

Order for the Public Worship of God

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

Christ
Church **OPC**

Biblical **Confessional** **Reformed**

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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: Laurie Boswell
Greyson Ea

Next Sunday:

Reflection

Christ is the centre of Christianity; all else is circumference.

— John R. W. Stott

Jesus neither laid aside his deity when he came to earth nor his humanity when he returned to heaven.

— John Blanchard

Christ was a complete man.

— Augustine

The miracles of Jesus are signs of what lies ahead ... for the people of God.

— James T. Dennison

Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.

— C. S. Lewis

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing *Alleluia! Amen!*
Loud praise to Christ our King; *Alleluia! Amen!*
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. *Alleluia! Amen!*

Come, lift your hearts on high, *Alleluia! Amen!*
Let praises fill the sky, *Alleluia! Amen!*
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end. *Alleluia! Amen!*

Praise yet our Christ again, *Alleluia! Amen!*
Life shall not end the strain; *Alleluia! Amen!*
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "*Alleluia! Amen!*"

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

All: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:7–10a

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

**All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

Minister: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

All: Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!”

✠ **Hymn 524** Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.”

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

O God, you have shown us the way of life
through your Son, Jesus Christ.
We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him,
our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of responsibilities in our service,
our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us,
for the sake of your dear Son, Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him
we might become the righteousness of God.

▲ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Mark 1:21–2:12 (p. 836)

✦ **Hymn 169** My Heart Does Overflow

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Acts 2:22–32 (p. 910)

Christianity is All About Jesus!

Prayer of Intercession

✦ **Hymn 230** Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

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

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give His only Son
To make a wretch his treasure!

How great the pain of searing loss!
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders!
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished!
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should his suffering be my gain?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

John 11:25–26

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

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 520 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Acts 2:22–32

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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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