

CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 8, 2023

## Welcome to CHRIST THE REDEEMER...

We're glad you've joined us. Whether you have followed Jesus your whole life or you can't remember the last time you stepped foot in a church, we want you to feel welcome to come as you are and worship with our church family. If you have any questions about our church or where to find something, please don't hesitate to ask. We're excited about what God is doing among us as we seek to live, grow and serve as followers of Jesus in Portland and in our surrounding neighborhoods. So, welcome to CTR, we'd love to have you as part of our family.

During our service, our nursery is open for babies who are crawlers through 3-year-olds. If you need help finding the nursery area, please ask any of our greeters!

Children's Church is in session. After the blessing each week, children age 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade are welcome to go to Children's Church. They will re-join their families after the sermon.

### THE RHYTHM OF OUR WORSHIP

On the road to Emmaus (Luke 24), when Jesus' disciples found themselves troubled and confused, Jesus met them along the way. When they confessed their troubles and doubts to Him, His words and presence began to change them. He unfolded God's Word to them, pointing to His own person and work. He dined with them, giving thanks and breaking bread. The disciples recognized their Lord's presence with them and hurried to tell others the good news.

In the Emmaus story, we recognize the pattern of historic Christian worship as it began to take shape. Our worship liturgy at Christ the Redeemer moves through a specific rhythm: God **SUMMONS** us as His people, God **SANCTIFIES** us to Himself, God **SPEAKS** to us in His Word, God **STRENGTHENS** us at His table, and God **SENDS** us into the world to share His grace.

The emphasis throughout our worship is upon God's action and our appropriate response. In worship, we rehearse the gospel message of Jesus' death and resurrection and are caught up into the mission of the Triune God. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity as children of God and then impelling us outward into our world.

*-adapted from City Church Philadelphia [Guide to Our Worship](#)*

## G O D S U M M O N S

[ P R A I S E ]

### C A L L T O W O R S H I P

[L] The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
God's mercies never come to an end.

[P] **They are new every morning;  
Great is your faithfulness, O God.**

[L] The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the souls that seek God.

[P] **It is good that we should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.**

[All] **Let us worship God!**

### S O N G

BEHOLD OUR GOD

## G O D S A N C T I F I E S

[ R E N E W A L ]

### C O N F E S S I O N O F S I N

[All] **God, there are times when we are impatient. We are impatient with you. We want to know all the answers. We get frustrated when we don't see your justice. Your plans and your ways seem so distant to us. Forgive us in the times when we give up on you. Remind us of your presence and allow us to see further into your kingdom. We are impatient with others. We want everyone's priorities to be the same as ours. We demand others listen to us, but often don't make the time to hear them. Release us from our impatience. Have mercy on the people around us. Fill us with your Spirit of love and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] Remember this:

God is patient and kind, not delighting in evil but rejoicing in the truth. God is quick to mercy, but slow to anger – even when so often we are the opposite!

God's patience endures, even through death. God patiently outlasts your sins, which are forgiven through the cross of Jesus Christ. At the end of all things, love endures.

Know that you are loved, you are precious in God's sight, and rest patiently in that love, knowing that God is securely holding you and the whole world and will not let go.

[P] **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

LIFE OF THE PEOPLE  
[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

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THE PEACE OF GOD  
and THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

[L] May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

[P] **And also with you.**

[L] People of God, what is our prayer for these and all our children?

[All] **May the Lord be with you.**

[Children] **And also with you.**

# G O D S P E A K S

[ W O R D ]

S O N G

I WILL WAIT FOR YOU [PSALM 130]

S C R I P T U R E

James 5:7-12 ESV

Read by Claire Roberts

*Patience in Suffering*

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

<sup>12</sup> But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

[L] The grass withers and the flower fades,  
but the Word of God stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8

The Word of the Lord.

[P] **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Series:  
GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION  
AND THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Sermon:  
CULTIVATING PATIENCE

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts  
Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #1

[L] What is your only comfort in life and in death?

[P] **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Sue Miller

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



**G O D S T R E N G T H E N S**

[ T A B L E ]

## C E L E B R A T I N G H O L Y C O M M U N I O N

*A Word about Communion: Communion is the family meal of Christians. Baptized believers actively looking to Jesus as their hope for salvation are warmly invited to share in this meal with us as our brothers and sisters.*

- *Please approach the servers by coming up the middle aisle and returning to your seat via the outside aisles.*
- *Once you receive the bread and wine/juice, please hold on to it as you return to your seat. We will partake together as one body after everyone has received the elements.*
- *Children and those who are not partaking are also welcome to approach the servers for a prayer or word of God's blessing. We ask that you fold your hands as you approach so the server is aware.*
- *Please dispose of your communion cups and any other trash in the wastebasket located at the back of the sanctuary or the one near the exit at the front of the sanctuary as you leave today. Thank you!*

## S O N G : S A N C T U S

## W O R D S O F I N V I T A T I O N &amp; I N S T I T U T I O N

## G R E A T P R A Y E R O F T H A N K S G I V I N G

## P A R T A K I N G O F T H E E L E M E N T S

C O M M U N I O N S O N G  
B E T H O U M Y V I S I O N

## GOD SENDS

[MISSION]

RESPONSES OF JOY

## OFFERING OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

[our tithes and offerings]

If you would like to give online, please use this QR code:  
This takes you to our online giving portal.



## SONG

MY HOPE IS BUILT/THE SOLID ROCK

## BENEDICTION and SENDING

[L] Do not lose heart in your waiting. We do not wait in vain. God is in our midst through Jesus Christ, our Messiah. God is at work. And God is restoring all creation.

And may the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and forevermore.

[All] **Amen.**

# HIGHLIGHTS

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## CTR KIDS LENDING LIBRARY

We are so excited about our CTR Kids Lending Library! Before and after church, please visit the library cart near our nursery and choose a Gospel-centered book to take home with you for the week! There are books available for all age groups, and some parenting resources as well!

## ON THE CALENDAR:

MON, OCT 9

### **WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY** – 6 PM

@ the home of Laura Wiersma, 29 Lilac Lane, New Gloucester (GPS does not recognize this address so please use 54 N Pownal Road - that will get you to Lilac Lane). A light supper will be served.

This is a weekly Bible study and will be in the Book of Galatians. You may purchase the study guide, **“Galatians: At His Feet”** (Blanton/Gordon) on Amazon.

FRI, OCT 13

### **FRIDAY PLAY GROUP** – 10 AM – 1 PM

Calling all stay-at-home moms or dads! Plan to join us at playgroup every Friday at 10am. We are at a different location every week, so keep a lookout on Instagram [[@ctrportlandkids](#)] for more information! Any and everyone is welcome with their children. Please contact Abby Reid if you have any questions.

SUN, OCT 15

### **TWO LIGHTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** – 9 AM

For children in 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade! Join us every other Sunday morning for treats + fun while deepening your knowledge and faith in the Gospel! For more information, please contact Abby Reid ([areid@ctrportland.org](mailto:areid@ctrportland.org)).

## ON THE CALENDAR:

WED, OCT 25

**BOOKS & BUBBLY** – 7 PM @ 64 Brook Rd., Portland

Ladies: Our book is *Everything Sad Is Untrue [a true story]* [Daniel Nayeri].  
For more info, please contact Claire Roberts [clerkus@gmail.com].

SAT, OCT 28

**ANNUAL CTR HARVEST PARTY** – 4:00 – 7:00 PM

@ The Roberts', 64 Brook Road, Portland

Our Harvest Party is one of the most anticipated events of the year. Hosted by the Roberts family, this is a great opportunity to celebrate fall in Maine. You will be able to sample some of the best chili in Portland as the Chili Cookoff is returning. We will have apple cider, a bounce house for the kids and some other activities to entertain the kids.

This is an event which is perfect to invite a neighbor or friend to join you. Put the date on your calendar and we will see you there!



## WALK FOR THEM BOTH

Saturday, October 14

9:30 am – Noon

@

ABBA, 1250 Forest Avenue, Portland

Connie Woodward is raising funds for our ministry partner, Abba, through this event.

If you would like to be a sponsor, please use the link below:

<https://page.fundeasy.com/6353092>

If you would like to walk and would like help in registering,  
please contact Connie @ woodwardte@yahoo.com.

## ADVENT CHOIR

Are you interested in being part of a choir this Advent season?

Use this QR code and let us know by filling out a brief survey.

We plan to sing a choral piece at our Lessons and Carols Service on December 19th, as well as at our Sunday morning worship that falls on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsals will be held on the following Tuesday evenings:  
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, and 12/05 in the sanctuary at 7 PM



## CTR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Are you interested in joining a community group at CTR? Signing up for a community group is simple!

Fill out a form online at <https://www.ctrportland.org/community-groups> or use this QR code to go directly to the form.

Or contact one of the coordinators:

Amanda McKrell ([griswoldam1@gmail.com](mailto:griswoldam1@gmail.com) or 716-479-0093)

Matt Reid ([mattreid522@gmail.com](mailto:mattreid522@gmail.com) or 404-550-8872).



# SERVE...

At CTR, we believe that part of what makes the church a beautiful place is that it draws people with various passions and gifts into one body. Below are some opportunities to use your passions and gifts to serve one another and our local community.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES ..... Abby Reid  
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MISSIONS COORDINATOR.....Kathi Favre  
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MUSIC..... Kendra Hollen  
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SPECIAL EVENTS.....Claire Roberts  
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# How Do I Get and Stay Connected at CTR?

At CTR we long for clear communication and deep bonds. We are excited that you're interested in being more connected and involved. The following is a list of our communication channels and their purpose in the life of our body:

## 1. EMAIL NEWSLETTER (*Keeping in Touch*)

**This is the primary vehicle** by which we communicate regarding the life of our church. Most weeks you will receive an email with announcements and upcoming events. From time to time, our elders will also use this vehicle for church-wide or members only correspondence. **NOTE:** *If you are not regularly checking your email from CTR, it will be difficult to feel and be connected in the life of our church.* [Use this QR code to sign up for the email.]



## 2. CTR APP & TEXT MESSAGES

**The CTR App** is designed to help those in our church interact with each other. It is largely crowd sourced and includes information on informal meetups, prayer requests, live and past sermons/services, different hobby groups, ways to give, etc. [See page 14 to download the App.]

**Text Messages** are sent exclusively as reminders about events in the days/hours immediately beforehand.

## 3. SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday mornings employ several communication methods, including written **announcements in our Order of Worship**, verbally highlighted **announcements**, and (new) **projected announcements** running before and after the service. Sunday Morning announcements are focused on pointing people to events and ministries that help them explore or integrate more fully into the life of our church. Given the diverse backgrounds and circumstances of those attending Sunday Morning Worship, only on rare and exceptional occasions will these vehicles be used by leadership for information that is primarily member focused.

## 4. CTR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

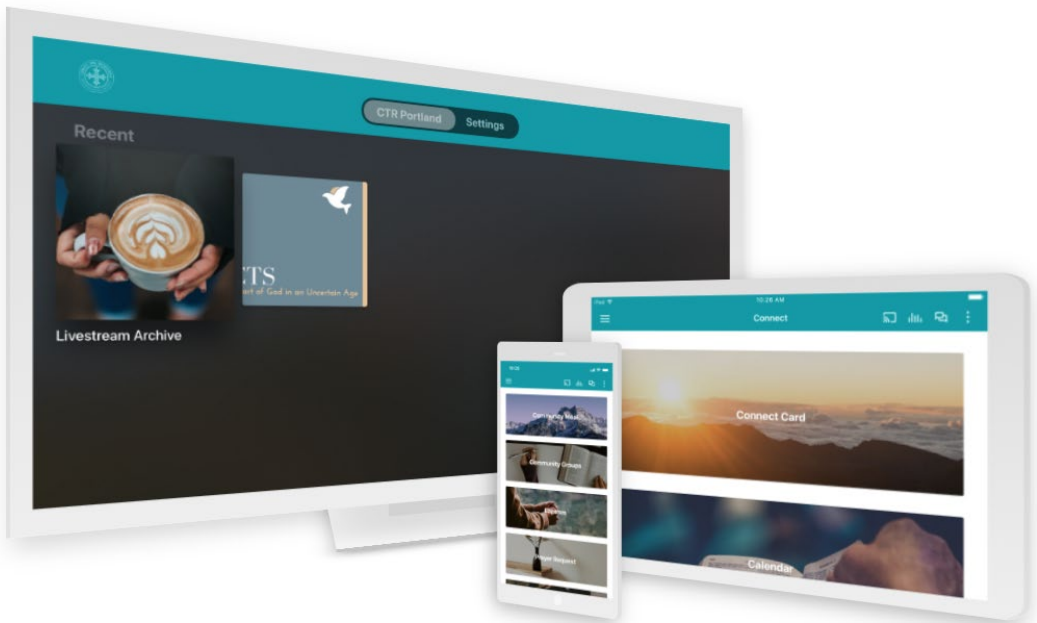
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

**The CTR Website** [ctrportland.org] is designed to be our front door– a welcoming place for new people to discover and learn about our church. It is minimal in announcements and church life information.

**Social Media [Instagram & Facebook]** is used for promotion of church events. People are encouraged to “re-post” as a way of sharing with and inviting their friends. [@ctrportland]

*If you would like to access or have had difficulty accessing any of these vehicles, please contact [ctr@ctrportland.org](mailto:ctr@ctrportland.org). Our admin, Cheryl Sullivan, is happy to help you get integrated into our communication systems.*

# DOWNLOAD THE CTR APP!













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Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
longs to be a diverse people who gather around  
and extend the table of God's grace.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM**

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