

*Christ*  
Church OPC  

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Biblical Confessional Reformed

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

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*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:** Dawn O'Banion  
Jack Canales

# Reflection

Our leisure, even our play, is a matter of serious concern. There is no neutral ground in the universe: every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan.

— C. S. Lewis  
*Christian Reflections*  
“Christianity and Culture” (1940)

To say that God is sovereign is to say that His power is superior to every other form or expression of power; it is to say that God is completely free of external influences so that He does what He chooses, as He chooses, when He chooses.

— James Bordwine

Absolute sovereignty is what I love to ascribe to God. God’s sovereignty has ever appeared to me, a great part of his glory. It has often been my delight to approach God, and adore him as a sovereign God.

— Jonathan Edwards

Either God is totally sovereign, ordaining, ruling and disposing of all things as he will, or he has no control over anything and faith in him is an utter absurdity.

— Author unknown

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
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Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Let us early turn to thee.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor,  
Early let us do thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 113:1–3*

Minister: Praise the LORD!

**All: Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!**

Minister: Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!

**All: From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

▲ **Hymn 66** God Is Known Among His People

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 55:6–7

Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

## Corporate Confession of Sin and Supplication for Mercy *(unison)* *based on a prayer by John Bunyan (1628–88)*

Often, O holy and righteous God, we dare your justice,  
mock your mercy,  
jeer your patience,  
slight your power, and  
show contempt for your love.

We even say “I’m sorry” insincerely  
and confess our sin flippantly.

We plead your help  
to own up carefully to how we have wronged you,  
to admit honestly how we have grieved you,  
to plead penitently for your mercy and pardon.

We beg your forgiveness through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

We ask in his name, Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 54:10

“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed,  
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,  
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,”  
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

## ▲ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

# God Consecrates Us

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading of Scripture**

Psalm 69 (p. 482)

▲ **Hymn 75**     O Father, You Are Sovereign

**Preaching of the Word**

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 1:15–26 (p. 909)

*The Imperishable, Indestructible and Enduring Plan of God*

**Prayer of Intercession**

▲ **Hymn 108**     Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

## 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



*Hymn — During the bread*      Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish;  
In his holy courts they flourish;  
From all evil things he spares them;  
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth,  
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers:  
Your Protector never slumbers.  
At the will of your Defender  
Ev'ry foeman must surrender.

Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

*Scripture Reading — During the cup*      Hebrews 10:19–25

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

## ***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 128**    God Moves in a Mysterious Way

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 1:15–26

*The Imperishable, Indestructible and Enduring Plan of God*

# Welcome to Christ Church OPC

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 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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