

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



25 August 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

Worship

Lauren Alexander
Whitney Hammaker
Carol LeBeouf

Reflection

(Within the Holy Trinity) we see that in principle the notion of subordination does not carry with it the notion of inferiority...Christ willingly submitted to the Father, without a word of protest. It is precisely that willingness that we are called to imitate in submitting ourselves to authority.

— R. C. Sproul
The Intimate Marriage

The so-called sovereign nations of the world are not truly sovereign. They are nothing more than instruments in the hand of God to accomplish His will; sometimes to protect His people, sometimes to open doors for advancement of the gospel, and sometimes to be His instrument of judgment against ungodliness. As God looks down upon the nations that accomplish His purpose, even while rebelling against Him, He sees them as nothing more than His instruments (Isaiah 10:15).

— Jerry Bridges
Trusting God

It is easy to criticize and find fault with the conduct of kings, and write furious articles against them in newspapers, or make violent speeches about them on platforms. Any fool can rip and rend a costly garment, but not every man can cut out and make one. To expect perfection in kings, prime ministers, or rulers of any king, is senseless and unreasonable. We would exhibit more wisdom if we prayed for them more, and criticized less.

— J. C. Ryle
Holiness

Many seem to think they have a responsibility to submit to authority only as long as they agree with it, or as long as it is fair in their eyes, or as long as it does not require too much inconvenience.

— Bryan Chapell
Commentary on Titus

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing,
news glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the ever lasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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

Psalm 47:5-7

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

▲ **Hymn**

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise. Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, Gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless,
And give thy Word success; spirit of holiness, on us descend.

*All glory be to the Father,
All glory be to the Son,
All glory be to the Spirit,
The Blessed Three in One.*

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, spirit of power.

*All glory be to the Father,
All glory be to the Son,
All glory be to the Spirit,
The Blessed Three in One.*

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

*All glory be to the Father,
All glory be to the Son,
All glory be to the Spirit,
The Blessed Three in One. (Repeat)*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

▲ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Judges 21:25

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

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

Lord God, King of the universe,
we bow our knees and our hearts before you today.
We confess our stubbornness, our pride,
our willfulness and our disobedience.
We have refused to submit to you and to one another.
We have failed to recognize and honor the lawful authority
that you have placed over us.
We have done what was right in our own eyes.
At the same time,
we have sinned in the sphere of authority granted to us.
We have ruled harshly, unjustly,
neglectfully, spitefully and unwisely.
We have not dealt meekly and humbly
with those over whom we have power.

We repent of these sins, Father,
and cry to you for mercy.
Renew us through your Spirit, we pray.
Teach us to submit, to love, to serve.
Give us the mind of Christ,
the suffering Servant who gave his life for us,
the perfect King who subdues us unto himself,
who rules and defends us,
and who restrains and conquers all his and our enemies.
In his precious name we pray. Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Luke 1:30–33

The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

▲ *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

Romans 13:1–7 (p. 948)

1 Peter 2:13–25 (p. 1015)

▲ **Hymn 174** O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord

Trinity Hymnal

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 8:1–9 (p. 557) *The Ruler We All Need*

¹ Who is like the wise?

And who knows the interpretation of a thing?

A man's wisdom makes his face shine,

and the hardness of his face is changed.

² I say: Keep the king's command, because of God's oath to him.*

³ Be not hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand in an evil cause, for he does whatever he pleases. ⁴ For the word of the king is supreme, and who may say to him, "What are you doing?"

⁵ Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing, and the wise heart will know the proper time and the just way. ⁶ For there is a time and a way for everything, although man's trouble lies heavy on him.

⁷ For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be? ⁸ No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. There is no discharge from war, nor will wickedness deliver those who are given to it. ⁹ All this I observed while applying my heart to all that is done under the sun, when man had power over man to his hurt.

** Or because of your oath to God*

Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn 311** Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Trinity Hymnal

Baptism of covenant child

Margot Paige Lawrenz,

daughter of Russ and Mia Lawrenz

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

Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty;
Drink from the Fountain that never runs dry.
Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy,
Life more abundant in boundless supply.

Come to the River that flows through the city,
Forth from the throne of the Father and Son.
Jesus, the Savior, says, "Come and drink deeply."
Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One.

Come to the Fountain without any money;
Buy what is given without any cost.
Jesus, the gracious One, welcomes the weary;
Jesus, the selfless One, died for the lost.

Come to the Well of unmerited favor;
Stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim.
Jesus is such a compassionate Savior.
Draw from the grace that flows freely from him.

Come to the Savior, the God of salvation.
God has provided an end to sin's strife.
Why will you suffer the Law's condemnation?
Take the free gift of the water of life.

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you forever.
Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,
in your splendor and majesty!

In your majesty ride out victoriously
for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;
let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!
Your arrows are sharp
in the heart of the king's enemies;
the peoples fall under you.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:
forget your people and your father's house,
and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord,
bow to him.

The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people.

Continues...

All glorious is the princess in her chamber,
with robes interwoven with gold.
In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.
With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.

In place of your fathers shall be your sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.
I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

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 295

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Trinity Hymnal

(congregation stands on last verse)

✠ The Benediction

Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes 8:1–9
The Ruler We All Need

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 after worship
Adam Grimes	214.226.1251	CPC Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Russ Lawrenz	940.395-9413	SE Denton Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.
Brandon Luter Teen Trek	469.441.6306	CPC Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.



2024 Machen Fall Singles Conference
“Singleness, Self-Denial, and Following Christ”
Friday through Monday, 27-30 September 2024
Suggested for ages 40 and younger.

Come and enjoy fellowship and biblical teaching with other reformed singles in the beautiful autumn weather in the mountains of Highland County Virginia! This conference will include speaking sessions by **Lowell Ivey**, former OPC pastor and current executive director of Metanoia Prison Ministries (PCA). What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus Christ? Jesus taught His disciples that if they truly desired to follow Him, they would need to begin by denying themselves. Self-denial is at the heart of the Christian life. The world around us seeks to conform us to itself by tempting us to indulge ourselves. But a follower of Jesus Christ has learned to take up his cross and follow the Savior in the way of self-denial and self-sacrifice.

Attendance will be limited to 40 registrations.

Registration: Register on-line at 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 more information, go to Machen.org or contact the organizer, Ken Barnes, at kbarnes670@gmail.com.

Early Bird Registration Fee is now \$150 (through 31 August 2024)
Late Registration is now \$170 (1 – 21 September 2024) [Higher fees mandated by Machen Operating Committee]

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.



3410 Peters Colony Road • Flower Mound, Texas 75022 • 972-355-5892
www.ChristPresbyterian.org • email@ChristPresbyterian.org
Christ OPC on Twitter • Christ OPC on Instagram

Staff

Senior Pastor – Rev. John Canales

Chief Musician – Sharon Miller

Coordinator of Church Ministries – Mary Jo Canales

Elders: Rod Alexander (Emeritus), Adam Grimes,
Russ Lawrenz, Scott Peterson

Deacons: Doug Boswell, Leng Ea, Brandon Luter, Rod Miller,
Dennis O'Banion, Timothy Skaggs