



CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 21, 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](#)

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] We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

[P] **We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Psalm 9:1-2

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

Verse 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

Verse 2

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

Verse 3

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

Verse 4

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

Verse 5

Hear Him ye deaf His praise ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind behold your Savior come
And leap ye lame for joy

Verse 6

Glory to God and praise and love
Be ever ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above
The Church in earth and heav'n

GOD SANCTIFIES

[RENEWAL]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] **Father, thank you that we have been declared righteous through faith in Christ. Because of the completed work of Jesus, we have peace with you and access to your amazing grace. Yet, in spite of this, we take our eyes off of you. At times, we are prone to despair. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to remember that Jesus is our strength. Help us to mature and rejoice in him even in our trials and tribulations. Give us grace that will produce a patient and godly character that is honoring to you. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] The Lord has hidden his face from our sin. He has blotted out all of our iniquity. In Christ and his cross, he has created within us a clean heart and renewed a right spirit within us, so that we are not cast away from his presence. We are endowed with his Holy Spirit, restored to the joy of God's salvation and given a willing spirit to do all that he asks and desires of us. For in Christ Jesus, the perfect suffered for the imperfect, the sinless became sin for the sinner; we are forgiven and freed to live in a right relationship with God. Brothers and sisters, you are forgiven, indeed! Amen.

Inspired by Psalm 51:9-12

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

LIVING HOPE

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness
your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope!

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me his own
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope!

Chorus

Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope!

Verse 3

Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, yours is the victory!

Chorus

Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope!

Jesus Christ, my living hope!
Oh God, you are my living hope!

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.**

SHOW US CHRIST

Verse 1

Prepare our hearts, O God
Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant your Word down deep in us
'Cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in your truth

Chorus

Show us Christ.
Show us Christ.
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Verse 2

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones
Freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today

Chorus

Show us Christ.
Show us Christ.
O God reveal your glory
Through the preaching of your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Where else can we go, Lord?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

Where else can we go, Lord?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

Chorus

Show us Christ.
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G O D S P E A K S

[W O R D]

S C R I P T U R E

Luke 5:27-39 ESV

Read by Neil Schenk

Jesus Calls Levi

²⁷ After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” ²⁸ And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.

²⁹ And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. ³⁰ And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” ³¹ And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

A Question About Fasting

³³ And they said to him, “The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink.” ³⁴ And Jesus said to them, “Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? ³⁵ The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.” ³⁶ He also told them a parable: “No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. ³⁷ And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. ³⁸ But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. ³⁹ And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, ‘The old is good.’”

[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.**

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Sermon Series:
MEALS WITH JESUS

Sermon:
THE TABLE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts
Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q #'s 1 & 2

[L] What is the chief end of man?

[All] **Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.**

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

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

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Elder Tim Yagel

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.

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 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!*

S A N C T U S

Holy! Holy! Holy, Lord!
God of pow'r and might!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INVITATION & INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

GRACE

Verse 1

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Verse 2

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of your salvation

Chorus

By grace, I am redeemed
By grace, I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ, my Lord

Verse 3

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

Chorus

By grace, I am redeemed
By grace, I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ, my Lord

Verse 4

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Savior

Chorus

By grace, I am redeemed
By grace, I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ, my Lord

Chorus

By grace, I am redeemed
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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.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Verse 1

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!

Verse 2

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

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!

Verse 3

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

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, Great is thy
faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

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

[L] Go in peace, in the knowledge of God's power.
 Go in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength.
 Go in joy, in the knowledge of God's love.

[All] **Amen!**

HIGHLIGHTS

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CTR KIDS LENDING LIBRARY

We are so excited about our CTR Kids Lending Library! Before and after church, please visit the library cart near our nursery and choose a Gospel-centered book to take home with you for the week! There are books available for all age groups, and some parenting resources as well!

ON THE CALENDAR:

MON, JAN 22

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, JAN 26

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.

SUN, FEB 11

DEACONS FUND OFFERING SUNDAY – We set aside one Sunday a quarter to focus some of our giving specifically to the Deacons Fund. This fund exists to support members of our congregation or community who have temporary financial needs such as rent, groceries, medical bills, counseling, and other challenges.

If you wish to give to this fund, you may make a note on the memo line of your check or give online using the QR code on page 11.

ON THE CALENDAR:

WED, FEB 28

BOOKS & BUBBLY – 7 PM @ 64 Brook Rd., Portland
For more info, please contact Claire Roberts [clerkus@gmail.com].

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).



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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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 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

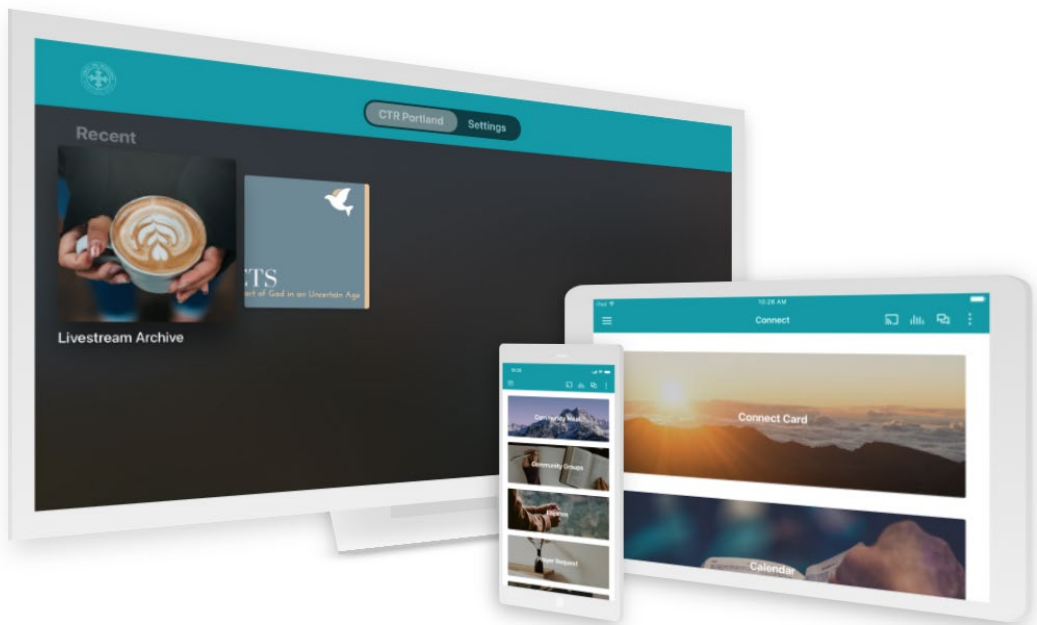
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

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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