

Christ CHURCH

Biblical Confessional Reformed

I have kept back nothing, but have declared to you
the whole counsel of God. —Acts 20:27



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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.

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY

Sunday School	Mary Jo Canales Paula Ea
Worship	Lori Peterson Paula Ea

Reflection

This is then our duty, not only to confess our God in the time of peace and quietness, but he chiefly craves that we avow Him in the midst of His and our enemies.

— John Knox

Fidelity is not an attribute native to the people of God but a gift which he enables them to exercise.

— Alec Motyer

Labor to enter into the heavenly Canaan, lest any of you fall after the example of ancient Israel. Beware lest there be in you the evil heart of unbelief, departing from the living God.

— W.H. Burns

If the wicked is to turn, there is only one power that can cause him to do so, and that is God Himself. Even a land of righteousness is not sufficient. Salvation is of grace, sovereign grace, the grace of God alone.

— E.J. Young

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Lord, thou hast searched me, and dost know
Where'er I rest, where'er I go;
Thou knowest all that I have planned,
And all my ways are in thy hand.

My words from thee I cannot hide;
I feel thy pow'r on every side:
O wondrous knowledge, awesome might,
Unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!

Where can I go apart from thee,
Or whither from thy presence flee?
In heav'n? It is thy dwelling fair;
In death's abode? Lo, thou art there.

If I the wings of morning take,
And far away my dwelling make,
The hand that leadeth me is thine,
And my support thy pow'r divine.

If deepest darkness cover me,
The darkness hideth not from thee;
To thee both night and day are bright,
The darkness shineth as the light.

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 117

Minister: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

**All: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the
faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Minister: Praise the LORD!

▲ **Hymn 613** Give Thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah

Give thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah,
For he is good, O praise his name!
Let Israel say, “The Lord be prais-ed;
His mercy ever is the same.”
Let Aaron’s house now praise Jehovah;
The Lord is good, O praise his name.
Let all that fear the Lord extol him;
His mercy ever is the same.

In a large place the Lord has set me;
In my distress he heard my cry.
I will not fear; the Lord is with me—
What can man do when God is nigh?
The Lord is chief among my helpers;
And I shall see my foes o’erthrown:
Far better than in man or princes,
My trust I place in God alone.

I shall not die, but live, declaring
the works of God, who tried me sore,
and chastened me, but in his mercy
not unto death has giv’n me o’er.
The gates of righteousness set open,
The gate of God! I’ll enter in
to praise you, Lord, who pray’r have answered,
and have saved me from all my sin.

The stone—O Lord, it is your doing—
The stone the builders did despise,
Is made the headstone of the corner,
And it is marv’lous in our eyes.
This is the day, of days most glorious,
The Lord has made: we’ll joy and sing.
Send now prosperity, we pray, Lord;
And, O our God, salvation bring!

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Hebrews 13:1–6

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

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

O Lord,
Let us not only speak the word sin,
 but see the thing itself.
May we know that though our sins are crucified
 they are never wholly mortified.
O our crucified but never wholly mortified sinfulness!
O our indwelling and besetting sins!
O the tormenting slavery of a sinful heart!
Yet you have not left us here without grace;
 the cross still stands and meets our needs
 in the deepest straits of the soul.
There is no treasure so wonderful
 as that continuous experience of your grace toward us,
 which alone can subdue the risings of sin within us.
So we confess our sins
 and give thanks for our Savior, crucified for our sins.
We pray in his name, the name of Jesus, Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:24–25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Matthew 5:1–12

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

▲ Psalm 136

O thank the Lord, for good is He;
His mercy lasts forever.
Thanks to the God of gods give ye;
His mercy lasts forever.
O praises give the King of kings;
His mercy lasts forever;
For He alone does wondrous things;
His mercy lasts forever;

Who in His wisdom framed the skies;
His mercy lasts forever;
Who made the earth from waters rise;
His mercy lasts forever;
Who placed the great lights on display;
His mercy lasts forever;
The sun to rule the sky by day;
His mercy lasts forever;

The moon and stars to rule the night;
His mercy lasts forever;
Who Egypt's firstborn all did smite;
His mercy lasts forever;
Who freed all Isr'el from their charm;
His mercy lasts forever;
With mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His mercy lasts forever;

Who by His wind the Red Sea clave;
His mercy lasts forever;
Led Isr'el through the parted wave;
His mercy lasts forever;
O'er Pharaoh He the Red Sea spread;
His mercy lasts forever;
Through desert wastes His people led;
His mercy lasts forever;

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To Him Who great kings overthrew;
His mercy lasts forever;
Who famous kings in battle slew;
His mercy lasts forever;
King Sihon, of the Amorites;
His mercy lasts forever;
And Og, the king of Bashanites;
His mercy lasts forever;

Their land He gave to Is-ra-el;
His mercy lasts forever;
His servant gave a place to dwell;
His mercy lasts forever;
He thought on us when we were low;
His mercy lasts forever;
And made us free from every foe;
His mercy lasts forever.

He food bestows on all that live;
His mercy lasts forever.
Thanks to the God of heaven give;
His mercy lasts forever.
*O praises give the King of kings;
His mercy lasts forever;
For He alone does wondrous things;
His mercy lasts forever.*

Sermon Text: *Isaiah 26 Come Quickly to the Strong City of Peace*

- 1 In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:
“We have a strong city;
he sets up salvation
as walls and bulwarks.
- 2 Open the gates,
that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.
- 3 You keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on you,
because he trusts in you.
- 4 Trust in the LORD forever,
for the LORD God is an everlasting rock.
- 5 For he has humbled
the inhabitants of the height,
the lofty city.
He lays it low, lays it low to the ground,
casts it to the dust.
- 6 The foot tramples it,
the feet of the poor,
the steps of the needy.”
- 7 The path of the righteous is level;
you make level the way of the righteous.
- 8 In the path of your judgments,
O LORD, we wait for you;
your name and remembrance
are the desire of our soul.
- 9 My soul yearns for you in the night;
my spirit within me earnestly seeks you.
For when your judgments are in the earth,
the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.
- 10 If favor is shown to the wicked,
he does not learn righteousness;
in the land of uprightness he deals corruptly
and does not see the majesty of the LORD.
- 11 O LORD, your hand is lifted up,
but they do not see it.
Let them see your zeal for your people, and be ashamed.
Let the fire for your adversaries consume them.

- 12 O LORD, you will ordain peace for us,
for you have indeed done for us all our works.
- 13 O LORD our God,
other lords besides you have ruled over us,
but your name alone we bring to remembrance.
- 14 They are dead, they will not live;
they are shades, they will not arise;
to that end you have visited them with destruction
and wiped out all remembrance of them.
- 15 But you have increased the nation, O LORD,
you have increased the nation; you are glorified;
you have enlarged all the borders of the land.
- 16 O LORD, in distress they sought you;
they poured out a whispered prayer
when your discipline was upon them.
- 17 Like a pregnant woman
who writhes and cries out in her pangs
when she is near to giving birth,
so were we because of you, O LORD;
we were pregnant, we writhed,
but we have given birth to wind.
- We have accomplished no deliverance in the earth,
and the inhabitants of the world have not fallen.
- 19 Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise.
You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!
For your dew is a dew of light,
and the earth will give birth to the dead.
- 20 Come, my people, enter your chambers,
and shut your doors behind you;
hide yourselves for a little while
until the fury has passed by.
- 21 For behold, the LORD is coming out from his place
to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity,
and the earth will disclose the blood shed on it,
and will no more cover its slain.

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 598 **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all thy journey through;
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

God Communes with Us

▲ **Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

p. 845, *Trinity Hymnal*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

▲ **The Gloria Patri (#735)**

Trinity Hymnal

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

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

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands;
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of my guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless, righteousness.
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself; I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

John 11:25–26

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

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 92 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

⤴ The Benediction

⤴ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Isaiah 26

Come Quickly to the Strong City of Peace

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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