

# 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:** Stephanie Ansell

Jacob Pixley

**Next Sunday:** Lori Peterson

Greyson Ea

# Reflection

For your gift of God the Spirit,  
power to make our lives anew,  
pledge of life and hope of glory,  
Savior, we would worship you.  
Crowning gift of resurrection  
sent from your ascended throne,  
fullness of the very Godhead,  
come to make your life our own.

— E. Margaret Clarkson  
*For Your Gift of God the Spirit*

Help us to help each other, Lord,  
each other's cross to bear.  
Let each his friendly aid afford,  
and feels his brother's care.

— Charles Wesley

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be giv'n by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship and are freed.

# 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: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father  
and Christ Jesus our Lord! *1 Timothy 1:2b*

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 95:6–7*

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**All: For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand**

✠ **Psalm 84**

*Trinity Psalter  
Leonard Payton*

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 1:5–7

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,  
and our offenses against you.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we are ashamed and sorry  
for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins,  
and help us to live in your light  
and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8–13

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

## ▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

## God Consecrates Us

### Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Leviticus 19:9–18 (p. 97)

## ▲ Hymn 660 O God beyond All Praising

### Preaching of the Word

Rev. Miller Ansell

**Sermon Text:** Matthew 7:1–12 (p. 812)  
*Countercultural Kingdom Relationships*

### Prayer of Intercession

## ▲ Hymn 595 Let Your Heart Be Broken

*Matt Minikus*



# 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*

One there is, above all others,  
well deserves the name of Friend;  
His is love beyond a brother's,  
costly, free, and knows no end.  
They who once his kindness prove,  
They who once his kindness prove,  
They who once his kindness prove,  
find it everlasting love.

Which of all our friends to save us,  
could or would have shed his blood?  
But our Jesus died to have us  
reconciled in him to God.  
This was boundless love, indeed;  
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This was boundless love, indeed;  
Jesus is a friend in need.

When he lived on earth abas-ed,  
“Friend of sinners” was his name;  
Now above all glory rais-ed,  
He rejoices in the same;  
Still he calls them brethren, friends,  
Still he calls them brethren, friends,  
Still he calls them brethren, friends,  
and to all their wants attends.

Could we bear from one another  
what he daily bears from us?  
Yet this glorious Friend and Brother  
loves us though we treat him thus:  
Though for good we render ill,  
Though for good we render ill,  
Though for good we render ill,  
He accounts us brethren still.

*Continues...*

O for grace our hearts to soften!  
Teach us, Lord, at length to love;  
We, alas! forget too often  
what a Friend we have above;  
But when home our souls are brought,  
But when home our souls are brought,  
But when home our souls are brought,  
We will love you as we ought.

Scripture Reading — During the cup

Mark 1:14–15

Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

### ***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**    Oh, How Good It Is

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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.

*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  
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## ▲ **The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Matthew 7:1–12 (p. 812)

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# **DISASTER RESPONSE**

of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

**The primary goal of disaster response in the OPC is to restore worship within OPC churches and families, and to demonstrate the compassionate love of Christ to our neighbors.**

## **Save the Date:**

**22 September 2019**

**9am**

*during Sunday School*

Presentation by OPC Disaster Response



# 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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