

CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 ]

### CALL TO WORSHIP

[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.**

from Psalm 9:1-2

### SONG

JESUS SHALL REIGN

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

[ R E N E W A L ]

### CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] **O Father, we are gathered before you, the maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But please, Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.**

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

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

SONG

AMAZING GRACE [MY CHAINS ARE GONE]

LIFE OF THE PEOPLE  
[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

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COMMISSIONING of

SESSION ADVISORS

*Amanda McKrell, Sue Miller, Jane Powers-Odenbach*

Commissioning Prayer: Elder Nate Pillsbury

DEACON ASSISTANTS

*Joel Cohen, Crystal Kepler, Peter Kouba, Tammy Locke, Carly Schenk, Laura Wiersma*

Commissioning Prayer: Elder Tim Yagel

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.**

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SONG

COME THOU FOUNT

# G O D S P E A K S

[ W O R D ]

## S C R I P T U R E

Colossians 1:1-14 ESV

Read by Tammy Locke

### *Greeting*

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

### *Thanksgiving and Prayer*

<sup>3</sup> We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup> which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, <sup>7</sup> just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf <sup>8</sup> and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

[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 OF EASTER

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Sermon Series:

CHRIST, OUR LIFE

[The Letter to the Colossians]

Sermon:

ENCOURAGEMENT AND CALLING

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.**



# 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

DOXOLOGY [Old 100<sup>th</sup>]

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

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

**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

CORNERSTONE

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

April 21, 2024

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## ON THE CALENDAR:

SUN, APR 21

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASS #1** – 9 AM

Classes will be held each Sunday in April and May

MON, APR 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, APR 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.

WED, APR 24

**MEN'S DROP-IN EVENT** – 4:45 PM – 6:15 PM

@ Belleflower Brewing, 66 Cove Street, Portland

All men are invited and you are welcome to bring a friend, neighbor, or workmate.

SUN, MAY 5

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO VOTE ON CHURCH OFFICERS**

– 11:40 am

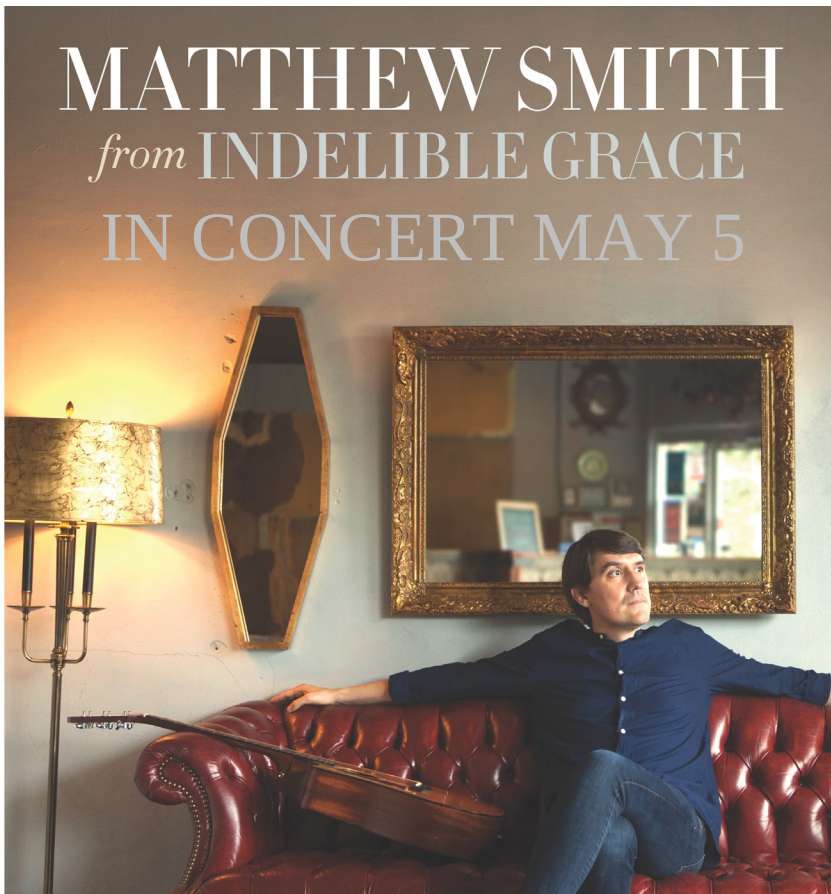
All members are urged to stay for a meeting to vote on the candidates being recommended by the Session of CTR to serve as Ruling Elders and Deacons. There will also be a financial update as we look forward to the end of our fiscal year on June 30.

Recommended to serve:

Ruling Elders: *Quincy Freeman, Matt Reid*

Deacons: *Dan McKrell, David Odenbach*

## ON THE CALENDAR:



Plan to join us at CTR for this very special day. Not only will Matthew Smith be in concert at **6 pm** but at 3 pm everyone is invited to a worship seminar presented by Mr. Smith. This seminar is for everyone - it is not geared to just musicians or those who lead worship but to the entire congregation - as we ALL participate in worship.

3 PM - Worship Seminar (includes a Q&A)

4 PM - A shared meal and activities for the kids  
(Yes, the Bounce House will be here!)

6 PM - Matthew Smith in Concert

It all takes place @  
CHRIST THE REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Invite others to join you! There is no cost for any of these events.*

## ON THE CALENDAR:

SUN, MAY 19

**ORDINATION OF NEWLY ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS** –  
10 AM Worship Service

WED, MAY 29

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

JUL 15-17

### **FCA POWER CAMP GREATER PORTLAND**

We are excited to partner with the Southern Maine Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to bring a fun sports camp and the gospel to kids in Greater Portland!

Details:

Presumpscot Park, Portland

Sports Offered: Football, Soccer & Basketball

This camp is for ages 5-13.

**REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN BY USING THIS QR CODE!**



# 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 7<sup>th</sup>-May 25<sup>th</sup> (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 (2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 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



## 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](mailto:griswoldam1@gmail.com) or 716-479-0093)  
Matt Reid ([mattreid522@gmail.com](mailto: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 MINISTRIES .....Abby Reid  
Phone: 404.723.4448  
E-mail: areid@ctrportland.org

GREETER MINISTRY ..... Abby Reid  
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MEALS MINISTRY ..... Tammy Locke  
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MISSIONS COORDINATOR.....Kathi Favre  
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MUSIC..... Kendra Hollen  
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SET-UP ..... EJ Kruse  
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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

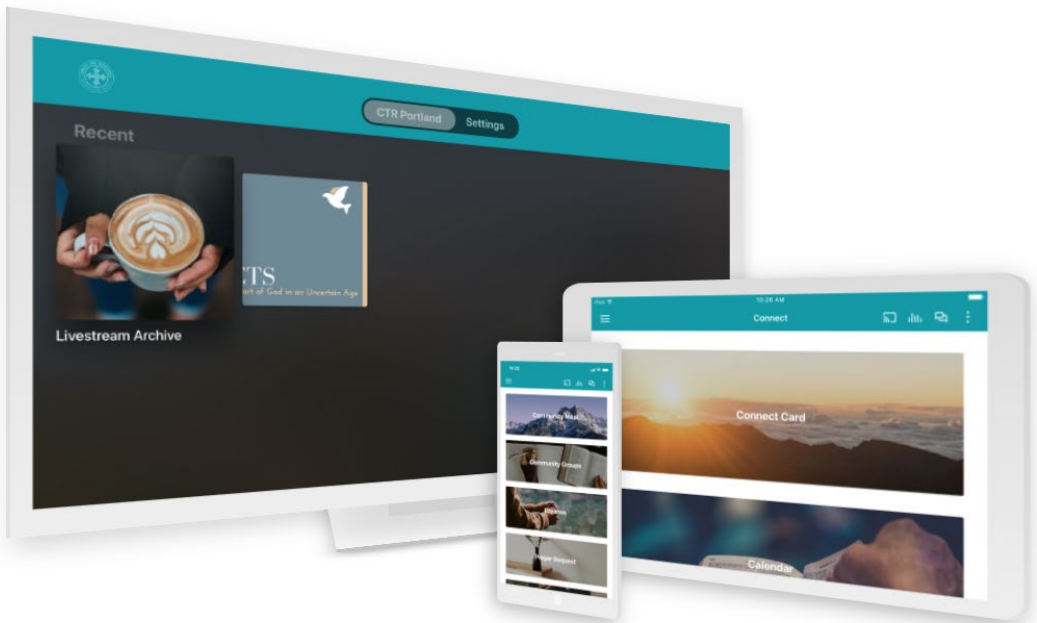
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

**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](mailto: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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