

CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER  
-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
April 26, 2026

## 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.

→ You may use this QR code to link to the lyrics in our worship service today.



### 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 Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

[P] **and we have seen his glory,**

[L] glory as of the only Son from the Father,

[P] **full of grace and truth.**

[L] Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

[P] **his understanding is beyond measure.**

[L] Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored!

[P] **Renew our days as of old.**

John 1:14; Psalm 147:5; Lamentations 5:21

### S O N G

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

## 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

[P] **Our gracious God, you come to us in the everyday. You give us your Word and your Spirit so that we can hear your voice and follow your ways. We confess that we have neglected your Word and the Spirit's guidance and pretended that you are not even in the room. Hear our confession, Lord. Help us to listen, to see, and to live as you have called us to live.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] Paul writes in Romans 10, "...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

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

SONG

I WILL WAIT FOR YOU (PSALM 130)

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.**

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

SONG

SHOW US CHRIST

**G O D S P E A K S**

[ W O R D ]

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3:14-17 ESV

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

[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.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Sermon Series:  
FORMED FOR MISSION

Sermon:  
THE WORD OF GOD

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts  
*Lead Pastor*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A #'s 1-3

[L] What is the chief end of man?

[P] **Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.**

[L] What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

[P] **The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

[L] What do the Scriptures principally teach?

[P] **The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Deacon David Odenbach

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.**

SONG

MESSENGER DOXOLOGY #1

# GOD STRENGTHENS

[TABLE]

## CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

*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 follow the directions given by the pastor in how to come to the front to receive the elements and then return to your seat.*
- *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 as you leave today. Thank you!*

## WORDS OF INVITATION & INSTITUTION

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

## SONG

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

## **PRAYERS OF REFLECTION**

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF BELIEF**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

**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

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

BENEDICTION and SENDING

[L] Jesus did not wait for people to come to him. He went out and delivered the grace of God. As we go out of this place today, may we deliver the grace of God wherever we go as well.

[P] **Amen.**

# HIGHLIGHTS

April 26, 2026

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## **1** ON THE CALENDAR

### **+** CTRKids CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

*SUNDAYS – 9:00 AM | 61 Neal Street, Portland*

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Group	Age	Class Location	Curriculum
Ram Island	Potty-Trained – PreK	Nursery	Show Me Jesus
Bug Light	K-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	The Corner Room [old nursery]	The Biggest Story
Two Lights	2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	The Commons [large room downstairs]	The Biggest Story
Head Light	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Middle School	Downstairs Foyer	New City Catechism

FMI, please contact Abby Reid @ [areid@ctrportland.org](mailto:areid@ctrportland.org) or 404.723.4448.

**PLEASE USE THIS QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THESE CLASSES!**



## ON THE CALENDAR

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*MONDAYS – 6:00 PM | 29 Lilac Lane, New Gloucester*

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Our winter/spring Women's Bible Study has begun. Supper will be provided as we gather each week. Together we'll walk through God's Word and encourage one another in faith.

**Questions?** Contact Laura Wiersma at [lwiersma@ctrportland.org](mailto:lwiersma@ctrportland.org) or 603.566.7746.

### MEN'S DROP-IN

*THURSDAY, APRIL 30 – 5:00 PM | Austin Street Brewery, 115 Fox St.,  
Portland*

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Men of CTR, join us for our next **Men's Drop-In** on **Thursday, April 30 [5:00-6:30 pm]** at **Austin Street Brewery**.

This is a relaxed, no-agenda evening—just a chance to connect, catch up, and strengthen friendships. Whether you've been at CTR for years or are new and looking to get to know a few guys, this is an easy place to step in. Come for a pint, stay for the conversation, and be encouraged by time together.

### DEACONS FUND SUNDAY

*SUN, MAY 10*

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Each quarter, we set aside a Sunday to prayerfully consider giving above and beyond our regular offering to support the Deacons Fund. These gifts go directly toward caring for individuals and families in our church and community who are facing financial hardship.

If you feel led to contribute, mark your gift "Deacons Fund" or select that option when giving online. Thank you for being part of this quiet, faithful work of care and compassion.

## 📅 ON THE CALENDAR

### 🏠 MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

*SUNDAY, MAY 17 – 10:00 AM | 61 Neal Street, Portland*

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Join us during the morning worship service on May 17 as we welcome new members into the life of our church. Both adults and children will be taking their vows of membership, having completed either the Inquirer's Class or the Communicants Class.

This is a meaningful moment in the life of our congregation as these individuals publicly profess their faith in Christ and commit to living as part of his Church. We invite you to be present as we celebrate God's work in their lives and affirm our shared calling to walk together in faith.



## DEEP ROOTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As part of our **Deep Roots Capital Campaign**, we've invited everyone in our community to prayerfully consider how they can support the next chapter of our church's life together.

If you would prefer to make a pledge online, please visit our **online pledge form**—and feel free to share the link with friends, family, or others in your circle who believe in the mission of our church.

Every gift, every conversation, and every step of faith helps us put down deep roots for generations to come.



TO  
PLEDGE  
ONLINE

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

*Belong. Lean in. Launch out.*

Whether you're brand new to CTR or have been here for years, **community groups are for you!**

These smaller gatherings meet regularly in homes throughout Greater Portland. Together we:

- Form friendships
- Share meals
- Pray for and engage one another throughout the week
- Encourage one another to live on mission in our everyday contexts

## **Why join a group?**

Community groups are the primary way we care for and grow with one another at CTR. No matter your age, stage, or point in your faith journey, you'll find a place to belong, be challenged, and grow as a disciple of Jesus. We'll learn to keep asking each other: *Where has Christ placed you to serve him this time tomorrow?*

For any questions or concerns, email: [amckrell@ctrportland.org](mailto:amckrell@ctrportland.org).

**New to CTR or to community groups?** We would love you to join us!

Scan the QR code to sign up or email [amckrell@ctrportland.org](mailto:amckrell@ctrportland.org).



# 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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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 15 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

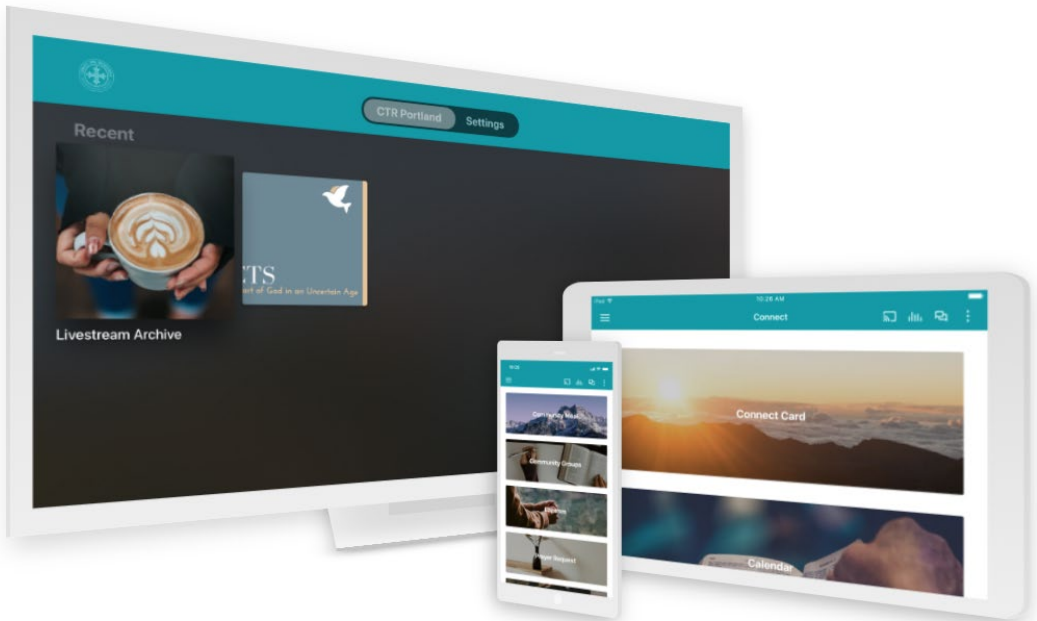
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

**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!









**CHRIST  
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-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

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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*In need of assistance?*

If you're experiencing a material need beyond what you can manage, the CTR Deacons may be able to help. Please call them at 207-331-1304 or email [deacons@ctrportland.org](mailto:deacons@ctrportland.org). All inquiries will remain confidential, and you will receive a reply within twenty-four hours.

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