

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.

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY

Worship

Lauren Alexander
Allie Carpenter
Lori Peterson

Reflection

Only he who believes is obedient; only he who is obedient believes.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

It is faith alone that justifies, but the faith that justifies is not alone.

— John Calvin

Faith justifies the person and works justify his faith.

— Elisha Coles

It is only by the grace of God that a man can obey the law of God.

— John Blanchard

The beginning and perfection of lawful worship is readiness to obey.

— John Calvin

Joy is the natural out-come of the Christian's obedience to the revealed will of God.

— John Blanchard

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Rejoice, Believer, in the Lord

Rejoice, believer, in the Lord, who makes your cause his own;
The hope that's built upon his word shall ne'er be overthrown.

Though many foes beset your road, and feeble is your arm,
Your life is hid with Christ in God beyond the reach of harm.

Weak as you are, you shall not faint or fainting shall not die!
For Jesus, strength of ev'ry saint, will aid you from on high.

Though unperceived by mortal sense, faith sees him always near!
A guide, a glory, sure defense; then what have you to fear?

As surely as he overcame and triumphed once for you,
So surely you that love his name shall in him triumph too.

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 John 4:23

“The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will
worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such
people to worship him.”

Psalm 32:6, 11

Minister: Let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you, O God,
at a time when you may be found.

**All: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

⬆ **Hymn 92** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

⬆ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

⬆ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 32:1–2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

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

Dear Lord of our lives,
you are the strong and mighty God,
the Creator of the universe and every living creature.

You are all-powerful, faithful, and just,
and you have loved us since before we were born.

We come to you as your children who need you.

You have called us to follow you
and to serve you with our whole lives,
but we haven't done so.

We confess that we are sinners who often ignore you
and continue to hurt you and others and ourselves.

We put our trust in the wrong things,
thinking that we know what we need
and know how to take care of ourselves.

We damage relationships
because we are scared, angry, or jealous.

We sometimes refuse to forgive
and to ask forgiveness of others and of you.

We are sorry; please forgive us.

Help us to turn away from our own selfish desires
and give ourselves wholly to you.

Give us the strength and courage and grace
to love you and to love others
for the sake of Jesus and in his name.

Enable us to follow you more closely,
and to live our lives for your glory.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus,
who alone makes them possible. Amen.

⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⬆ **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

Psalm 24 (p. 458)

▲ **Hymn 557** **Blest Are the Undefined**

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Dave Boxerman

Sermon Text: Hebrews 11:1–6 (p.1007)

Worshiping and Walking by Faith

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Prayer of Intercession

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us:
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down though eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built,
and the earth is filled with your glory.

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

By grace I am an heir of heaven:
why doubt this, O my trembling heart?
If what the Scriptures promise clearly
is true and firm in ev'ry part,
This also must be truth divine:
by grace a crown of life is mine.

By grace alone shall I inherit
that blissful home beyond the skies.
Works count for naught, the Lord incarnate
has won for me the heav'nly prize.
Salvation by his death he wrought,
his grace alone my pardon bought.

By grace! These precious words remember
when sorely by your sins oppressed,
When Satan comes to vex your spirit,
when troubled conscience sighs for rest;
What reason cannot comprehend,
God does to you by grace extend.

By grace! Be this in death my comfort;
despite my fears, 'tis well with me.
I know my sin in all its greatness,
but also him who sets me free.
My heart to naught but joy gives place
since I am saved by grace, by grace.

We know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

... 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.

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 604 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
(congregation stands on last verse)

⬆ The Benediction

⬆ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Hebrews 11:1–6

Worshiping and Walking by Faith

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS		
Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
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Brandon Luter Teen Trek	469.441.6306	Resumes in September

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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