

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY January 30, 2022

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 now back in session. After the blessing, children age 5 and up 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

GOD SUMMONS

[PRAISE]

CALL TO WORSHIP

- [L] Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- [P] Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
- [L] Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;
- [P] we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- [L] Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
- [All] For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Thomas Obediah Chisholm and William Marion Runyan

Great is thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Chorus

Great is thy faithfulness; Great is thy faithfulness Morning by morning new mercies I see All I have needed thy hand hath provided Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

[Chorus]

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

[Chorus]

GOD SANCTIFIES

[RENEWAL]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. we are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- [L] The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.
- [P] Thanks be to God.

ALL YE REFUGEES

Chelsey Scott, Kellie Haddock, Flo Paris

I am the One, the earth is my handmade work The skies I laid them wide, beauty unfurled Horizon to horizon, creation to creation, sings you home

Welcome home, gather round all ye refugees, come in.
Welcome home, gather round all ye refugees, come in.

Oh refugee, I did not cast you out
In death and broken ground,
salvation springs
My body and my blood,
the healing that you need
Come and receive

Welcome home, gather round all ye refugees, come in. Welcome home, gather round all ye refugees, come in. Watch and wait and see, what is yet to be Watch and wait and see, for the morning

Go out in joy
and join the great procession
The mountains and the heav'ns
all will rejoice
horizon to horizon,
creation to creation,
with one voice

Welcome home, gather round all ye refugees, come in. Welcome home, gather round all ye refugees, come in. LIFE OF THE PEOPLE [ANNOUNCEMENTS]

NEW TO CTR? Welcome! If you would like to connect, learn more about our church or subscribe to our weekly announcement email, please use this QR code.



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.

GOD SPEAKS

[WORD]

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

Maltbie Davenport Babcock

This is my Father's world
And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings
Music of the spheres
This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rust'ling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me ev'rywhere

This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget
And though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet
This is my Father's world
The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied
And earth and heaven be one

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 10:1-8; 25-45

Read by Amanda McKrell

Peter and Cornelius

¹At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ² a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. ³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." ⁴ And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. ⁵ And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea." ⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, ⁸ and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

²⁵ When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. ²⁶ But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." ²⁷ And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. ²⁸ And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me."

³⁰ And Cornelius said, "Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing ³¹ and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. ³² Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' ³³ So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

Gentiles Hear the Good News

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and

with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles

⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

[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.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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Series:

ACTS: THE GOSPEL GOES FORTH

Sermon:

TWO CONVERSIONS

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

- [L] Christian, what do you believe?
- [All] 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 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.

GOD STRENGTHENS

[TABLE]

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

<u>A Word about Communion</u>: Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who are members of his body, the Church, to participate.

DOXOLOGY

Thomas Ken and Louis Bourgeois

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise him all creatures here below Praise him above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen.

WORDS OF INVITATION & INSTITUTION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

- [L] Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
- [P] Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.
- [L] Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.
- [P] Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!
- [L] The gifts of God for the people of God.

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN

William Cowper and Lowell Mason

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

Dear dying Lamb thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die

When this poor lisping stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing thy pow'r to save
I'll sing thy pow'r to save
I'll sing thy pow'r to save
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing thy pow'r to save

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.

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.



THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Collin Baxter, Craig Swift, Ryan Van Kirk, Samuel John Stone, and Samuel Sebastian Wesley

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is his new creation
By water and the Word
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride
With His own blood he bought her
And for her life he died

Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord one faith one birth
One holy name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy
Lord give us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly
On high may dwell with thee

BENEDICTION & SENDING

[L] The words of Jesus:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

[All] Thanks be to God.

LIVESTREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY @ 10 AM

If you are in a vulnerable population or are not comfortable yet joining the in-person service, please continue to watch on Facebook each Sunday!

***to worship via LIVESTREAM

Step 1- Download the Order of Worship

Step 2- Go to our Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/ctrportland OR Go to our Livestream Page: https://www.ctrportland.org/Livestream

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ommunity groups are one of the primary places that we get to know one another, care for another, and help one another grow in the gospel. These groups meet regularly in homes throughout Greater Portland for fellowship, study, and prayer. Groups also often participate in fun social events and local service projects.

These groups are always ready to welcome new folks, so if you are interested in checking out a group, please use the sign-up sheet available or contact Pastor Josh Henderson [info on back of OOW].

There are currently groups in the following communities:

PORTLAND (2 groups) SOUTH PORTLAND FREEPORT/DURHAM NEW GLOUCESTER SCARBOROUGH BIDDEFORD LAKES REGION

ON THE CALENDAR:

SATURDAY, FEB 5 CHILDREN'S WINTER SERVICE PROJECT – 4 PM

"Caring with Cards"

Kids, we will be meeting at the Henderson's and crafting cards for the people who serve the asylum seekers and people who are currently living in the hotels in South Portland. Plan to join us as we make these cards and bless those who serve others.

Address: 903 Ocean Ave., Portland

For more information, please contact Ally Henderson or Abby Reid.

SUNDAY, FEB 13 DEACONS FUND OFFERING

Our Deacons Fund is our benevolence fund in the church. This fund is used to assist those in our community who are faced with immediate practical needs. It is another way we can show the love of Christ to those among us who are in need.

To contribute to this fund, you may give cash or a check anytime between now and FEB 13 or you may use the GIVE QR code on Page 14 and select Deacons Fund in the drop-down box.

SUNDAY, FEB 20

 3^{RD} **SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH -** (After the Worship Service) Join us in Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service as we share a meal together.

Theme for February: *No Cooking! So get to dicing, chopping, and mixing to create this theme. From salad to sushi to bean salads to sandwiches, there are hundreds of ways to make a dish without turning on the stove or oven.*

Everyone is welcome!

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES GREG AND BONNIE HARRISON

in the UKRAINE

Would you please pray for the Harrison Family in the coming days and weeks? Ukraine is much in the news these days. They hope to seek safety during this threat of war by temporarily leaving the country soon, with everyone in the household (9 people + pets). The plan is imminent but there are many details still to work out to ensure their safe border crossing and, as best they can, the protection of the house and farm. Please pray for the remaining passport issue to be worked out, timing for the crossing and safety on the long journey.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYERS FOR THIS FAMILY!



NEW for 2022

We are excited to tell you that we are moving from our current giving platform, BREEZE, to <u>Subsplash Giving!</u> Your BREEZE account will remain active but your giving will be easier than ever and the fees for every transaction will now cost less!

If you currently have a recurring gift to CTR through BREEZE, you may go into your account and cancel that gift and then go to Subsplash Giving and begin your new recurring gift through that platform. Once your gifts are processed through Subsplash, the gift will be still be recorded in your BREEZE account so that you are always able to track your giving to CTR.

What you need to do:

- Turn off your recurring giving in BREEZE
- Sign up for Subsplash Giving and set up a recurring gift: https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/WMNPXT#/
- If you do not have recurring gifts, just use this link for future giving: https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/WMNPXT#/

We are so thankful for you and your continued participation in and support of the gospel ministry of CTR.

Please feel free to contact Cheryl Sullivan with questions or help with this. E-mail: ctr@ctrportland.org or Ph. 207-205-1437.

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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CTR PRAYER CHAIN:

If you have a prayer request or would like to join the prayer chain at CTR, please send an email to prayer@ctrportland.org. The coordinators, Carol Fecteau or Megan Tipton, will be happy to help.



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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