

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: Paula Ea

Kaleb Ansell

Next Sunday: Lauren Alexander

Audrey Ansell

Reflection

Real happiness comes to us by the authority and power of Jehovah.

— W.S. Plumer

Marriage was ordained by God to complete the felicity of man in a state of innocency; and the benediction of heaven will ever descend upon it, when undertaken in the fear of the Lord.

— George Horne

There is a reward for the righteous, even in this life, and albeit it be not always discerned, yet he who shall behold and consider God's providence about the godly man, shall see this temporal favor, or its equivalent granted him.

— David Dickson

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awakening cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heav'ns eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
The pow'rs of darkness fear,
when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Let air and sea and sky,
from depth to height, reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Be this th'eternal song,
through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

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

1 Chronicles 16:23–29

Minister: Sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.**

Minister: Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and joy are in his place.
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 before him!**

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

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

1 Peter 2:11–12

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

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

From John Knox

Almighty God,
we are unworthy to come into your presence,
because of our many sins.
We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you,
if you dealt with us as we deserve.
We have sinned against you, O Lord,
and we have offended you.
And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses,
so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God,
a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you.
And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son,
to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses.
Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age.
By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts,
so that, not only the actions of our life,
but also the words of our mouths,
and the smallest thought of our minds,
may be guided and governed by you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

⤴ Declaration of Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 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

Proverbs 2 (p. 528)

⤴ Hymn 66 God Is Known Among His People

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Miller Ansell

Sermon Text: Psalm 128 (p. 518)

The Blessings of Godly Fear

Prayer of Intercession

⤴ Hymn 717 Blest the Man That Feared Jehovah

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

Hymn — During the bread The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again:
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill,
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnish-ed
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Scripture Reading — During the cup

2 Corinthians 5:14–18

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

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Jesus said to her, “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. Do you believe this?”

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

Psalm 19:7–14

Trinity Psalter
Tune: MILLENNIUM

⤴ The Benediction

⤴ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Psalm 128

The Blessings of Godly Fear

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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