



REFORMATION OPC
GRAND RAPIDS

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

THE LORD'S DAY MARCH 1, 2020

“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 University 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 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.

If you need pastoral counsel or would like to join ROPC, please talk to **Pastor Shane at 616.226.4646**, or contact one of the elders.

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morning Worship: Each Lord's Day at 10am, Willow Room East of the Prince Conference Center.
Evening Worship: Each Lord's Day at 5:30pm, Willow Room East of the Prince Conference Center.

Future Events

Possible new worship location: The session has invited everyone to join them after the morning worship service today to visit at 2020 Raybrook St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.
Fellowship meal: Today at 12pm at the Bennett's, 446 Adaway Ave. SE Grand Rapids, MI. All are welcome.
Pizza and Theology: Wednesday at the Noe home 3033 Vassar St. SE Grand Rapids, MI. Study on the Lord's Prayer.
New member: Fisher Pham was received into membership at the Feb. 25 session meeting, and will be publicly received during a.m. worship March 8th.
Temporary Location Change: For March 8th the morning and evening worship services will be moved to the White Pine room of PCC.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 in faith
- pray for our covenant members, that they would profess their faith or return if they have strayed, and for parents to raise their children with humility and wisdom 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 our witness to the local community that we would be salt and light
- praise that the treatments for Rachelle Bennett's mother, Marilyn Rust, who has stage four lung cancer, have really helped and she is able to be more active, also pray that she would be able to handle the side effects from the medication
- pray for David Noe, who will be taking exams for ordination as Teacher of the Word this Wed., March 4

Our Presbytery:

- Chain-O-Lakes OPC, Central Lake, MI; Pastor Bruce Buchanan (Donna)

Our Denomination: The Committee on Home Missions

Church Plants: Rev. Dave Holmlund (Elizabeth), Regional Home Missionary for the Presbytery of Philadelphia

Foreign Missionaries:

- Rev. Dr. and Mrs. L. Charles (Connie) Jackson, Uganda Mission Community and Universal Church:

- NAPARC (North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council): The United Reformed Churches of North America (URCNA)
- OPC Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations: The Reformed Church of Ireland
- Persecuted church: Uttar Pradesh, India

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

Psalm 113

*Prayer of Invocation

*Psalm of Approach: *Now with Joyful Exultation*

TPH 95C

*The Law of God

WSC #45-46

Minister: What is forbidden in the first commandment?

People: The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshiping 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.

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

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

Minister: People of God, have we fully obeyed the Lord in all that He has commanded?

People: No, but we have sinned against Him in thought, word and deed.

Minister: Then let us confess our sins to the Lord for with Him there is mercy and abundant redemption.

*Unison Prayer of Confession with the Lord's Prayer

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. So we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. We pray all this in the name of your Son who taught us to pray, saying

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

John 3:16-18a

*Gloria Patri

TPH 572

*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.*

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

John 17

Hymn of Response: *Not What My Hands Have Done*

TPH 435

Sermon Text

Exodus 12:43-51

Sermon Title

The Benefits of Redemption

Sermon Notes

We Respond with Our Prayers and Praises

Congregational Prayer

Response

TPH 558

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

Offering

We Partake of the Covenant Meal

*Hymn of Preparation: *I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TPH 282

*Nicene Creed

TPH 852

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 ...

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

**God of all glory and grace,
you graciously feed us who have received these gifts,
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.
May we who have received this sacrament
be strengthened in your service;
we who have sung your praises
tell of your glory and truth.
May we who have heard the greatness of your love
see you face to face in your kingdom;
for you have made us your own people
by the death and resurrection of your Son, our Lord
and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn: *Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat*

TPH 451

*Benediction

*Doxology: *Song of Simeon*

TPH 295

EVENING WORSHIP

*Apostolic Greeting

*Call to Worship

Psalm 134

*Prayer of Invocation

*Psalm of Praise: *Great Is the Lord Our God*

TPH 48A (vs 1-3)

*Apostles' Creed

TPH 851

*Doxology

TPH 567

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

*Responsive Reading (Westminster Larger Catechism)

Q&A 72-73

What is justifying faith?

Justifying faith is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures to recover him out of his lost condition, not only assenteth to the truth of the promise of the gospel, but receiveth and resteth upon Christ and his righteousness, therein held forth, for pardon of sin, and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation.

How doth faith justify a sinner in the sight of God?

Faith justifies a sinner in the sight of God, not because of those other graces which do always accompany it, or of good works that are the fruits of it, nor as if the grace of faith, or any act thereof, were imputed to him for his justification; but only as it is an instrument by which he receiveth and applieth Christ and his righteousness.

*Hymn: *Let All Things Now Living*

TPH 254

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 8

Psalm of Praise: *With All My Heart My Thanks I Bring* TPH 138A

Sermon Text Galatians 1:10-24

Sermon Title The Gospel of God

Sermon Notes

Congregational Prayer

Offering

*Closing Psalm: *Great Is the Lord Our God* TPH 48A (vs 4-6)

*Benediction

* *indicates that those who are able should please stand*

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Financial Info.	Income (actual)	Expenses (actual)	Expenses (budgeted)
Jan. 2020	\$6,461	\$9,647	\$10,243
Acct. balance	\$65,971		

Inclement Weather Policy

It is now that season when bad weather may affect our worship services on the Lord's Day. Please be aware that decisions concerning the cancellation of Lord's Day activities will be determined 2 hours before any activity. For morning worship, it will be determined by 7:30 A.M, for evening worship, by 3:30 P.M.

An e-mail will be sent out to all those on the e-mail list once a decision to cancel is reached. If you have questions concerning the cancellation of worship services, please call the church phone number 616.226.4646.

Please, be careful. Even if the Lord's Day activities are not cancelled, be sure to use discernment as to whether it is wise for you to travel and attend.