



REFORMATION OPC
GRAND RAPIDS

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

THE LORD'S DAY MAY 5, 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 7th of 7.

Fellowship Meal: First Sunday of each month. Next meal: **May 12.** 3033 Vassar St SE, Grand Rapids, MI. We will be hosting pastoral candidate Rev. Shane Bennett and his wife Rachelle and their four children.

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

Our Presbytery: Grace OPC, Lansing, MI; Pastor Stephen Pribble (Norma)

Our Denomination: Committee on Home Missions

Church Plants: Bill Shishko (Margaret), Regional Home Missionary for the Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York

Foreign Missionaries: Associate missionaries Octavius & Marie Delfils, Haiti.

Community and Universal Church:

- NAPARC (North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council): Korean American Presbyterian Church
- OPC Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations: Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales
- 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

*Prayer of Invocation

*Psalm of Approach *O Bless the LORD with All My Soul* TPH103B

* The Law of God (adapted from Leviticus 19)

You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

The Lord says, "Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God."

Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am the Lord your God.

The Lord says, "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord."

You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning.

The Lord says, "You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord."

You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

The Lord says, "You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.

The Lord says, “You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

* Unison Prayer of Confession with the Lord’s Prayer

Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you
that we were born in unrighteousness.

Our life is full of sin and transgression;
we have not gladly believed your Word
nor followed your holy commandments.

For your goodness’ sake
and for your name’s sake,
be gracious unto us, we pray,
and forgive us all our sin, which is very great.

Our Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross,
by your Spirit and through your word,
transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness,
for we pray this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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 15

Psalms of Response

Blest the Man Who Feared Jehovah
TPH128B

New Testament Reading

Mark 14

Sermon Text:

Acts 18.18-23

Sermon Title:

He Greeted the Church

Outline

I. To Syria (v. 18)

II. At Cenchreae, under a vow (v. 18)

III. To Ephesus, reasoned with the Jews (v. 19)

IV. A good reception (v. 20)

V. If God wills (v. 21)

VI. Caesarea and Antioch (v. 22)

VII. From one place to the next, strengthening all the disciples (v. 23)

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 *'Twas on That Night When Doomed to Know* TPH201
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:

Heavenly Father, we offer you eternal praise and thanks that you have granted so great a benefit to us poor sinners, drawing us into the communion of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom you delivered to death for us and give us as the meat and drink of life eternal. Now grant us this other benefit: that you will never allow us to forget these things but imprint them on our hearts, that we may grow and increase daily in the faith which is at work in every good deed. So may we order and pursue all our life to the exaltation of your glory and the edification of our neighbor; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and reigns with thee, O God, forever. Amen.

*Closing *Thine Be the Glory* TPH365
Hymn

*Benediction

*Doxology *Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise* TPH113A

Rev. Dr. Doug Felch, an emeritus pastor in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, is giving the Apostolic greeting, benediction, and administering the Lord's Supper. David Noe, a licentiate in the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario of the OPC, is leading the service and preaching God's Word.

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