



CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
October 2, 2022

## 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 and up 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] O God, call us together as you did those so long ago to discover your blessed people.

[P] **Today, in this place, Christ gather us.**

[L] Let us remember, confess, celebrate, and embody the blessed saints of God.

[P] **Christ, come among us. Alleluia!**

by Sidney D. Fowler

### S O N G

I S I N G T H E M I G H T Y P O W E R O F G O 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

[All] **Heavenly Father,**

**Each day, I need to ask for your mercy. Judgment comes easily for me. Resentment sticks to me like an old habit. But compassion and forgiveness are slow to occur to me--when they occur at all. Sometimes I forget you said, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," and "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." Teach me your whole truth. I so desperately need your mercy, Lord! And remake me as an angel of mercy—an uncalculating, open-handed distributor of your extravagant grace. May mercy become my first impulse, and for their sake, not mine. And thank you for the mercies upon mercies you show me every day.**

**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

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.  
The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Psalm 145:13-14

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

SONG

HIS MERCY IS MORE

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.**

# G O D S P E A K S

[ W O R D ]

S O N G

TEACH US YOUR WAYS

S C R I P T U R E R E A D I N G

Matthew 5:1-12, 20

Read by Matthew Reid

The Sermon on the Mount

5 <sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

The Beatitudes

<sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons<sup>[a]</sup> of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

<sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

[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:

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

PART 1: THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Sermon:

A CHRISTIAN'S CHARACTER: THE BEATITUDES

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts  
Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #1

[L] What is your only comfort in life and in death?

[P] **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Roger Kepler

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 ]

## 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, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who are members of his body, the Church, to participate.*

S O N G :    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

## G R E A T   P R A Y E R   O F   T H A N K S G I V I N G

## M E M O R I A L   A C C L A M A T I O N

[L]        Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

[P]        **Christ has died.**  
**Christ has risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

[L]        Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.

[P]        **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

[L]        The gifts of God for the people of God.

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



## 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.

## COMMUNION SONG

## COME THOU FOUNT (ABOVE ALL ELSE)

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.



S O N G

O F O R A T H O U S A N D T O N G U E S T O S I N G

B E N E D I C T I O N A N D S E N D I N G

[L] As you have been fed at this table, go to feed the hungry.  
As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.  
As you have received, give.  
As you have heard, proclaim.  
And the blessing that you have received from Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be  
always with you.

[P] **Amen!**

# HIGHLIGHTS...

October 2, 2022

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## COMMUNITY GROUPS:

Community groups are one of the primary places that we get to know one another, care for another, and help one another grow in the gospel. Most of our groups have paused for the summer, but if you are interested in joining a group in the fall, please contact Pastor Josh Henderson [info on back of OOW].

There are currently groups in the following communities:

PORTLAND (2 groups)  
SOUTH PORTLAND  
FREEPORT/DURHAM  
NEW GLOUCESTER

SCARBOROUGH  
BIDDEFORD  
LAKES REGION



## CTR KIDS LENDING LIBRARY

We are so excited about our CTR Kids Lending Library! Before and after church, please visit the library cart in the back of the sanctuary 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:

- TODAY**                    **COMMUNICANTS' CLASS – 9 AM**
- FRI, OCT 7**                **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. It has been a joy to fellowship with parents from CTR and also meet other parents from the greater Portland area! Please contact Abby Reid if you have any questions.
- TUES, OCT 11**            **INQUIRERS' CLASS #1 – 6:30 PM**  
Interested in learning more about CTR or possibly becoming a member? Consider coming to our Inquirers' Class. This is a great opportunity to casually interact, ask questions, get to know our leaders, and learn more about our beliefs and passions. There is no pressure to join or even attend CTR if you come to the class. However, if you would like to become a member, the Inquirers' Class is a prerequisite. Let us know if you would like to attend!  
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- SUN, OCT 16**            **INQUIRERS' CLASS #2 – after the Worship Service**  
In Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided.
- THURS, OCT 27**        **WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP – 6:30 PM**  
@ the home of Gloria Peters, 26 Mitchell Hill Road, Scarborough  
Connie Woodward is hosting a women's prayer group with a focus of coming together to pray for loved ones who have departed the faith or have yet to come to faith. Join this group to pray as a community and help each other wait on God's timing for answering prayer concerning our loved ones.
- SAT, OCT 29**            **ANNUAL CTR HARVEST PARTY – Save the date! Details to follow!**
- SUN, OCT 30**            **TWO LIGHTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – 9 AM**  
Announcing a new ministry for children in 3rd-5th grade! We are so excited to announce we will have a Sunday School class for this age group, and it will be known as "Two Lights". Join us Sunday mornings at **9am** for treats + fun while deepening your knowledge and faith in the Gospel! Parents, please look out for more scheduled class dates and reach out to Ally Henderson for more details.

## CTR PRAYER CHAIN:

If you have a prayer request or would like to join the prayer chain at CTR, please send an email to [prayer@ctrportland.org](mailto:prayer@ctrportland.org). The coordinators, Carol Fecteau or Megan Lafuta, will be happy to help.



MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
**DISASTER RESPONSE**

## Hurricane Ian Disaster Response

September 30, 2022

Dear PCA Family and Friends:

Ian became a high-end Category 4 hurricane early on September 28, 2022, as it progressed towards the west coast of FL. Ian remained at Category 4 strength as it made landfall in Southwest FL, tying as the 5th-strongest hurricane on record to make landfall in the contiguous US. After making landfall Ian rapidly weakened to a tropical storm before moving back out into Atlantic, where the storm has re-intensified to a hurricane. Ian is now expected to make a second US landfall in SC later today. Please pray for our PCA family in harm's way.

MNA Disaster Response deployed an assessment team this morning, September 30, to make contact with SW FL Pastors and Diaconates to determine how best we can provide help. Early reporting indicates that many PCA families and pastors are affected. Ian has caused tremendous damage mostly from flooding due to extreme storm surge and rainfall. Some church physical plants have extensive roof damage. In particular, the cities of Fort Myers and Naples were impacted strongly. It appears that the recovery efforts will be lengthy and arduous. In addition, MNA Disaster Response has deployed the Gulf Coast Presbytery First Responder Team which will reach SW Florida on Monday to begin stabilizing homes, undertaking tree removal, blue tarping, and conducting additional assessment. Please pray for these dear brothers in Christ.

MNA Disaster Response (MNADR) began preparing to respond for this event when landfall became imminent. Staff and volunteers began preparing equipment and supplies at both our Dallas Depot and our Rome GA Warehouse. Later today a first load of relief supplies and equipment will leave our Rome GA warehouse for SW FL. Pray for open roadways. Once the assessment teams complete their work we will know better where to establish short and long-term recovery sites.

**Your Help Is Requested.** Pray for your disaster response team, for Godly wisdom and unction. You can provide immediate help in the following ways:

**Pray** — Most of all, **pray!** Pray for those affected by this historic storm. Pray for us, your disaster response team, for Godly wisdom and unction. Pray for skilled volunteers who can mobilize safely in the days ahead. now. And pray for the financial resources that allow us to respond now as your ambassadors, pray for opportunities to assist our church family and to meet new people and demonstrate the Love of Christ.

**Give** — Perhaps the best way you can help is to give a financial gift to support this vital work. Financial gifts will be used to facilitate the movement of mission critical assets which is already underway. Please prayerfully consider giving generously. Resources are needed to establish and operate volunteer hosting sites. To provide financial grants administered through PCA Diaconates to families with needs; to help satisfy catastrophic insurance deductibles for PCA members and to repair PCA owned physical plants, to mobilize first-responder teams and long-term recovery teams. To provide bridge-funding for church staff, and to equip local congregations to reach out with the Love of Christ to their neighbors.

**Go** — As soon as possible we will begin mobilizing highly skilled and equipped teams. This will be arduous work for **healthy, experienced individuals only**. We will first concentrate on stabilizing homes, chainsaw work, tarping and roofing, debris removal, ripping out sheetrock and contaminated insulation and flooring (what we refer to as gutting and mucking). As soon as possible we will deploy Sheds of Hope, if needed. If you can organize and mobilize chainsaw, tarping, and debris cleanup teams, we need your help. Teams of 6-8 healthy/hardy volunteers work best. Teams should be equipped with their own tools. **Do not self-deploy!**

**ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER AS A MNA DR VOLUNTEER AND COMPLETE A BACKGROUND SCREENING. WHEN VOLUNTEER STAGING SITES ARE IN PLACE MNADR WILL BEGIN MOBILIZING. WE WILL CONTACT REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS TO SCHEDULE THEM FOR SERVICE.**

- To mail your gift, please mark your gift for Ian Relief and send to: Mission to North America - PO Box 890233 - Charlotte, NC 28289-0233
- Text a gift to Ian Relief: Text MNA 1944 to 76959 and follow the prompts
- To donate to this urgent need electronically, to register as a MNA Disaster Response Volunteer or to donate relief kits please navigate to: <https://pcamna.org> and look for Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief options.

May the Lord's grace and favor shine on our PCA family in Florida!

Serving you with my whole heart,  
*Arklie*

Arklie Hooten  
MNA Short-term Missions & Disaster Response Director  
Mission to North America / Presbyterian Church in America

# 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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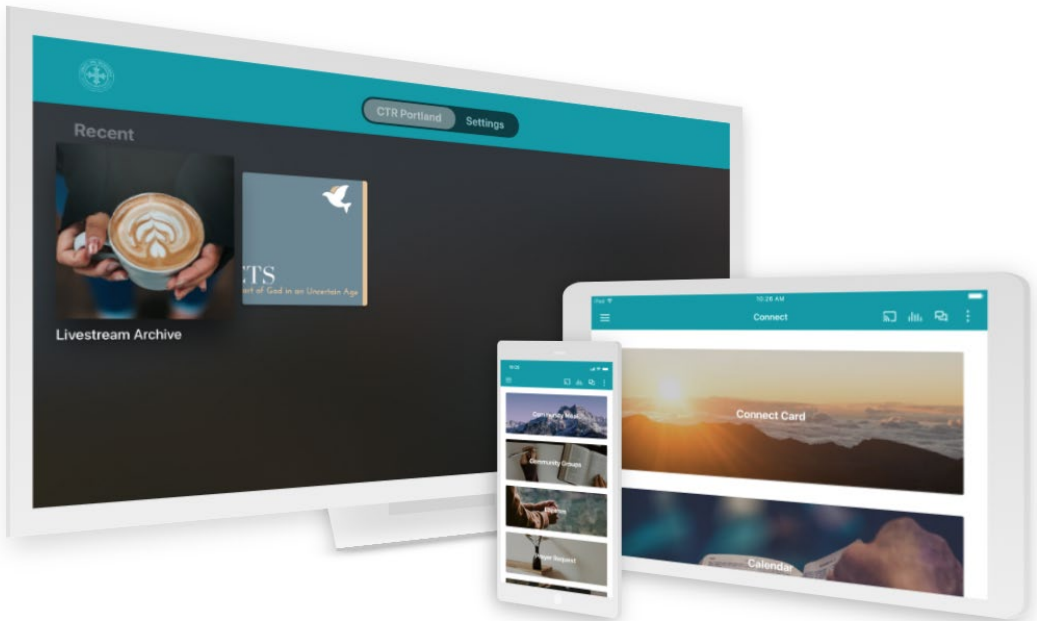
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Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
longs to be a diverse people who gather around  
and extend the table of God's grace.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM**

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