



CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 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](#)

GOD SUMMONS

[P R A I S E]

CALL TO WORSHIP

[L] Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

[P] **Hosanna in the highest!**

based on Psalm 118:26

SONG

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

GOD SANCTIFIES

[R E N E W A L]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] **O Lord, we confess our hands are not clean, our hearts are not pure. Forgive our capricious discipleship and keep our faith constant, O Lord. Lead us always to a deeper experience of your love. Enliven us by the familiar but always new story of shame and triumph, suffering and hope, that this week reveals. Mold us to the ways of the Servant whose life we honor this morning. In the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

SONG

HAVE MERCY

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:

Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

[All] **In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.**

SONG

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

LIFT HIGH THE NAME OF JESUS

LIFE OF THE PEOPLE
[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

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COMMISSIONING of
Rick Hollen
Portland Sea Dogs Chaplain for the 2024 season

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.**

SONG

WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME

G O D S P E A K S

[W O R D]

S C R I P T U R E

Luke 22:11-23 ESV

Read by Paula Ward

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.

The Passover with the Disciples

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” ⁹They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” ¹⁰He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

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.”²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”²¹ But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table.²² For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!”²³ And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

[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.**

PALM SUNDAY

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Sermon Series:
MEALS WITH JESUS

Sermon:
THE TABLE OF OUR LORD

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts
Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A # 43

[L] What further advantage do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

[P] **Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.**

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

S A N C T U S

W O R D S O F I N V I T A T I O N & I N S T I T U T I O N

P A R T A K I N G O F T H E E L E M E N T S

SONG

J E S U S K E E P M E N E A R T H E C R O S S

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

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

BENEDICTION and SENDING

[L] May the God who sent his Son so that we could be adopted as God's own children, send his Spirit into your hearts--especially in this week of remembrance and renewal--and equip you to live as God's own children, dearly loved and called to serve a needy world.

based on Galatians 4:4-6

[All] **Amen!**

HIGHLIGHTS

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ON THE CALENDAR:

MON, MAR 25

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, MAR 29

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.

FRI, MAR 29

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE – 6:30 PM

Join us for this very special service in Holy Week. Tenebrae is a service that focuses on the cross and the death of Jesus. You will be invited into the story through scripture readings, times of meditation, and sacred music to truly feel the sadness and sorrow of Christ's death, so that together we may rejoice in his resurrection all the more on Easter Sunday.

This year our brothers and sisters from Missio Dei and Rise Church will be joining us for this special service.

(There will be childcare provided for kids through age 4 but children must be pre-registered. Please contact **Abby Reid** to let her know that your child will be in need of this service.)

NOTE: If you can park along Yale Street to allow for those who need to park closer to the church to use the parking lots, we would greatly appreciate it. There will be parking attendants to aid you in finding parking. Please ask for help if you need it. Thank you so much!

ON THE CALENDAR:

SUN, MAR 31

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE – 10 AM

We welcome you to join us in our celebration of the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday morning!

SUN, APR 7

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASS #1 – 9 AM

Please see all the details and the QR code to sign up on pages 11-12. Classes will be held each Sunday in April and May at 9 am.

WED, APR 10

BOOKS & BUBBLY – 7 PM @ 64 Brook Rd., Portland

Our book for next month is: “With Love from London: A Novel” by Sarah Jio. For more info, please contact Claire Roberts [clerkus@gmail.com].

SUN, MAY 12

MEMBERS MEETING TO VOTE ON CHURCH OFFICERS – 11:40 am

All members are urged to stay for a brief meeting to vote on the candidates being recommended by the Session of CTR to serve as Ruling Elders and Deacons. Please watch for a communication from the Session the first week of April with the names of the candidates.

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).



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 6th-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



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
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SET-UP EJ Kruse
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SPECIAL EVENTS.....Claire Roberts
Phone: 956.270.2565
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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 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

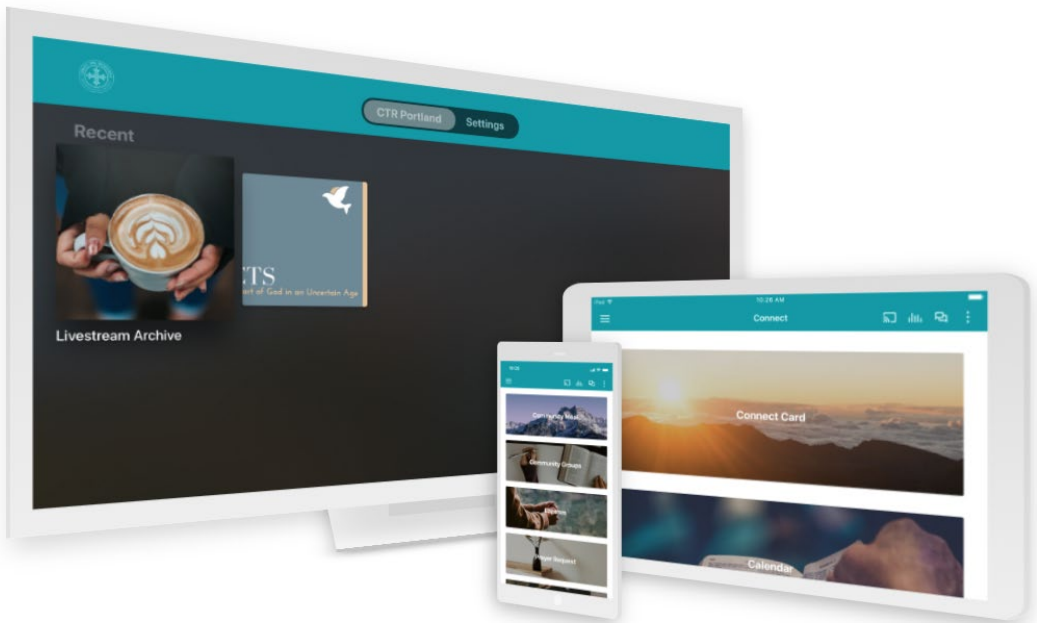
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

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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