THE LORD’S DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2018

“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 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.

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**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:** Wednesday evenings: pizza at 6 p.m., theology, coffee, dessert 7-8.30 p.m.; at the Noe home, 3033 Vassar St. SE.

- **Fellowship Meal:** First Sunday at the Noe home after evening worship. **Next meal: December 2.**

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**Financial Info.**

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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 friends Dana, Brent, and Sebastian.
- for students traveling over the Thanksgiving break and facing end-of-semester deadlines
- for the ROPC Session meeting this Tuesday evening, in the PCC lobby
- for the pastoral search committee, that they would have the wisdom in seeking an organizing pastor for this work
- for Ryan’s friend Sarah who has terminal cancer, and her husband Alan
- for parents of small children that they would have rest

Our Presbytery: Christ Covenant OPC, Midland, MI; Pastor David Sarafolean (Rhonda).
Our Denomination: The Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel.
Church Plants: Heritage OPC, Royston, Georgia; Mike Myers (Katy).
Foreign Missionaries: Ray and Michelle Call and family, Uruguay.
Community and Universal Church:
- NAPARC: Heritage Reformed Congregations
- CEIR: Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales
- Persecuted Church: Pakistan.
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 Now with Joyful Exultation TPH95C

* The Law of God (adapted from Deuteronomy 6)

You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.

The Lord says: “You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you.

And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers.

When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?’

Then you shall say to your son, ‘We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes.

And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers.

And the Lord commanded us to do all these statues, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day.

And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.’
O Lord our God,

we are reminded of the Divine purpose for the incarnation:
that His name was called Jesus
because He would save His people from their sins.

We are grieved that our condition was so sinful
that it required nothing less than the death of the Son of God.

We mourn over our fallen natures
and all our sins that proceed from it.

We confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing.

We have broken your commandments
in thought, word, and deed.

We have committed sins of omission and commission.

We have been lazy over Heaven’s concerns and selfish over our own.

Even in our best efforts we find pride and self.

“Wretched man that I am.
Who will set me free from this body of death?
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

O Father, we thank You for His birth, His life,
His death, His resurrection, His ascension, and His session
for sinners like us.

Have mercy upon us, O God,
and forgive us our sins, in the name of Jesus, our Savior,
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
Proverbs 22

Hymn of Response
I Waited for the Lord TPH40B 1-4

New Testament Reading
Matthew 18

Sermon Text:
Acts 14.24-15.3

Sermon Title:
A Door of Faith to the Gentiles

Outline

I. And to the ends of the earth (vv. 24-25)

II. To Antioch (v. 26)
   A. commended to the grace of God
   B. the work that they had fulfilled

III. The church together (v. 27)
   A. all that God had done
   B. a door of faith to the Gentiles

IV. No little time (v. 28)

V. Unless…you cannot be saved (15.1)

VI. No small dissension and debate (v. 2)
   A. up to Jerusalem
   B. for a church council

VII. Sent by the church, conversion and great joy (v. 3)

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 Bread of the World in Mercy Broken TPH205

Preparation

*Apostles’ Creed TPH851

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  I Waited for the Lord TPH40B 5-8
Psalms

* Benediction

*Doxology  Now Blessed Be Jehovah God TPH564

David Noe, a licentiate in the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario, is leading today’s service and preaching God’s Word. Rev. Stephen Myers, a pastor in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, is administering the Lord’s Supper and giving the benediction.

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