

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



27 November 2022

*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	Allie Carpenter Lori Peterson Tegan Thacker

Reflection

The hope that God has provided for you is not merely a wish. Neither is it dependent on other people, possessions, or circumstances for its validity. Instead, biblical hope is an application of your faith that supplies a confident expectation in God's fulfillment of His promises. Coupled with faith and love, hope is part of the abiding characteristics in a believer's life.

— John C. Broger

Everybody is willing to give you something for whatever it is that you are hungry for. If you don't want to be deceived, you have to know what it is that you're hungry for.

— English conman Henry Oberlander

To have a God who is almighty, all wise, all good and merciful to go to as your constant friend, as your continual benefactor, as your safeguard and guide, it should — it must — sweeten every bitter drought of life.

— Elias Boudinot
American statesman (1740–1821)
in a personal letter

You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you.

— Augustine
Confessions

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

To Us a Child of Hope is Born

To us a child of hope is born,
to us a son is giv'n,
him shall the tribes of earth obey,
him all the hosts of heav'n.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
forevermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counselor,
the great and mighty Lord.

His pow'r, increasing, still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know;
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

To us a child of hope is born,
to us a son is giv'n,
the Wonderful, the Counselor,
the mighty Lord of heav'n.

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 34:1–4, 8

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

**All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Minister: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

✠ **Hymn 613** Give Thanks unto the Lord *Trinity Hymnal*

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 66:16–20

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
I cried to him with my mouth,
and high praise was on my tongue.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!

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

Forgive us, Father,
for we have sinned against you.
We have traded your sovereignty for self-reliance,
and we have sought our aims, rather than your glory.
We have made man our hope,
we have made each other into enemies,
and we have destroyed ourselves under the weight of our errors.

Take pity on us, Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ,
and draw us back into your embrace.
Fashion obedience out of our rebellion,
and soften our hearts once again with your loving kindness.
We pray all these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

⬆ Declaration of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:21–23

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

⬆ 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

Ephesians 6:10–20 (p. 979)

⬆ Psalm 46

Trinity Psalter

Preaching of the Word

Mr. Brandon Luter

Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 12:2–5 (p. 986)

About Face!

² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

Prayer of Intercession

⬆ **Hymn 196** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Trinity Hymnal

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

Christ, of all my hopes, the ground,
Christ, the spring of all my joy,
Still in you may I be found;
Still for you my pow'rs employ,
Still for you my pow'rs employ.

Let your love my heart inflame;
Keep your fear before my sight;
Be your praise my highest aim;
Be your smile my chief delight,
Be your smile my chief delight.

Fountain of o'erflowing grace,
Freely from your fulness give;
Till I close my earthly race,
May I prove it "Christ to live,"
May I prove it "Christ to live."

Firmly trusting in your blood,
Nothing shall my heart confound;
Safely I shall pass the flood,
Safely reach Immanuel's ground,
Safely reach Immanuel's ground.

Thus, O thus, an entrance give
to the land of cloudless sky;
Having known it "Christ to live,"
Let me know it "gain to die,"
Let me know it "gain to die."

When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you.
In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can flesh do to me?

Isaiah 26:3–4

You keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on you,
because he trusts in you.
Trust in the LORD forever,
for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

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

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belongs.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What come, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing, Hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing, Hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing, Hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing, Hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death.

Continues...

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
“Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.

O sing, Hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing, Hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death. (Repeat chorus.)

⬆ **The Benediction**

⬆ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

1 Thessalonians 12:2–5

About Face!

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS		
Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
Leng Ea	817.412.8625	Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
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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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