>You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. <sup>4</sup>The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. <sup>5</sup>So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; <sup>6</sup>they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

<sup>7</sup>“Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>8</sup>As I live, declares the LORD God, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, <sup>9</sup>therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>10</sup>Thus says the LORD God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the LORD God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the



inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the LORD God. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

<sup>17</sup> “As for you, my flock, thus says the LORD God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup> Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup> And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup> “Therefore, thus says the LORD God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup> I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

▲ **Hymn 56**

When All Thy Mercies, O My God

*Trinity Hymnal*

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## **Preaching of the Word**

**Sermon Text:** 1 Timothy 6:2b–5 (p. 993)

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<sup>2b</sup> Teach and urge these things. <sup>3</sup> If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, <sup>4</sup> he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, <sup>5</sup> and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

▲ **Hymn 648**

My Jesus, I Love Thee

*Trinity Hymnal*

**Ordination and Installation of Rod Alexander as Ruling Elder**

## *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*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, O my soul, O my soul,  
When I was sinking down, O my soul!  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father...

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

## *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**

**Hymn 455**      *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*      *Trinity Hymnal*

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

1 Timothy 6:2b–5

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# 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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