

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

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| Sunday School | Mary Jo Canales Paula Ea |
| Worship | Carol Boeuf Susan Chaplin Annelise Pipkin |

Reflection

I was like a stone lying in deep mud, but he that is mighty lifted me up and placed me on top of the wall.

— Patrick of Ireland
Declaration

Mountaintops are for views and inspiration, but fruit is grown in the valleys.

— Billy Graham
Unto the Hills

In America, Christians pray for the burden of suffering to be lifted from their backs. In the rest of the world, Christians pray for stronger backs so they can bear their suffering.

— Dave Dravecky
When You Can't Come Back

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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 105:1–4

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous work!
Minister: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
All: Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

▲ **Hymn 53** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

▲ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 116:1–2

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

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

Adapted from a prayer by Samuel Johnson

O Lord, in whose hands are life and death,
by whose power we are sustained,
and by whose mercy we are spared—
look down upon us with pity.

Forgive us for neglecting the duties that you have assigned to us,
and for letting the days and hours
of which we must give account
to slip away without any endeavor to accomplish your will.
Make us to remember, O God, that every day is your gift,
and ought to be used according to your command.
Grant us, therefore, so to repent of our negligence,
that we may obtain mercy from you,
and pass the time which you shall yet allow us
in diligent performance of your commands,
through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Exodus 34:6–7

The LORD, the LORD, [is] a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast
love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and 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

Exodus 14 (p. 56)

▲ **Hymn 364** Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

Preaching of the Word

Rev. David Boxerman

Sermon Text: Hebrews 11:29–30 (p. 1008)

Real Faith (or “You Want Us to Do What?”)

²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn 182** My Song is Love

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

How vast the benefits divine which we in Christ possess!
We are redeemed from guilt and shame and called to holiness.
But not for works which we have done, or shall hereafter do,
Hath God decreed on sinful men salvation to bestow.

The glory, Lord, from first to last, is due to thee alone;
Aught to ourselves we dare not take, or rob thee of thy crown.
Our glorious Surety undertook to satisfy for man,
And grace was given us in him before the world began.

This is thy will, that in thy love we ever should abide;
That earth and hell should not prevail to turn thy word aside.
Not one of all the chosen race but shall to heav'n attain,
Partake on earth the purposed grace and then with Jesus reign.

*Not one of all the chosen race but shall to heav'n attain,
Partake on earth the purposed grace
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The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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 57

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul
(congregation stands on last verse)

✦ The Benediction

✦ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Hebrews 11:29–30

Real Faith (or “You Want Us to Do What?”)

| HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS | | |
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| Group Leader | Contact | Meeting Day/Time |
| Leng Ea | 817.412.8625 | Ea’s home Fridays at 6:30-8:00 p.m. |
| Timothy Skaggs | 209.403.6767 | Begins on October 1 Canales’ home 1:00-3:00 p.m. |
| Adam Grimes | 214.226.1251 | CPC Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. |
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| Brandon Luter Teen Trek | 469.441.6306 | CPC Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. |

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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