

# 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:** Lauren Alexander  
Kaleb Ansell  
**Next Sunday:** Stephanie Ansell  
Jacob Pixley

# Reflection

Merely having an open mind is nothing. The object of opening the mind, as of opening the mouth, is to shut it again on something solid. Otherwise, it could end up like a city sewer, rejecting nothing.

— G. K. Chesterton  
*The Autobiography of G. K. Chesterton*

The shortest road to an understanding of the Bible is the acceptance of the fact that God is speaking in every line.

— Donald Grey Barnhouse

Here is rock; all else is sand.

— J. C. Ryle  
*from Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount,  
in reference to Scripture*

What does not agree with Scripture does not come from God.

— Leon Morris

All experience must be subservient to the discipline of Scripture.

— Erroll Hulse

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

Psalm 19:7–14  
Tune: MILLENNIUM

Jehovah's perfect law  
Restores the soul again;  
His testimony sure  
Gives wisdom unto men;  
The precepts of the Lord are right,  
And fill the heart with great delight.

The Lord's command is pure,  
Enlightening the eyes;  
Jehovah's fear is clean,  
More lasting than the skies.  
The judgments of the Lord express  
His truth and perfect righteousness.

They're more to be desired  
Than stores of finest gold;  
Than honey from the comb  
More sweetness far they hold.  
With warnings they Thy servant guard;  
In keeping them is great reward.

He errors who can know?  
Cleanse me from hidden stain.  
Keep me from willful sins,  
Nor let them o'er me reign.  
And then I upright shall appear  
And be from great transgression clear.

Let all the words I speak  
And all the thoughts within  
Come up before Thy sight  
And Thine approval win.  
O Thou Jehovah, unto me  
My rock and my Redeemer be.

# 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: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. *Jude 2*

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 113:1–3*

Minister: Praise the LORD!

**All: Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!**

Minister: Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!

**All: From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

✠ **Hymn 303** Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Ezekiel 33:11

As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

We, poor sinners, acknowledge before you,  
our God and Creator,  
that we have terribly and in many ways sinned against you,  
not only outwardly,  
but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts,  
despondency,  
impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice,  
and other sinful affections,  
as you, our Lord and God, know well,  
and we cannot deeply enough deplore.  
But we repent of these things,  
and are sorry for them,  
and heartily ask you for mercy,  
for the sake of your beloved Son Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

## ⤴ Declaration of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:9b–14

[May you] be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## ⤴ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

## God Consecrates Us

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### Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Psalm 119:9–16, 97–112, 169–176 (p. 512)

## ⤴ Psalm 1

*Trinity Psalter*

### Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 17:10–15 (p. 926)

*How to Be an Open-Minded, Biblical Christian*

### Prayer of Intercession

## ⤴ Hymn 141    God, in the Gospel of Your Son

## 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



Amidst us our Beloved stands,  
And bids us view his pierc-ed hands;  
Points to the wounded feet and side,  
Blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board,  
When at his table sits the Lord!  
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,  
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim,  
We see the signs, but see not him;  
O may his love the scales displace,  
And bid us see him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,  
Your present smile a heav'n imparts!  
O lift the veil, if veil there be,  
Let every saint your glory see!

*Scripture Reading — During the cup*

2 Timothy 3:14–17

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

## ***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 521**      My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 17:10–15

*How to Be an Open-Minded, Biblical Christian*

# 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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