



CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 26, 2023

## 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] I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

[P] **We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

[L] We will be glad and exult in you;

[P] **We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

[All] **May all that we do bring honor and glory to your name.**

Adapted from Psalm 9:1-2

### S O N G

#### H O W G R E A T I S O U R 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

[L] For the times we have sought to control others or acted with impure intentions, forgive us.

[All] **Holy Spirit, fill us with your love.**

[L] For jealousy and comparison that taints our relationships with others, forgive us.

[All] **Holy Spirit, fill us with your joy.**

[L] For the times we seek our own way above the good of the other, forgive us.

[All] **Holy Spirit, fill us with your peace.**

[L] For our restless desire to have everything now, forgive us.

[All] **Holy Spirit, fill us with your patience.**

[L] For the ways we allow hatred to fill our minds and our mouths, forgive us.

[All] **Holy Spirit, fill us with your kindness.**

[L] For our unhealthy interest in the failings and fractures of others, forgive us.

[All] **Holy Spirit, fill us with your goodness.**

[L] For the worldly idols-success, comfort, money- that we prioritize over and above you, forgive us.

[All] **Holy Spirit, fill us with your faithfulness.**

[L] For the ways we have responded in anger to the ones you have called us to love, forgive us.

[All] **Holy Spirit, fill us with your gentleness.**

[L] For our selfish ambition and reckless consumption, forgive us.

[All] **Holy Spirit, fill us with your self-control.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] Hear this good news: "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit"

Galatians 5:24-25

[P] **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

SONG

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

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

**THE GOSPEL SONG**

S C R I P T U R E

Philippians 2:5-18 ESV

Read by Matt Reid

*Christ's Example of Humility*

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Lights in the World*

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

[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:  
GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION  
AND THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Sermon:  
THE WORK OF GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

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 Sue Miller

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 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 O N G : D O X O L O G Y [O L D 1 0 0 <sup>T H</sup>]

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

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

C O M M U N I O N S O N G

B E H O L D T H E L A M B

## 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

J E S U S S H A L L R E I G N

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

[L] May our great God, the source of all good things, shower you with his abundant blessings so that your hearts overflow with endless gratitude.

[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, NOV 27

### **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 and will be in the Book of Galatians. You may purchase the study guide, **“Galatians: At His Feet”** (Blanton/Gordon) on Amazon.

FRI, DEC 1

### **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, DEC 3

### **TWO LIGHTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** – 9 AM

For children in 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade! Join us every other Sunday morning for treats + fun while deepening your knowledge and faith in the Gospel! For more information, please contact Abby Reid ([areid@ctrportland.org](mailto:areid@ctrportland.org)).

## ON THE CALENDAR:

WED, DEC 6

**BOOKS & BUBBLY** – 7 PM @ 64 Brook Rd., Portland  
Ladies: Our book is *Once Upon a Wardrobe* [Patti Callahan].  
For more info, please contact Claire Roberts [clerkus@gmail.com].

SUN, DEC 10

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF CTR** – immediately following the Worship Service

This is an opportunity for members of the congregation to learn about the ministry from CTR leadership both looking back at the last year and looking forward to 2024. This meeting is packed with information so plan to stay!

SUN, DEC 10

**ANNUAL KEGS & CAROLS** – 3 – 6 PM (Earlier Time This Year!)  
@ Rising Tide Brewing Company, 103 Fox Street, Portland

This event is for everyone! Join us for this fun event at Rising Tide and invite friends or neighbors to join us. Drop in for just a few minutes or come and stay for the entire time.

There will be some appetizers provided but you are welcome to order from the menu (the kitchen closes at 5:30 pm). There will be activities for the kids, carol singing, and time to connect with both old and new CTR friends. Make this event one of your holiday must-dos!

TUES, DEC 19

**LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE** - 6:30 PM

Come and experience the story of Christmas through a series of readings and songs at this beloved service. Dating back to the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, this service traces the arc of salvation from the fall of man to the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Put this on your calendar and plan to attend!  
*Childcare will be provided through age 4.*

## 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.

Or 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 MINISTRIES .....Abby 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

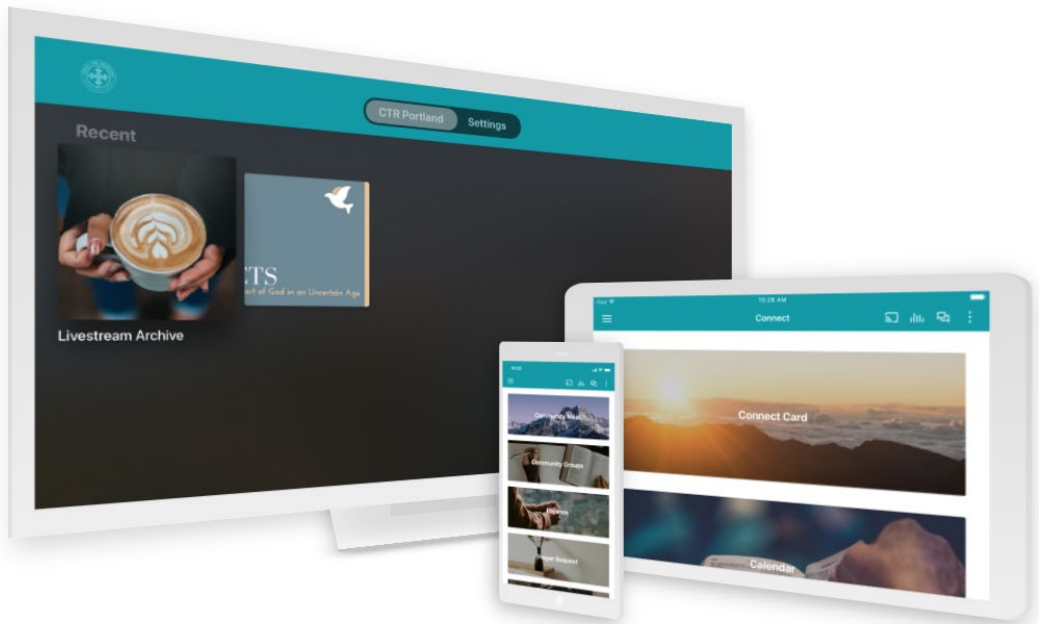
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

**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](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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