



CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

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 – 1st 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]

CALL TO WORSHIP

[L] There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

[P] **All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.**

from Psalm 86:8-10

SONG

IMMORTAL INVISIBLE

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

[R E N E W A L]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] **Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us, mountains and valleys
beneath us, and friends and strangers among us: how often have we tried to hide
from your presence, how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your
fashioning hand!**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother,
and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of yourself in the
face of Jesus Christ: how often we have forgotten you, how seldom have we
really loved and followed you!**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit: how often have we ignored your promptings, how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts!

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

[All] **For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1.

SONG

FAIREST LORD JESUS

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.**

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SONG

THE GOSPEL SONG

G O D S P E A K S

[W O R D]

S C R I P T U R E

Colossians 1:15-23 ESV

Read by Neil Schenk

The Preeminence of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

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

Isaiah 40:8

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

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Sermon Series:

CHRIST, OUR LIFE

[The Letter to the Colossians]

Sermon:

CHRIST

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts

Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

[L] Christian, what do you believe?

[P] **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 to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to 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.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Quincy Freeman

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!*

SONG

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INVITATION & INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

SONG

JESUS STRONG AND KIND

G O D S E N D S

[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

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

BENEDICTION and SENDING

[L] We leave from here to bear witness to Christ in faithfulness to the Scriptures, in harmony with the church of the ages, and in unity with all Christ's people.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

April 28, 2024

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ON THE CALENDAR:

SUN, APR 28

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASS #1 – 9 AM

Classes will be held each Sunday in April and May

MON, APR 29

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 in the Psalms. You may purchase the study guide, **“Psalms: At His Feet”** (Blanton/Gordon) on Amazon.

FRI, MAY 3

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, MAY 5

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO VOTE ON CHURCH OFFICERS

– 11:40 am

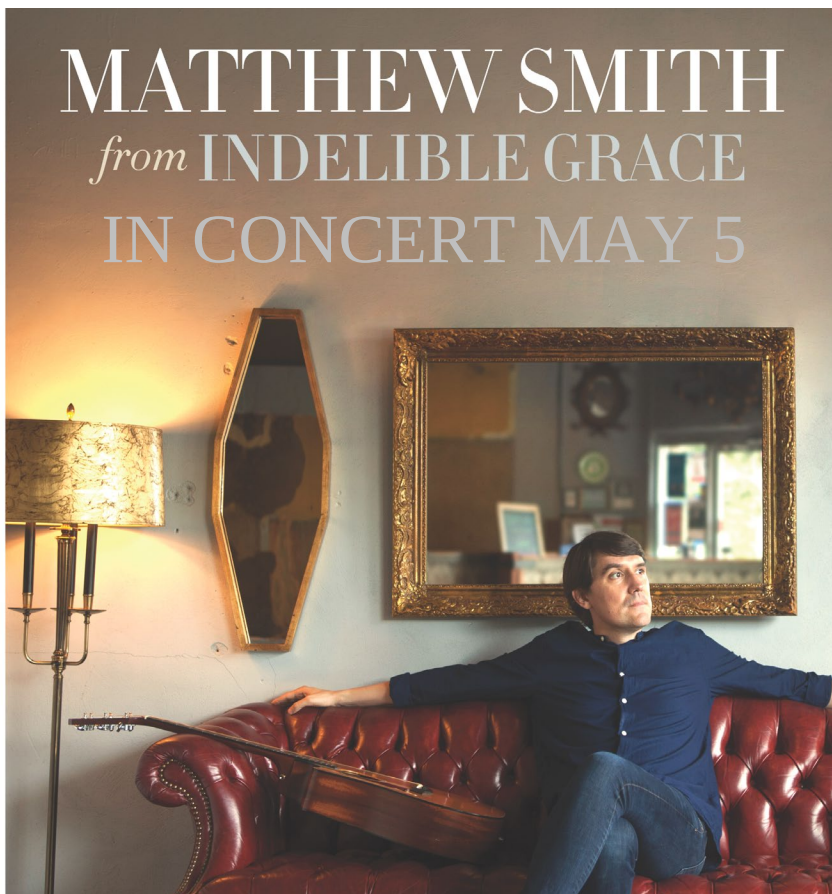
All members are urged to stay for a meeting to vote on the candidates being recommended by the Session of CTR to serve as Ruling Elders and Deacons. There will also be a financial update as we look forward to the end of our fiscal year on June 30.

Recommended to serve:

Ruling Elders: *Quincy Freeman, Matt Reid*

Deacons: *Dan McKrell, David Odenbach*

ON THE CALENDAR:



Plan to join us at CTR for this very special day. Not only will Matthew Smith be in concert at **6 pm** but at 3 pm everyone is invited to a worship seminar presented by Mr. Smith. This seminar is for everyone - it is not geared to just musicians or those who lead worship but to the entire congregation - as we ALL participate in worship.

- 3 PM - Worship Seminar (includes a Q&A)
- 4 PM - A shared meal [Fiesta Feast] and activities for the kids
(Yes, the Bounce House will be here!)
- 6 PM - Matthew Smith in Concert

It all takes place @
CHRIST THE REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Invite others to join you! There is no cost for any of these events.



Sign up here
to bring food
to the Fiesta
Feast!



ON THE CALENDAR:

SUN, MAY 19

ORDINATION OF NEWLY ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS –
10 AM Worship Service

WED, MAY 29

BOOKS & BUBBLY – 7 PM @ 64 Brook Rd., Portland
For more info, please contact Claire Roberts [clerkus@gmail.com].

SUN, JUN 30

ORDINATION OF ALDEN GROVES – 10 AM
Our new Assistant Pastor, Alden Groves, will be ordained on this Sunday. Our guest preacher that day will be one of Alden’s mentors and professors, Rev. Robert Edwards. Plan to join us on this very special day in the life of our church.

JUL 15-17

FCA POWER CAMP GREATER PORTLAND

We are excited to partner with the Southern Maine Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to bring a fun sports camp and the gospel to kids in Greater Portland!

Details:

Presumpscot Park, Portland

Sports Offered: Football, Soccer & Basketball

This camp is for ages 5-13.

REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN BY USING THIS QR CODE!



CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

Launching Sunday April 7th

CTR is excited to announce the launch of Christian Formation Classes. As our church continues to grow in **breadth** (through new people coming into our community), we also want to grow in **depth** (spiritual and emotional maturity individually and communally). This initiative is an expression of our desire to see the life of Jesus Christ formed in the lives of every person in our church. We desire to see adults from all kinds of spiritual backgrounds and kids at each level of development ushered into grace-filled relationship with Jesus Christ, growing in their understanding of themselves, and maturing in their relationships with each other. We believe that classes such as these are a core aspect within a larger developing framework of Christian formation and discipleship at our church.

WHEN?

-Sundays, April 7th-May 25th (8-weeks)

-9-9:45 am (*rooms for classes will be announced closer to date*)

WHAT? *Course Offerings*

ADULTS and TEENS (one class offering for trial run)

CF 1 - *How to Study the Bible*

Overview: This class is meant to help us “de-mystify” the reading of Scripture. We will learn what it means to read the Bible as a unified whole (one book with one message all pointing us to the person of Jesus). We will look at various parts of the Bible and give tools to read different parts (including some of the more difficult books) in ways that enable faithful interpretation and deeper engagement with God through his Word.

Breakdown:

Old Testament (April)

Class 1- Intro to the Bible/OT Narrative

Class 2- OT Poetry- Psalms

Class 3- OT Prophecy

Class 4- OT Wisdom Literature

New Testament (May)

Class 5- Gospels & Parables

Class 6- Acts, The Great Link

Class 7- The Epistles (Letters)

Class 8- Apocalyptic Lit. & Revelation

KIDS

Overview: These classes aim to "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

TWO LIGHTS (2nd - 5th Grade)
BUG LIGHT (K - 1st Grade)
RAM ISLAND (Potty-Trained - PreK)*

**Kids who are not yet potty-trained are welcome to accompany parents to the adult class.*

REGISTRATION

Since this is our first time doing this, it would be helpful for everyone to register in advance. This enables us to get roster to teachers and ensure we have enough supplies, handouts and/or books.

REGISTER HERE



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.

To contact one of the coordinators:

Amanda McKrell (griswoldam1@gmail.com or 716-479-0093)
Matt Reid (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 MINISTRIESAbby Reid
Phone: 404.723.4448
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GREETER MINISTRY Abby Reid
Phone: 404.723.4448
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MEALS MINISTRY Tammy Locke
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MISSIONS COORDINATOR.....Kathi Favre
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MUSIC..... Kendra Hollen
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SET-UP EJ Kruse
Phone: 814-392-4810
E-mail: ejkruse89@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENTS.....Claire Roberts
Phone: 956.270.2565
E-mail: clerkus@gmail.com

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

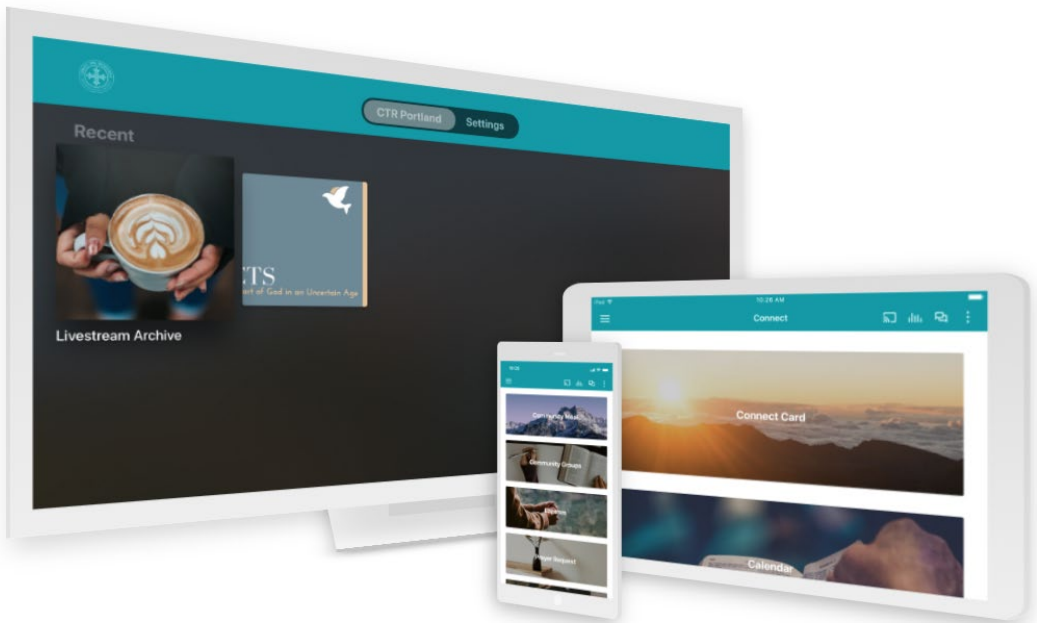
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

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. 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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Kendra Hollen, Music Ministry Director [E-Mail: khollen@CTRPortland.org]

Abby Reid, Children's Ministry Director [E-Mail: areid@CTRPortland.org]

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