

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
Gray Canales

Next Sunday: Mary Jo Canales
Audrey Ansell

Reflection

Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.

— Jeremiah Burroughs

Even poverty itself is riches to holy men.

— Ambrose

There is one act par excellence which profanes money by going directly against the law of money, an act for which money is not made. This act is *giving*.

— Jacques Ellul

Want refers here to disposition, for that man can never be poor in mind, who is satisfied with the lot which has been assigned to him by God.

— John Calvin

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God

Tune: ELLACOMBE

Fill Thou my life, O Lord my God in every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim thy being and Thy ways.
Not for the lip of praise alone nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up of praise in every part.

Praise in the common words I speak, life's common looks and tones,
In fellowship enjoyed at home with my beloved ones,
enduring wrong, reproach, or loss with sweet and steadfast will,
forgiving freely those who hate, returning good for ill.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care be turned into a song,
and ev'ry winding of the way the echo shall prolong.
So shall no part of day or night from sacredness be free,
But all my life, in every step, be fellowship with thee.

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

Isaiah 12:4–6

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that
his name is exalted.

**All: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let
this be made known in all the earth.**

Minister: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in
your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

▲ **Hymn 131** Children of the Heavenly Father

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Philippians 2.14–16

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

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

O Lord the great and awesome God,
who keeps covenant and steadfast love
with those who love you and keep your commandments.

We have sinned and done wrong
and acted wickedly and rebelled,
turning aside from your commandments and your rules.

We have not listened to your Scriptures
and for that we are ashamed.
To you our God belongs mercy and forgiveness,
for we have rebelled against you,
and have not obeyed your voice,
which you set forth in the Law of Moses.

Now therefore, O our God,
listen to the prayers of your people for mercy.
Incline your ear and hear us,
for we do not present our pleas before you
because of our righteousness
but because of your great mercy in Jesus Christ, Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalms 86:4–5

Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

▲ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Exodus 16 (p. 58)

♣ **Hymn 226** As with Gladness Men of Old

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Miller Ansell

Sermon Text: Philippians 4:11 (p. 982) *Christmas Contentment*

Prayer of Intercession

♣ **Hymn 87** The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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.**

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Hymn — During the bread

What Child Is This

What child is this who lays to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

“Come, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
 hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
 and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

“Seek the Lord while he may be found;
 call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord,
 that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

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 198 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Philippians 4:11
Christmas Contentment

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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