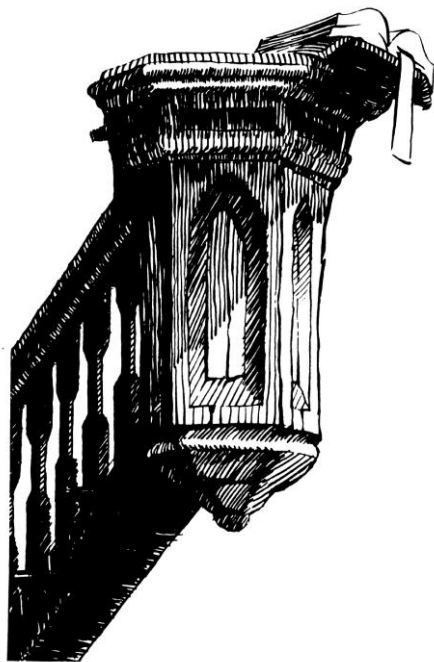


Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

29 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: Lauren Alexander
Greyson Ea
Next Sunday: Paula Ea
Gray Canales

Reflection

It is not the fact that a person has riches that keeps them from heaven, but the fact that riches have them.

— Dr. Caird

A little is as much as a lot, if it is enough.

— Steve Brown

When a man has arrived so far, that he seeks his consolation from no created thing, then at this point he begins truly to taste what God is; then, too, will he be well content with everything that happens.

— Thomas à Kempis

God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him.

— John Piper

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Psalm 63:1–4
Tune: CRIMOND

Lord, thee my God, I'll early seek:
my soul doth thirst for thee;
My flesh longs in a dry parched land,
wherein no waters be:

That I thy power may behold,
and brightness of thy face,
As I have seen thee heretofore
within thy holy place.

Since better is thy love than life,
my lips thee praise shall give.
I in thy name will lift my hands,
and bless thee while I live.

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 103:1–2, 20–22

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

**All: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**

Minister: Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

**All: Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!**

Minister: Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

▲ **Hymn 9** All You That Fear Jehovah's Name *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 103:2–5

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

**All: who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,**

Minister: who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**All: who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Minister: God assures us that he will hear our confession,
redeem us, forgive our sins, and bless us.

So, let us trust his grace and confess our sins:

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

Holy God, we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us.

We have put our longing for money, success, or happiness
above our desire for you and your kingdom.

We worry about what others will think, what we wear,
how our reputation can be polished.

We make idols out of the winning record of a sport team,
the next promotion at work, the perfect family,
the cleanliness of our house, or the latest technology.

We are careless with our words, saying things we don't mean,
things that are hurtful to our children or friends.

We are so busy with our lives
that we forget our every breath depends on you.

While we waste time on meaningless activities,
we fail to recognize moments of your grace throughout our day.

We indulge in hateful thoughts
against those we feel have offended us,
and we are indifferent toward the suffering
in our own neighborhoods.

We forget that all people bear your image.

In an effort to look better, we compare ourselves to others.

We take advantage of weakness
and are passive in the face of injustice.

For personal gain and reputation,
we lie blatantly, and we lie by omission.
We would rather blame others unjustly than accept fault.
We long for what is not ours and begrudge the blessings of others.

Forgive us for thinking of ourselves before others and before you.
Free us from unreasonable expectations of ourselves and others,
from the need to compete, and from loss of perspective
so that we may glorify you in all we think, say, and do.
Sanctify us through the Spirit of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whose Name we ask these things. *Amen.*

▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Psalm 103:8–13

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.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Matthew 6:24–34 (p. 811)

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: 1 Timothy 6:3–10 (p. 993)

What's Worth Pursuing?

³If 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, ⁴he 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, ⁵and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 457

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.**

Words of Institution

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

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now thee alone I seek; give what is best;
This all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise,
This still its prayer shall be more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee!

I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through [Christ Jesus] who strengthens 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

The Collection of Alms and Tithes

Hymn 668 Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

1 Timothy 6:3–10

What's Worth Pursuing?

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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