# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Order for the Public Worship of God 15 July 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: Paula Ea

Gray Canales

Next Sunday: Mary Jo Canales

Emilie Miller

## Reflection

If you keep in step with God, you'll be out of step with the world.

— Author unknown

The ship's place is in the sea, but God pity the ship when the sea gets into it. The Christian's place is in the world, but God pity the Christian if the world gets the best of him.

— Author unknown

Whoever has Christ in his heart, so that no earthly or temporal things — not even those that are legitimate and allowed — are preferred to him, has Christ as a foundation. But if these things be preferred, then even though a man seem to have faith in Christ, yet Christ is not the foundation to that man.

— Augustine of Hippo

Prelude In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh—Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied—
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay—Light of the world by darkness slain!
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine:
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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

All: Amen.

### Call to Worship

Psalm 117

Minister: Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

All: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

▶ Psalm 16 Trinity Psalter

**▲** Prayer of Petition and Adoration

#### Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 130:1-4

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

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

Gracious God,

you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life.

You offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as your children.

Yet, O God, we confess

that the ways of death have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to their lure.

Forgive our worldliness and put it to death, that we might be blessed with life through Jesus Christ. We ask this in his name., *Amen.* 

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### **▲** Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

**★** *The Doxology* (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### Reading of Scripture

Numbers 25 (p. 133)

While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab. <sup>2</sup>These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. <sup>3</sup>So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel. <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, "Take all the chiefs of the people and hang them in the sun before the Lord, that the fierce anger of the Lord may turn away from Israel." <sup>5</sup>And Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Each of you kill those of his men who have yoked themselves to Baal of Peor."

<sup>6</sup> And behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought a Midianite woman to his family, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of the whole congregation of the people of Israel, while they were weeping in the entrance of the tent of meeting. <sup>7</sup> When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose and left the congregation and took a spear in his hand <sup>8</sup> and went after the man of Israel into the chamber and pierced both of them, the man of Israel and the woman through her belly. Thus the plague on the people of Israel was stopped. <sup>9</sup> Nevertheless, those who died by the plague were twenty-four thousand.

<sup>10</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, <sup>11</sup> "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned back my wrath from the people of Israel, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I did not consume the people of Israel in my jealousy. <sup>12</sup> Therefore say, 'Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace, <sup>13</sup> and it shall be to him and to his descendants after him the covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the people of Israel."

<sup>14</sup>The name of the slain man of Israel, who was killed with the Midianite woman, was Zimri the son of Salu, chief of a father's house belonging to the Simeonites. <sup>15</sup>And the name of the Midianite woman who was killed was Cozbi the daughter of Zur, who was the tribal head of a father's house in Midian.

<sup>16</sup> And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>17</sup> "Harass the Midianites and strike them down, <sup>18</sup> for they have harassed you with their wiles, with which they beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of the chief of Midian, their sister, who was killed on the day of the plague on account of Peor."

**▲** Hymn 569

Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory

Trinity Hymnal

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Revelation 2:12–17 (p. 1029) On Whose Side Are You?

<sup>12</sup> "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: "The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

<sup>13</sup> "I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

<sup>14</sup> "But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup> So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup> Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.

<sup>17</sup> "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it."

#### **Prayer of Intercession**

**▲** Hymn 656

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that thou art— Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; Be thou my dignity, thou my delight, Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r: Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

#### Scripture Reading — During the cup

1 Peter 2:24-25

[Christ] 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 668 Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode Trinity Hymnal

**▲** The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

### **Sermon Notes**

Revelation 2:12–17
On Whose Side Are You?

# 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 Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC). 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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