

# 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  

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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:** Holly Pixley  
Sam Ea

**Next Sunday:** Amanda Grimes  
Gray Canales

# Reflection

We are so closely united to him, that, in the presence of God, we bear the name and character of Christ.

— John Calvin

When one looks upon Christians, does one see just so many copies of Christ?

— J. Gresham Machen

The general idea obviously is, that under the Christian dispensation our religious privileges depend on nothing but our connection with Christ Jesus, which is formed entirely by faith.

— John Brown

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Oh, How Good It Is

Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God  
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
are the fruits of His presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
for He dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share,  
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
for He dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh, how good it is to embrace His command  
to prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one, we all share in the love  
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

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And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
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# 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 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.**

Minister: Praise the LORD!

✠ **Hymn 302** Come, Christians, Join to Sing

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Hebrews 13:1–6

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

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

Our Father, we have sinned against heaven and before you;  
we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory.  
Against you and you only have we sinned  
and done much evil in your sight.  
We have not obeyed your voice to walk in your laws,  
which you have set before us  
even though they are holy, just, and good.  
Who can understand his errors?  
Cleanse us from our hidden faults and secret sins.  
We have offended you in many ways;  
out of our evil hearts we have brought forth evil things.  
Teach us to obey you and forgive us our trespasses  
for the sake of Christ, 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**

Genesis 17 (p. 11)

▲ **Hymn 355**    We Are God's People

**Preaching of the Word**

Rev. Miller Ansell

**Sermon Text:** Galatians 3:26–29 (p. 973)

*There is Power in the Union*

**Prayer of Intercession**

▲ **Hymn**            In Christ There is No East or West

*Tune: ST. PETER*

In Christ there is no East or West,  
In Him no South or North;  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord,  
Close binding all mankind.

Join hand, then, brothers of the faith,  
Whate'er your race may be;  
Who serves my Father as a son  
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,  
In him meet South and North:  
All Christian souls are one in him  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

## 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

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with in.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,  
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;  
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;  
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;  
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.  
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb  
Each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling'ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;  
He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.  
'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.  
For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—  
I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.  
But you, O Lord, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

Colossians 1:19–20

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

### ***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 347**    The Church's One Foundation

### **⤴ The Benediction**

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⤴ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Galatians 3:26–29

*There is Power in the Union*

# 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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