



CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 22, 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 – 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

OPENING SONG
GOD IS FOR US

G O D S U M M O N S
[P R A I S E]

CALL TO WORSHIP

[L] Come, let us worship.

[P] **Teach us your ways, O Lord,
that we may walk in your truth;
give us undivided hearts to revere your name.**

[L] We give thanks to you, O Lord our God,
and we will glorify your name forever.

[P] **For your love is great towards us;
...you are merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

[L] Let us worship, let us praise, let us give thanks!

Psalm 86

SONG
THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

GOD SANCTIFIES

[RENEWAL]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] **Dear Christ, hasten to me. Release me from my sins. Free my arms from the chains of evil, that I may embrace you. Lift the scales of ignorance from my eyes, that I may see you. Why do you delay? What are you waiting for? You are my God and my Lord, you are my refuge and my strength, you are my glory and my hope. In you, I put my trust. Dear Christ, hasten to me. Amen.**

Aelred of Rievaulx (c. 1110-1167)

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] Jesus knows our every weakness and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

SONG

AMAZING GRACE [MY CHAINS ARE GONE]

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

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

S C R I P T U R E

Mark 5:1-20 ESV

Read by Taylor Groves

Jesus Heals a Man with a Demon

¹They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. ²And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. ³He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, ⁴for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. ⁶And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. ⁷And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." ⁸For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" ⁹And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." ¹⁰And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. ¹¹Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, ¹²and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." ¹³So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

¹⁴The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ¹⁶And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. ¹⁷And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. ¹⁸As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." ²⁰And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

[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.**

S e r m o n :

S E T F R E E I N C H R I S T

Alden Groves

Assistant Pastor Elect [June 2024]

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q & A #'s 33-36

[L] What is justification?

[All] **Justification is the act of God's free grace by which he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight. He does so only because he counts the righteousness of Christ as ours. Justification is received by faith alone.**

[L] What is adoption?

[All] **Adoption is the act of God's free grace by which we become his sons with all the rights and privileges of being his.**

[L] What is sanctification?

[All] **Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which our whole person is made new in the image of God, and we are made more and more able to become dead to sin and alive to righteousness.**

[L] What benefits in this life go with or come from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

[All] **The benefits that in this life go with or come from justification, adoption, and sanctification are: the assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, and growing and persevering in grace to the end of our lives.**

RECOGNITION OF DEACON EMERITUS JOHN FECTEAU

Prayers led by Elders Rick Hollen and Nate Pillsbury

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 ^{t h}]

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

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
N O L O N G E R S L A V E S

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.



SONG

AND CAN IT BE

BENEDICTION and SENDING

[L] I bless you with the knowledge and assurance that you cannot earn God's love no matter how far you run from him in your search for freedom and pleasure; no matter how hard you try to earn his blessings by being good and moral.

Live your lives this week as God's redeemed people, live in joy and freedom.

[All] **Amen.**

HIGHLIGHTS

October 22, 2023

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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:

TODAY

APPRECIATION RECEPTION in Honor of John Fecteau

Plan to join us on Sunday, October 22 as we recognize the many years of service of our brother, John Fecteau, in the diaconate of CTR. John will be moving to Deacon Emeritus status as he and Carol are spending at least half of their year in their new home in Florida.

There will be a time of recognition and prayer in the Worship Service and then we invite you to join us for a reception immediately after the service so that you may express your appreciation to John and share in some refreshments.

MON, OCT 23

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.

WED, OCT 25

BOOKS & BUBBLY – 7 PM @ 64 Brook Rd., Portland

Ladies: Our book is ***Everything Sad Is Untrue [a true story]*** [Daniel Nayeri]. For more info, please contact Claire Roberts [clerkus@gmail.com].

ON THE CALENDAR:

FRI, OCT 27

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.

SAT, OCT 28

ANNUAL CTR HARVEST PARTY – 4:00 – 7:00 PM

@ The Roberts', 64 Brook Road, Portland

Our Harvest Party is one of the most anticipated events of the year. Hosted by the Roberts family, this is a great opportunity to celebrate fall in Maine. You will be able to sample some of the best chili in Portland as the Chili Cookoff is returning. We will have apple cider, a bounce house for the kids and some other activities to entertain the kids.

This is an event which is perfect to invite a neighbor or friend to join you. Put the date on your calendar and we will see you there!



Use this QR code to sign up for the CHILI COOKOFF!

SUN, OCT 29

INQUIRERS' CLASS #2 – after the Worship Service [Lunch is provided.]

SUN, NOV 5

TWO LIGHTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – 9 AM

For children in 2nd -5th 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).

ADVENT CHOIR

Are you interested in being part of a choir this Advent season?

Use this QR code and let us know by filling out a brief survey.

We plan to sing a choral piece at our Lessons and Carols Service on December 19th, as well as at our Sunday morning worship that falls on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsals will be held on the following Tuesday evenings:
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, and 12/05 in the sanctuary at 7 PM



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. 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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