

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: Lauren Alexander
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Next Sunday: Mary Jo Canales
Audrey Ansell

Reflection

The essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man.

— John R. W. Stott
The Cross of Christ

When men stop worshiping God, they promptly start worshiping man, with disastrous results.

— George Orwell
in an article for *The Observer*

If Christ is risen, nothing else matters. And if Christ is not risen — nothing else matters.

— Jaroslav Pelikan

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Not to Us, O Lord of Heaven

Tune: ST. CATHERINE

Not unto us, O Lord of heav'n,
But unto you be glory giv'n;
In love and truth you do fulfil
The counsels of your sovereign will;
Though nations fail your pow'r to own,
Yet you do reign, and you alone.

Let Israel trust in God alone,
The Lord whose grace and pow'r are known;
To him your full allegiance yield,
And he will be your help and shield.
All those who fear him God will bless;
His saints have proved his faithfulness.

All you that fear him and adore,
The Lord increase you more and more;
Both great and small who him confess,
You and your children he will bless.
Yes, we will ever bless his name;
Praise you the Lord, his praise proclaim.

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 103:20–22

Minister: Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

**All: Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!**

Minister: Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

▲ **Hymn 76** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 1:8–9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

from the French Reformed liturgy

O Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father!

We confess before your Divine Majesty

that we are miserable sinners, born in corruption and iniquity,
prone to evil, and of ourselves incapable of any good.

We transgress your holy commandments in so many ways,
so that we bring on ourselves condemnation and death,
through your righteous judgment.

Our sorrow for having offended you, O Lord, is deep and heartfelt,
and we implore your grace to relieve our wretchedness.

O most gracious God and merciful Father,
be pleased to show us compassion,
in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pardon our sins,

give us the spiritual graces of the Holy Spirit,
and increase them day by day;

to the end that,

as we wholeheartedly acknowledge our unworthiness,
and forsake our sins,

we may be filled with that godly sorrow

which works repentance unto salvation,

and may bring forth fruits of righteousness acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 John 2:1–2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

▲ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Romans 1:1–2:5 (p. 939)

▲ **Hymn 551** How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Acts 14:8–18 (p. 923) *Same Nature, Better News*

Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn** In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh—
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied—
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Continues...

There in the ground his body lay—
Light of the world by darkness slain!
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine:
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

*No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

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

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending he
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

This is he whom heaven-taught singers
Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the scriptures of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long expected,
Let creation praise its Lord,
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore him;
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him,
And extol our God and King!
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

John 6:47–51

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

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 243 Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Acts 14:8–18

Same Nature, Better News



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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