



REFORMATION OPC
GRAND RAPIDS

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

THE LORD'S DAY JANUARY 20, 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 planning to celebrate 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: Each Wednesday evening. Pizza at 6 p.m. theology, coffee, dessert 7-8.30 p.m.; at the Noe home, 3033 Vassar St. SE. We are studying J. Gresham Machen's *Christianity and Liberalism*.

Fellowship Meal: First Sunday of each month at the Noe home after evening worship. Next meal: February 3!

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 grace and humility to raise them in the nurture 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
- for Ryan's friend Sarah who has terminal cancer, and her husband Alan

Our Presbytery: Redeemer Presbyterian OPC, Ada, MI; Pastor Daniel Adams (Nora)

Our Denomination: Committee on Diaconal Ministries

Church Plants: Living Water OPC, Springfield, OH; Pastor Daniel Doleys (Amber)

Foreign Missionaries: Markus and Sharon Jeromin, Montevideo, Uruguay

Community and Universal Church:

- NAPARC (North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council): L'Église réformée du Québec (ERQ)
- CEIR: The Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin)
- Persecuted Church: Sudan

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.

*Call to Worship

*Prayer of Invocation

*Psalm of Approach *Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise TPH113A*

* The Law of God (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&As & 45-48)

Which is the first commandment?

The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

What is required in the first commandment?

The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

What is forbidden in the first commandment?

The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

What are we specially taught by these words before me in the first commandment?

These words before me in the first commandment teach us that God, who sees all things, takes notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.

* Unison Prayer of Confession with the Lord's Prayer

O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge without excuse before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress your holy commandments without end or ceasing.

Outline

- I. Fortune-telling (v. 16)
- II. Demonic confession (v. 17)
- III. The miracle (v. 18)
 - A. the persistent spirit
 - B. Paul's annoyance
 - C. Jesus Christ's authority
- IV. Love of money (v. 19)
- V. False testimony (vv. 20-21)
- VI. Suffering for Christ (vv. 22-24)
 - A. stripped
 - B. beaten
 - C. imprisoned

Conclusion: If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. (John 1.18)

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

*Apostles' Creed TPH851

*Closing *Am I a Soldier of the Cross* TPH539
Hymn

*Benediction

*Doxology *Hallelujah! Hallelujah!* TPH566

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