



CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 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 ]

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

[L] Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;  
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

[P] **We will praise God with all our heart  
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

### S O N G

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

## 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

[All] **God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

### 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

### S O N G

HAVE MERCY

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes."

Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

-based on Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20

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

SONG

MAN OF SORROWS! WHAT A NAME!

LIFE OF THE PEOPLE  
[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

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STORY OF GRACE AND REDEMPTION

Matthew Reid

*Nominated to Serve as an Elder*

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

BE THOU MY VISION

# G O D S P E A K S

[ W O R D ]

## S C R I P T U R E

Luke 19:1-10 ESV

Read by Douglas Peaslee

### *Jesus and Zacchaeus*

<sup>1</sup>He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup>So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup>And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” <sup>8</sup>And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” <sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

[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 JOY

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts  
*Senior Pastor*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #39

[L] Is it significant that he was “crucified” instead of dying some other way?

[P] **Yes. This death convinces me that he shouldered the curse which lay on me, since death by crucifixion was accursed by God.**

**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>]

WORDS OF INVITATION & INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

SONG

BEHOLD THE LAMB



## G O D S E N D S

[MISSION]

R E S P O N S E S O F J O Y

O F F E R I N G O U R L I V E S A N D  
R E S O U R C E S

[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

C O M E T H O U F O U N T

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

[L] May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

[All] **Amen!**

# HIGHLIGHTS

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## ON THE CALENDAR:

MON, MAR 11

### **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 15

### **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.)

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](mailto: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:

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# 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 6<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



# 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 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.*



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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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