

CHRIST
THE REDEEMER
-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
May 31, 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]

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

[L] Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

[P] **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

[L] Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

[All] **let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Psalm 95:1-2 ESV

S O N G

P R A I S E T O T H E L O R D

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] **Gracious God, you call us to draw near but we keep our distance. We are afraid of your direction and discipline, so we avoid honesty and confession. Father, help us trust in your goodness and your grace, believing that your correction brings life and joy. May we live in the light of your love so that others might see and draw near to you.**

T I M E O F S I L E N T R E F L E C T I O N A N D C O N F E S S I O N

W O R D S O F C O M F O R T A N D A S S U R A N C E O F P A R D O N

[L] Here is good news from the prophet Zephaniah.

The Lord your God is mighty to save. He takes great delight in you and comforts you with his love. God himself rejoices over you with singing.

In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

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

SONG

YOU ARE MY KING [AMAZING LOVE]

LIFE OF THE PEOPLE
[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

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COMMISSIONING FOR SUMMER MINISTRY

Sarah Cohen

Camp Deer Run

Alton, NH

Prayer for Sarah led by Jane Powers-Odenbach

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

O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

G O D S P E A K S

[W O R D]

S C R I P T U R E

Ephesians 5:15-20; Psalm 118 (selected verses)

Read by Fran Rodenburg

Ephesians 5:15-20 ESV

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 118 (selected verses) ESV

¹Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

⁵Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.

⁶The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

¹³I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the Lord helped me.

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

¹⁸ The Lord has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we pray, O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

[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:
FORMED FOR MISSION

Sermon:
TUNE MY HEART TO SING THY GRACE

Rev. Alden D. Groves
Associate Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

[L] Christian, what is it that we believe?

[P] **We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SONG

SANCTUS

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

[T A B L E]

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

HE HAS DONE GREAT THINGS

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.



SONG

COME THOU FOUNT

BENEDICTION and SENDING

[L] God is with you. He rejoices over you as your beloved, and he sings over you with a loud declaration of his love. Go forth now, filled with his Spirit, that your life may be a song of praise to his glory.

from Zeph. 3:17 & Eph. 5:18

[P] **Amen.**

HIGHLIGHTS

May 31, 2026

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1 ON THE CALENDAR

+ CTRKids CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

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

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

FMI, please contact Abby Reid @ areid@ctrportland.org or 404.723.4448.

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



ON THE CALENDAR

BOOKS & BUBBLY

WEDNESDAY, June 10 – 7:00 PM | 64 Brook Road, Portland

Join the women of CTR for Books & Bubbly on Wednesday, June 10 @ 7 PM for an evening of fellowship, refreshments, and book discussion.

We'll gather at 64 Brook Road, Portland as we enjoy time together and discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon, a richly layered historical novel inspired by the life of 18th-century midwife Martha Ballard. Set in the harsh winter of 1789 Maine, the story weaves together mystery, courage, and the quiet strength of a woman determined to seek truth and justice in her community.

Whether you've finished the book or are still making your way through it, come for a relaxed and welcoming evening with other women.

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

CTR NEIGHBORHOOD COOKOUT

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 – NOON | 61 Neal Street, Portland

Join us for a fun afternoon of food, connection, and community as we welcome our West End neighbors to share a meal together! We'll enjoy a cookout, time to connect, and a bounce house for the kids.

Hot dogs, burgers, chips, drinks, and cookies will be provided.

We invite the congregation to **bring a side dish or dessert** to share. Please bring all food items in a cooler, as there will be **no** refrigerator space available during the service or event.

Feel free to **bring lawn chairs** if you'd like to sit out on the lawn near the bounce house, though table seating will also be available for the meal.

We hope you'll join us for this wonderful opportunity to extend hospitality and enjoy fellowship together!

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ON THE CALENDAR

CTR @ THE PORTLAND SEA DOGS

FRIDAY, JULY 17 – | Hadlock Field, 271 Park Ave., Portland

Join CTR at the Portland Sea Dogs game on July 17th! They will be playing the Somerset Patriots and plan to stick around after the game for a fabulous fireworks show! Buy your discounted tickets through the QR code before the deadline of July 3!



Gates open at 4:30 pm - gametime is 6:20 pm.

FCA POWER CAMP

MON-THURS, JULY 20-23 – 9:00 AM-12:30 PM | Presumpscot Park, Portland

We are excited to partner again this summer with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to host an unforgettable camp experience for kids in our city!

FCA Camp 2026 runs **July 20–23, 9 am–12:30 pm**, at **Presumpscot Park** (next to Deering High School in Portland) for **kids ages 5–13**. It will be four fun-filled days of sports and spiritual growth!

We're looking for people willing to serve in any of the following roles:

Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Teachers, Huddle Leaders, General Volunteers, Registration Volunteers, Greeters, Junior Camp Volunteers (younger helpers), Games Team, Post-Camp Dinner Team (help with the volunteer appreciation dinner on July 24), Provide Baked Goods or Coffee for Parents at Check-in



SIGN UP HERE TO
VOLUNTEER

You don't need to be an athlete- just someone who cares about kids and wants to make a difference for the Kingdom. Whether you can serve all four days or just one, your help matters!

Parents, Sign up your kids for Power Camp!

Do your kids love sports? Do you want them to grow in confidence, character, and faith this summer? Send them to FCA Power Camp!

Campers will receive great coaching in one of the following sports: Basketball, Football, Softball, Baseball, Soccer



SIGN UP YOUR
KIDS HERE



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.



TO
PLEDGE
ONLINE

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.

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 16 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

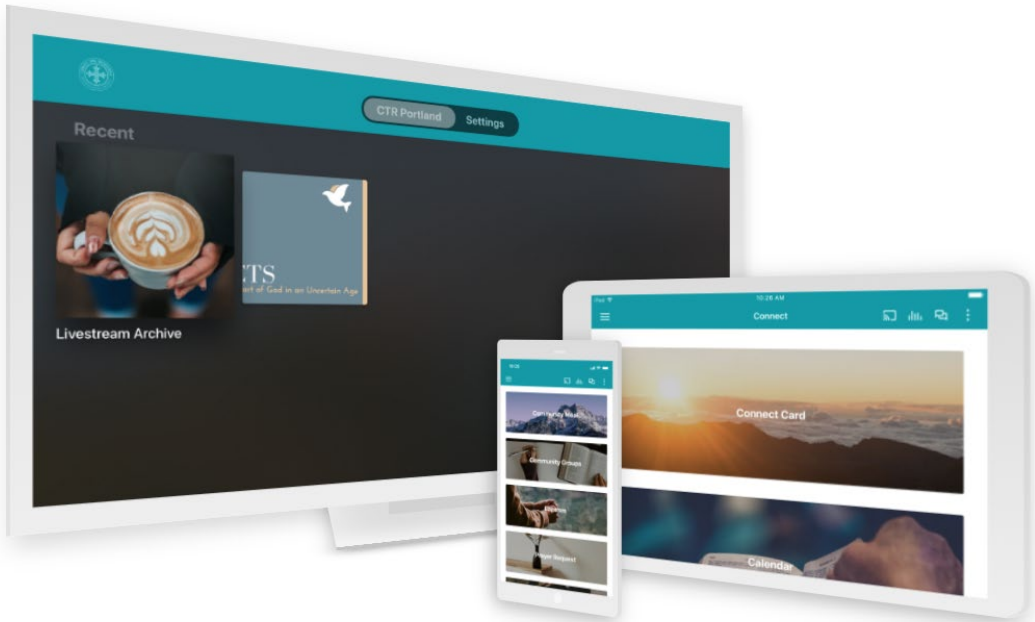
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

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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