

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



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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

Sunday School	Mary Jo Canales Paula Ea
Worship	Lauren Alexander Allie Carpenter

Reflection

A man can no more bring about his own spiritual rebirth than he can bring about his own physical birth. If God does not take the initiative, no one will ever be saved. We do not believe in order to be born again; we are born again in order that we may believe.

— R. C. Sproul
Chosen by God

There is enough light for those who only desire to see, and enough obscurity for those who have a contrary disposition.

— Blaise Pascal
Pensées

Let us know, therefore, that the gospel is not revealed to us by the sagacity of our own minds, but by the special grace of God. And this teaches us that we ought to lay aside all pride, and come to the school of Christ with the humility of children.

— John Calvin
Commentary on a Harmony of the Evangelists (Matthew 11:25)

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

'Tis not that I did choose Thee, for, Lord, that could not be;
this heart would still refuse Thee, had You not chosen me.
You from the sin that stained me have cleansed and set me free;
of old You have ordained me, that I should live to Thee.

'Twas sovereign mercy called me and taught my opening mind;
the world had else enthralled me, to heavenly glories blind.
My heart owns none before Thee, for Your rich grace I thirst;
this knowing, if I love Thee, You must have loved me first.

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 145:3, 18

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
All: The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

▲ **Psalm 33C** The Lord by His Word Has Created
Book of Psalms for Worship

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

▲ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Almighty God,
we confess that our hearts are naturally prone
to rebellion and pride.
Like the children in the marketplace,
we are quick to manufacture excuses
to resist your word and maintain control over our lives.
We have often demanded that you work on our terms,
and we have closed our ears to the hard truths of your gospel.
We confess the arrogance of our own intellect.
We like to think ourselves wise and understanding,
relying on our own reason
rather than submitting to your revelation.
Left to ourselves,
we would remain blind to your glory and hostile to your grace.

Forgive us for our stubbornness.
We thank you for the profound mercy of your election—
that you did not leave us in our darkness,
but graciously opened our eyes and gave us the faith to believe.
Break our pride, give us the posture of little children,
and make us deeply grateful
for the unmerited gift of knowing your Son.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Luke 7:48–50

[Jesus] said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?”

And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

⬆ **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

1 Corinthians 1:18–31 (p. 952)

⬆ **Hymn 75** O Father, You Are Sovereign *Trinity Hymnal*

Sermon Text: Matthew 11:16–27 (p. 816)

Sovereign Grace for Stubborn Hearts

¹⁶ "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷ "“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

²⁰ Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

Prayer of Intercession

✠ **Hymn 469** How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place *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

One there is, above all others,
 well deserves the name of Friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,
 costly, free, and knows no end.
They who once his kindness prove,
 They who once his kindness prove,
They who once his kindness prove,
 find it everlasting love.

Which of all our friends to save us,
 could or would have shed his blood?
But our Jesus died to have us
 reconciled in him to God.
This was boundless love, indeed;
 This was boundless love, indeed;
This was boundless love, indeed;
 Jesus is a friend in need.

When he lived on earth abas-ed,
 “Friend of sinners” was his name;
Now above all glory rais-ed,
 He rejoices in the same;
Still he calls them brethren, friends,
 Still he calls them brethren, friends,
Still he calls them brethren, friends,
 and to all their wants attends.

Could we bear from one another
 what he daily bears from us?
Yet this glorious Friend and Brother
 loves us though we treat him thus:
Though for good we render ill,
 Though for good we render ill,
Though for good we render ill,
 He accounts us brethren still.

Continues...

O for grace our hearts to soften!
Teach us, Lord, at length to love;
We, alas! forget too often
what a Friend we have above;
But when home our souls are brought,
But when home our souls are brought,
But when home our souls are brought,
We will love you as we ought.

Scripture Reading — During the cup

Titus 3:4–7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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 455 And Can It Be That I Should Gain *Trinity Hymnal*
(congregation stands on last verse)

⬆ The Benediction

Sermon Notes

Matthew 11:16–27

Sovereign Grace for Stubborn Hearts

Home Fellowship Groups		
Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
Leng Ea	817.412.8625	Flower Mound Fridays at 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Timothy Skaggs	209.403.6767	CPC 2 nd & 4 th Sunday after worship
John Canales	972.355.5892	CPC Every other Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
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Andrew Faulconer	469.688.3738	Lewisville Saturdays 4–6 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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