



REFORMATION OPC
GRAND RAPIDS

Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe. Heb. 12:28

THE LORD'S DAY APRIL 21, 2019

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers.” (Acts 2:42)

Meeting in the Willow Room of the Prince Conference Center
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Welcome to Reformation Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Welcome to our visitors! We are glad you are with us for worship. Reformation OPC exists for the glory of God as a confessional, Presbyterian congregation. We minister to the Calvin College community, to southeast Grand Rapids, and to the ends of the earth with the assurance that God the Father communicates the benefits of redemption to his people through his Son by the ordinary means of grace, Word, sacrament, and prayer, in the power of the Holy Spirit. As a true church, we seek to grow into the image of Christ, the crucified and risen Son of God, while waiting patiently for his return to set all things right in the new heavens and new earth.

We encourage people of all ages to remain in the sanctuary and worship with us. It is our intention to provide a nursery for those ages three and under as soon as we are able. We also are firmly committed to celebrating the Lord's Supper weekly. These goals will be met in time as the Lord enables us.

If you need pastoral counsel or would like to join ROPC, please talk to Mr. Noe.

Calendar and Announcements

Morning study, prayer, and song: Each Lord's day at 10 am, Willow Room East of the Prince Conference Center.

Evening Worship: Each Lord's day at 4.30 pm, Willow Room East of the Prince Conference Center.

Pizza and Theology: Will meet this week at the Noe home (address below). Our study topic is: Christ Jesus in the Book of Daniel. This is the 5th of 7.

Fellowship Meal: First Sunday of each month. Next meal: **May 5**. 3033 Vassar St SE, Grand Rapids, MI. Maybe we will eat outside?

Prayer Requests

Praying for our congregation:

- pray for our congregation to grow in faith, grace, and unity
- pray for those who have ongoing struggles with doubt, discouragement, anxiety, and struggles in faith
- pray for our covenant children, that we would have the wisdom and honesty to raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord
- pray for our ministry to Calvin students on Sundays and Wednesdays, that we may boldly proclaim the Word of God to them and love them graciously
- pray for those in our congregation seeking work
- for the pastoral search committee, that they would have wisdom in seeking an organizing pastor for this work
- pray for Ryan Heckaman in seeking a job
- pray for Hillary Butler, daughter of Gary and Debby Mason, who is suffering from poor health in her pregnancy
- for Lynette Boodhoo (David and Tara's mother) as she recovers from parathyroid surgery

Our Presbytery: Community OPC, Kalamazoo, MI; Pastor Jonathan Cruse (Kerri Ann)

Our Denomination: Committee on Christian Education

Church Plants: Grace Fellowship OPC, Huron, OH; Rev. Larry Oldaker (Kalynn)

Foreign Missionaries: Rev. Ben Hopp (Heather), Port au Prince, Haiti

Community and Universal Church:

- NAPARC (North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council): Free Reformed Churches of North America
- OPC Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations: The Reformed Presbyterian Church North East India (RPCNEI) (corresponding relationship)
- Persecuted Church: Egypt

Worship

We Enter God's Presence through Christ's Sacrifice

Prelude: Prepare to enter the gracious presence of the Triune God in order to commune with him through his means of grace.

*Apostolic Greeting

*Call to Worship

*Prayer of Invocation

*Psalm of Approach *Amid the Thronging Worshipers* TPH22C

* The Law of God (adapted from Deuteronomy 8)

Take care lest you forget the Lord your God
by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes.

Lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied
then our hearts be lifted up, and we forget the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water,
who brought us water out of the flinty rock, who fed us in the wilderness with manna that our fathers did not know. That he might humble us and test us, to do us good in the end.

Beware lest you say in your heart,
'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.'

You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth,
that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to our fathers, as it is this day.

* Unison Prayer of Confession with the Lord's Prayer

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer us, for we are poor and needy.

Preserve us, O God, and deliver us, for we trust in you.

Be gracious to us, O Lord, for to you we cry all the day.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Give ear, O LORD, to our prayer; listen to our plea for grace.

For you are great and you have done wondrous things

in our Lord Jesus Christ,

overthrowing the powers of sin, death and the Devil

through the death and resurrection of your Son.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and be gracious to us,

forgiving all our sins for Christ's sake.

Teach us your way, O LORD, that we may walk in your truth.

Unite our hearts, by the grace of your Holy Spirit, to fear your name,

for we pray in the name of him who taught us to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, Amen. TPH572

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 13

Hymn of Response

O LORD, I will Extol You TPH30

New Testament Reading

Mark 12

Sermon Text: Acts 18.9-16

Sermon Title: My People

Outline

- I. A vision (vv. 9-10)
 - A. Do not be afraid
 - B. Speak
 - C. Do not be silent
 - D. My people
- II. Teaching the word of God (v. 11)
- III. A united attack (vv. 12-13)
 - A. Politics
 - B. False accusations
- IV. Gallio (vv. 14-16)
- V. Sosthenes and Gallio (v. 17)

Conclusion

We Respond with Our Prayers and Praises

Congregational Prayer

Response *Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.*
TPH 558

Offering

We Partake of the Covenant Meal

*Hymn of *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face* TPH202
Preparation

*Nicene Creed TPH852

Lord's Supper

Institution

Exhortation

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor prays It is indeed right and a good and joyful thing ...

Pastor *Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels
and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,
who forever proclaim the glory of your name, saying:*

People Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Distribution and reception of elements

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Our gracious heavenly Father,

we thank you for the blessing of this holy feast.

Although we are unworthy to share this meal with you,

it is by your invitation and dressed in Christ's righteousness
that we have come boldly into the holy of holies.

Instead of wrath, we have received your pardon;

in the place of fear, we have been given hope.

Our High Priest and Mediator of the new covenant

has reconciled us to you

and even now intercedes for us at your right hand.

Please strengthen us by these gifts,

so that, relying only on your promise

to save sinners who call on Jesus' name,

we may, by your Spirit, honor you with our souls and bodies,

to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Closing *By the Sea of Crystal* TPH473

Hymn

*Benediction

*Doxology *Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise* TPH113A

David Noe, a licentiate in the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario, is leading today's service and preaching God's Word, together with Rev. Stephen Myers, a pastor in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, who is administering the Lord's Supper and giving the Apostolic Greeting and Benediction.

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