

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: Stephanie Ansell
Jacob Pixley

Next Sunday: Lauren Alexander
Greyson Ea

Reflection

If we spread the gospel, Jesus will spread the salvation.

— Juha Rähkä

God is in the people-saving business, and His method is to use His people.

— David Siegmann

There is no joy in all the world like the joy of bringing one soul to Christ.

— William Barclay

Satan does not care what we do, so long as we do not alert people to their sin. We may sing songs about the sweet by and by, preach sermons and say prayers until doomsday, and he will never concern himself about us, if we don't wake anybody up. But if we awake the sleeping sinner, he will gnash on us with his teeth. This is our work — to wake people up.

— Catherine Booth

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Psalm 122

I was glad to hear them saying,
“To the Lord’s house let us go.”
For our feet will soon be standing
In your gates, Jerusalem,
Salem, well-constructed city;
There assemble all the tribes,
Tribes that are Jehovah’s own.

This the ordinance for Isr’el,
Here to thank Jehovah’s name.
There are set the thrones of judgment;
There is David’s house enthroned.
Pray then for the peace of Salem;
May they prosper who love you.
Be there peace within your walls.

In your palaces be safety.
For the sake of brothers all,
For the sake of my companions,
I am saying, “Peace to you!”
For Jehovah’s house within you,
Temple of the Lord our God,
I will ever seek your good.

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!** *Psalms 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

Revelation 19:6–7

Minister: I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude,
like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty
peals of thunder, crying out,
“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

**All: Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready.”**

✦ **Hymn 453** All Authority and Power

✦ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

John 14:15, 21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments ... Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

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

God of all mercy,
in our baptism you have marked us as your own;
you have given us a new identity
and made us part of the body of Christ.
In doing so, you have called us to rise to new life
and to live together in community.

However, we have not been faithful to your call.

We have forged our own identity
and held to destructive habits.

We confess we have failed to welcome others,
broken bonds we have had with brothers and sisters,
and served ourselves more than you.

Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ, our Savior.

Grant us renewed obedience through the power of your Spirit.

We humbly ask in the name
and through the merit of Christ. *Amen.*

⤴ Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 54:9–10

“This is like the days of Noah to me:
as I swore that the waters of Noah
should no more go over the earth,
so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,
and will not rebuke you.
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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

John 3:1–21 (p. 887)

⤴ Hymn 578 The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Acts 14:1–7 (p. 923)

Taking the Gospel to the World

Prayer of Intercession

Reception of New Members

Aaron Carpenter
Valerie Layton
Katherine Peterson
Rachel Vroom

⤴ Hymn 583 Fountain of Good, to Own Thy Love

Tune: DUNDEE

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

You came to us, dear Jesus, in our dying,
as broken, bleeding we could make no sign.
Compassion, Lord, brought you when we were lying,
to lift us up, to pour on oil and wine.
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We come to you, dear Jesus, in your brothers
in prison, needy, hungry, sick, and cold;
compassion, Lord, sees you in all these others,
in touching them our Savior's hand we hold.
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We come to you, dear Jesus, in your dying;
your wounds poured love as blood upon the tree.
Compassion, Lord, from Calvary is crying,
"Bind up their wounds as you would do to me!"
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Scripture Reading — During the cup

John 3:35–36

"The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

John 14:1–3

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

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 163 At the Name of Jesus

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Acts 14:1-7

Taking the Gospel to the World



SOLA SCRIPTURA

SOLA GRATIA

SOLA FIDE

SOLUS CHRISTUS

SOLI DEO GLORIA

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light...

On October 31, 1517 Catholic priest Martin Luther posted his *Disputation...on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences* on the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg. This act inflamed a debate that ultimately began what we now call the Protestant Reformation.

A standard, annual observance recognizing that day began in 1717. Historically it has been observed on various dates; today many churches choose to commemorate the occasion on the last Sunday in the month of October. That Sunday is referred to as Reformation Sunday.

Attend our upcoming service:

Date: Sunday, October 27

Time: Worship 10:30 a.m.
Reformation Day activities: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Christ Presbyterian Church

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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