



REFORMATION OPC  
GRAND RAPIDS

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

## THE LORD'S DAY MARCH 31, 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  
on the campus of Calvin College  
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# Welcome to Reformation Orthodox Presbyterian Church

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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

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| 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 7. |
| Fellowship Meal:                 | First Sunday of each month. Next meal: April 7 at the Noe home, 3033 Vassar St SE, Grand Rapids, MI.   |

## 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

Our Presbytery: Hillsdale OPC, Hillsdale, MI; Pastor Everett Henes (Kimberly)

Our Denomination: Committee for the Historian

Church Plants: Covenant OPC, Chambersburg, PA; Josh McKamy (Kristen)

Foreign Missionaries: Ben & Melanie Westerveld, Quebec, Canada

### Community and Universal Church:

- NAPARC (North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council): Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
- OPC Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations: The The Presbyterian Church of the Reformation in Columbia (corresponding relationship)
- Persecuted Church: North Korea

## 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 *How Good and Pleasant Is the Sight* TPH133B

\* The Law of God (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&As 82-24)

*Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?*

No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but does daily break them in thought, word and deed.

*Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?*

Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

*What does every sin deserve?*

Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

\* Unison Prayer of Confession with the Lord's Prayer

Almighty God, who can discern the error of his ways?

Acquit us, O LORD, of all our hidden faults.

Keep us from committing rebellious and willful sin.

Do not let our sins rule over us.

Forgive us, O LORD, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we will be blameless; acquit us, and hold not our great transgressions against us.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, our rock and our Redeemer.

We pray in the name of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 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

\*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 10

Hymn of Response                              *Spirit of God, Dwell Thou within My  
Heart* TPH393

New Testament Reading                      Mark 6

Sermon Text:                                      Acts 17.16-21

Sermon Title:                                      Full of Idols

Outline:

- I. Paul waiting (v. 16)
  - A. provoked
  - B. full of idols
- II. He reasoned (v. 17)
- III. Epicurean and Stoic philosophers (v. 18)
  - A. Paul inarticulate?
  - B. Preaching foreign divinities?
  - C. Jesus and the resurrection
- IV. Areopagus (vv. 19-20)
- V. Telling or hearing something new (v. 21)

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

\*Apostles' Creed TPH851

\*Closing        *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* TPH429  
Hymn

\*Benediction

\*Doxology      *Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Hosts Above* TPH565

David Noe, a licentiate in the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario, is leading today's service and preaching God's Word.

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