

# 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



17 March 2024

*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

<b>Sunday School</b>	MJ Canales Paula Ea
<b>Worship</b>	Lauren Alexander Carol LeBouef Annelise Pipkin

# Reflection

In chase of fancied happiness, still woo'd  
And never won. Dream after dream ensues;  
And still they dream that they shall still succeed,  
And still are disappointed.

— William Cowper

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

— Proverbs 9:10

In much wisdom is much vexation,  
and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

— Ecclesiastes 1:18

Same old song;  
just a drop of water in an endless sea.  
All we do  
crumbles to the ground, though we refuse to see.

Dust in the wind...  
All we are is dust in the wind.

— *Dust in the Wind* (1977), Kansas

You have made us for yourself  
and our hearts are restless  
until they find their rest in you.

— Augustine  
*Confessions*, (I.i)

# **We Prepare to Meet with God**

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## **Prelude**

None Other Lamb, None Other Name

None other Lamb, none other name,  
None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea,  
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,  
None beside thee!

My faith burns low, my hope burns low;  
Only my heart's desire cries out in me  
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,  
Cries out to thee.

Lord, thou art Life, though I be dead;  
Love's fire though art, however cold I be:  
Nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head,  
Nor home, but thee.

# 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 105:1–4*

Leader: 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 works!**

Leader: 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 76** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Trinity Hymnal*

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

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✠ Congregation stands as able

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Romans 6:1–2

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

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

King of Heaven, God of grace,  
we confess that we have lived futile and sinful lives.  
We have failed to praise and thank you;  
we have treated eternal truths as a game;  
we have been flippant and ignorant about the depth of our sin  
and the unfathomable magnitude and sufficiency of your grace.  
We have looked elsewhere for significance and satisfaction  
instead of clinging to you, our only hope.

Forgive us, Father, and restore us to newness of life  
through him who makes all things new:  
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,  
the mediator of a new covenant,  
who died for us and now lives for and in us.  
In his name we pray. Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 6:3–4; 8:1

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life... There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

## ▲ 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

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Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 65:17–25 (p. 624)

⬆ Hymn 457    Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing    *Trinity Hymnal*

**Sermon Text:** Ecclesiastes 1:1–11 (p. 553)

*Apart from God, We Gain Nothing from All Our Toil*

<sup>1</sup> The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>3</sup> What does man gain by all the toil  
at which he toils under the sun?

<sup>4</sup> A generation goes, and a generation comes,  
but the earth remains forever.

<sup>5</sup> The sun rises, and the sun goes down,  
and hastens to the place where it rises.

<sup>6</sup> The wind blows to the south  
and goes around to the north;  
around and around goes the wind,  
and on its circuits the wind returns.

<sup>7</sup> All streams run to the sea,  
but the sea is not full;  
to the place where the streams flow,  
there they flow again.

<sup>8</sup> All things are full of weariness;  
a man cannot utter it;  
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,  
nor the ear filled with hearing.

<sup>9</sup> What has been is what will be,  
and what has been done is what will be done,  
and there is nothing new under the sun.

<sup>10</sup> Is there a thing of which it is said,  
“See, this is new”?

It has been already  
in the ages before us.

<sup>11</sup> There is no remembrance of former things,  
nor will there be any remembrance  
of later things yet to be  
among those who come after.

**Prayer of Intercession**



## God Communes with Us

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### ▲ 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

God, in the gospel of his Son,  
makes his eternal counsels known;  
where love in all its glory shines,  
and truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here sinners of a humble frame  
may taste his grace, and learn his name;  
may read, in characters of blood,  
the wisdom, pow'r, and grace of God.

The pris'ner here may break his chains;  
the weary rest from all his pains;  
the captive feel his bondage cease;  
the mourner find the way of peace.

Here faith reveals to mortal eyes  
a brighter world beyond the skies;  
here shines the light which guides our way  
from earth to realms of endless day.

O grant us grace, almighty Lord,  
to read and mark your holy Word;  
its truths with meekness to receive,  
and by its holy precepts live.

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

### ***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

Psalm 103: 1–13                      Trinity Psalter                      Tune: BEECHER  
(congregation stands on last verse)

## ⬆ The Benediction

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# Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes 1:1–11

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## HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

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	CPC Sundays
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Russ Lawrenz	940. 395-9413	SE Denton Saturdays at 4:00
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# 2024 Machen Spring Singles Conference

## Memorial Day Weekend (24-27 May 2024)

*Suggested ages 40 and older.*

Come and enjoy fellowship and biblical teaching with other reformed singles in the beautiful spring weather in the mountains Highland County Virginia! conference will include speaking sessions by OPC minister and retired US Army Chaplain Chris Wisdom on “God’s Character, Christ’s Comfort, and Our Conduct.” The theme will be expounded in a series of up to six messages from Paul’s 2nd letter to the Corinthians. These messages will focus on the names of God emphasized by Paul in this letter, and their implications for our salvation and service in Christ for his church.

In addition, there will be free time to enjoy hiking/recreational activities of your choice (feel free to bring your own recreational equipment and board games). **Attendance will be limited to 40 registrations.**

### **Registration:**

Register on-line at [machen.org](http://machen.org).

The registration fee includes lodging in a bunkhouse, all meals, and use of the main lodge facilities. Tent/RV sites are also available if you would rather bring your own tent or RV and sleep in it.

For any questions regarding the singles conference, please contact the organizer, Ken Barnes, at [kbarnes670@gmail.com](mailto:kbarnes670@gmail.com).

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Early Bird Registration Fee - \$95.00 (18 March - 30 April 2024) Late

Registration Fee - \$115 (1 - 18 May 2024)

# 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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### Staff

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**Deacons:** Doug Boswell, Leng Ea, Brandon Luter, Rod Miller