

CHRIST
THE REDEEMER
-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 15, 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 – 1st 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]

CALL TO WORSHIP

[L] Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.

[P] **Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things.**

[L] Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom
and might and honor and glory and blessing!

[P] **We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was,
for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.**

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

SONG

COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING

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

[R E N E W A L]

CONFESSIO N O F S I N

[All] **Loving God, we will betray you; yet you invite us to your table.
We will deny you; yet you give us yourself in love.
We will fail to pray with you; yet you pray for us.
We will crucify you; yet you forgive us.
We confess our sin. We receive your grace.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

SONG

HAVE MERCY

Have mercy on me
Have mercy on me
O Lord have mercy
O Lord have mercy

Oh help my unbelief
Oh help my unbelief
O Lord have mercy
O Lord have mercy

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] Hebrews 4 says, "Having then a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold tightly to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace for help in time of need."

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of God and the power of Christ are with you.

So live boldly as citizens of the kingdom of God, where Satan has no power. Amen!

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

SONG

JESUS PAID IT ALL

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 – 1st grade are welcome to go to Children's Church downstairs in The Commons. They will re-join their families after the sermon.

SONG

MAN OF SORROWS! WHAT A NAME!

G O D S P E A K S

[W O R D]

S C R I P T U R E

Luke 22:1-7, 14-23, 39, 47-53 ESV

Read by Jane Powers-Odenbach

The Plot to Kill Jesus

¹Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. ²And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

Judas to Betray Jesus

³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. ⁴He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. ⁵And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.

Institution of the Lord's Supper

¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. ²²For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" ²³And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

³⁹And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him.

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?” ⁴⁹ And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³ When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

[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.**

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Sermon Series:

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: FOLLOWING JESUS

Sermon:

JUDAS

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts

Lead Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A's #32-34

[L] But why are you called a Christian?

[P] **Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing.**

I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

[L] Why is he called God's "only begotten Son" when we also are God's children?

[P] **Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God—adopted by grace through Christ.**

[L] Why do you call him "our Lord"?

[P] **Because not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Led by Elder Nate Pillsbury

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

SANCTUS

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

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

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 GREAT THOU ART

B E N E D I C T I O N a n d S E N D I N G

[L] May Jesus Christ, who chose the path of crucifixion and death for us and for all,
strengthen you and save you. Amen.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

March 15, 2026

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ON THE CALENDAR

INQUIRERS' CLASS

SUNDAYS - 9 AM | 61 Neal Street, Portland

Are you new to our church? If you're interested in learning more about CTR's history, vision, values, and practices, come join us for our upcoming Inquirers' Class. This is a great opportunity to learn more about who we are, to ask questions, and to meet and engage with other newcomers, as well as key leaders and staff. This class is also a prerequisite for church membership, for those interested.

The class takes place on Sunday mornings at 9 am -- before the service. It began on February 8.

Questions? Contact Pastor Alden Groves at agroves@ctrportland.org or 215-704-0132.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

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 or 603.566.7746.

📅 ON THE CALENDAR

🍽️ GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 – 5:30 PM | Various Locations

Get ready for an evening of great food, warm fellowship, and a dash of mystery. Choose one of five cuisines, whip up a dish (main, side, or dessert) to match, and then head off to a surprise location to share the table with dining companions you won't know until you arrive!

The fun unfolds from **5:30–7:30 PM on Saturday, March 28.**

Childcare (with dinner provided) will be available at **61 Neal Street** from **5:15–7:45 PM** for children ages 0–8.

Fill out the survey @ this QR code to select your cuisine, tell us what you'll bring, and reserve childcare if needed. Let the guessing begin!



For more information, please contact Claire Roberts @ clerkus@gmail.com or 956.270.2565.

HOLY WEEK 2026



SUN, MAR 29

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP – 10 AM

Please make sure you join us as we begin Holy Week together in worship. We will be blessed during this service with both our Adult Choir and our Children's Choir!

THURS, APR 2

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES – 5:30-7:30 PM

Maundy Thursday is the Church's commemoration of the Last Supper. This year, our Community Groups will gather in four homes across Greater Portland to share a meal and participate in a simple liturgy led by one of our pastors.

We hope that gathering around the table, in the intimacy of one another's homes, will invite our minds and bodies more deeply into the story and experience of the Last Supper.

Meals will be potluck-style, so please RSVP. If you are not currently part of a Community Group, please let us know so that we can connect you with a gathering. All are welcome!

Please RSVP to Pastor Alden Groves at agroves@ctrportland.org or 215-704-0132.

FRI, APR 3

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE – 6:30 PM

Join us on **Good Friday, April 3, at 6:30 PM** for a **Tenebrae Service**, a solemn and reflective time of Scripture, song, and silence as we remember Christ's journey to the cross.

Tenebrae, meaning "shadows" or "darkness," is an ancient service that invites us to sit in the weight of Good Friday. Through the gradual extinguishing of candles, we walk through the passion of Christ, experiencing the depth of His sacrifice for us.

Come and prepare your heart for Easter by entering into the story of Christ's love poured out. We invite you to join us in this sacred time of reflection and worship.

Childcare will be provided for crawlers – age 3.

HOLY WEEK 2026



SUN, APR 5

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE – 10 AM

Come and worship with us on **Easter Sunday at 10:00 AM** as we rejoice in the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through **Scripture, prayer, a musical selection by our Adult Choir and congregational singing**, we will proclaim the good news that **Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!** In his victory over sin and death, we find our hope, our salvation, and the promise of new life in him.

This is a day of great joy and reverence as we gather as Christ's body to lift our hearts in worship and gratitude. Come experience the power of Easter, the beauty of community, and the promise of new life in Christ.

All are welcome. Come and worship with us.



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.

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.



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.

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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 18 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

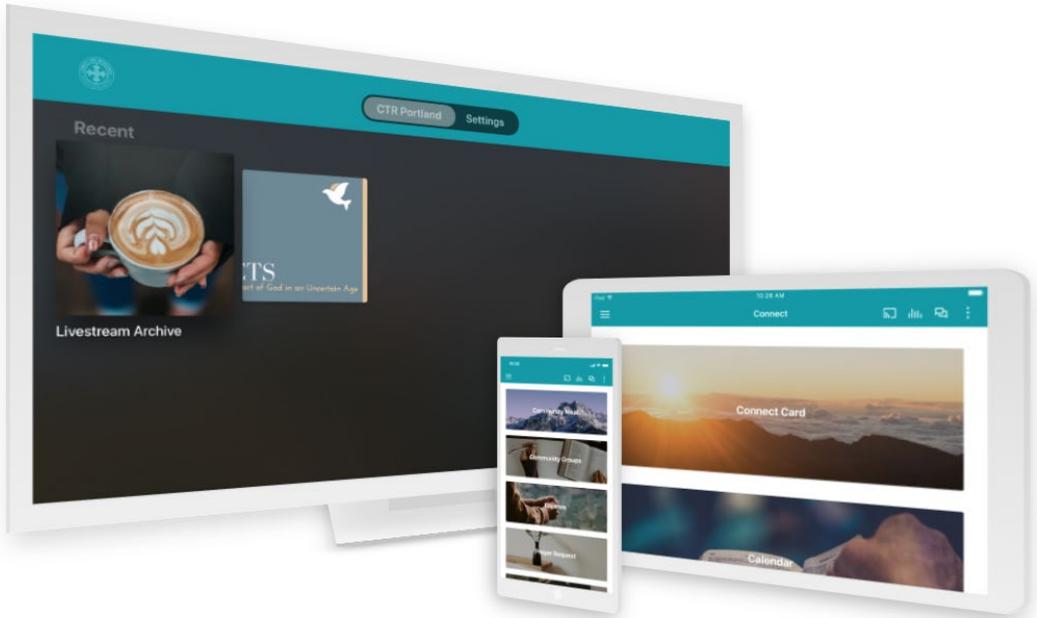
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

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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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. All inquiries will remain confidential, and you will receive a reply within twenty-four hours.

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