



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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2020  
*10:00am & 5:30pm*

*“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread, and the prayers.” (Acts 2:42)*

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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 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. There is a nursery space outside the doors to the left of the sanctuary for saints ages three and under. Due to Covid-19, we have no nursery workers but wish to make the space available to parents.

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

Note: Wine is served for the Lord's Supper. The inner ring of cups contains grape juice.

### CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inquirer's class	We are offering an inquirers' class after worship with lunch. Please speak to Pastor Shane if you are interested in attending.
Fellowship Meal <i>October 4</i>	The first Sunday of each month we have a fellowship meal at noon, followed by the afternoon service at 2pm. Due to COVID, please bring something for your family and packaged items to share with visitors.
Session Meeting <i>September 15</i>	The meeting will be at 6:30pm at 2565 Forest Hill Ave. All meetings (except for disciplinary matters) are open to all members.
Pizza and Theology <i>September 16</i>	Our Wednesday evening Bible study continues at 2565 Forest Hill Ave from 6:00-8:00pm.
Christian Education	Beginning today from 9:15-9:45am, join us for an adult education time, as well as a time for saints 12 and under to learn Scripture and catechism. All are welcome.

## 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 those who have lost jobs and those who are seeking new employment
- 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 witness to the local community that we would be salt and light
- pray for Rachelle Bennett's mother, Marilyn Rust, who has stage four lung cancer, that they would meet with the stateside doctor soon to re-evaluate her treatment plan. Pray for Rachelle as she cares for her.
- Pray for the Calvin students, staff, and faculty as they resume their studies.

### Our Presbytery:

- Covenant Presbyterian OPC, Brighton, MI; Pastor Douglas Dall (Belinda).

### Our Denomination:

- The Committee on Foreign Missions.
- Yearlong intern Seth (Eva) Dorman at Limington OPC in Limington, Me.

### Home Missions:

- Micah and Eileen Bickford, Farmington ME. Pray that God would send five new families to Grace Reformed this year.

### Foreign Missionaries:

- James and Esther Folkerts, Nakaale, Uganda. Pray for James as he takes up more pastoral duties.

### Community and Universal Church:

- NAPARC (North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council): The Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)
- OPC Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations: The Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia
- Persecuted church: Iran

MORNING 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.*

\*Apostolic Greeting

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 121:1-2

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Psalm of Approach: *God the Lord Is Known in Judah*

TPH 76

\*The Law of God

Exodus 20

*Minister: Hear now the commandments of our God, which he has commanded us to keep saying "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first and great commandment.*

**People: You shall not make for yourself a carved image.**

*Minister: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*

**People: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**

*Minister: Honor your father and mother.*

**People: You shall not murder.**

*Minister: You shall not commit adultery.*

**People: You shall not steal.**

*Minister: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

**People: You shall not covet your neighbor's house, nor your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant or female servant, or anything that is your neighbors.**

*Minister: 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. Our Father we pray all of these things in the name of the one 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

1 John 1:8-2:2

\*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

Acts 23

Psalm of Response: *God is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

TPH 46A

Sermon Text

Psalm 8

Sermon: O LORD, Our Lord

Rev. Dr. David C. Noe

## 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

2 Cor. 9:6-7

### We Partake of the Covenant Meal

\*Hymn of Preparation: *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

TPH 205

\*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

**Almighty, gracious, heavenly Father,  
we give you eternal praise and thanks  
that through your holy Gospel and Sacrament,  
you have again offered and presented to us  
your most precious treasure:  
the true bread of heaven  
and the food of eternal life,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Grant, O Lord,  
that we may receive Him and partake of Him  
in true faith  
both now and forever,  
and so be nourished by his flesh and blood  
that we may be set free from all evil  
and increase daily in all goodness,  
to your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

TPH 451

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: *O the Deep, Unbounded Riches*

TPH 226

*O the deep, unbounded riches of God deserve our praise!  
How unsearchable his judgments, how marvelous his ways!  
For who his thoughts has fathomed, or counsel to him giv'n?*

*And who could make a debtor of God, the Lord of heav'n?  
For from and through and to him are all things, now and then.  
To him be all the glory forevermore. Amen.*

EVENING WORSHIP

- \*Apostolic Greeting
- \*Call to Worship Psalm 113
- \*Prayer of Invocation
- \*Psalm of Praise: *Lord, from the Depths to You I Cry!* TPH 130A
- \*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 110

*What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment, the more to enforce it?*

**The reasons annexed to the second commandment, the more to enforce it, contained in these words, For I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments; are, besides God's sovereignty over us, and propriety in us, his fervent zeal for his own worship, and his revengeful indignation against all false worship, as being a spiritual whoredom; accounting the breakers of this commandment such as hate him, and threatening to punish them unto divers generations; and esteeming the observers of it such as love him and keep his commandments, and promising mercy to them unto many generations.**

- \*Hymn of Praise: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TPH 297

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading	Numbers 6
Hymn of Praise: <i>Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus!</i>	TPH 285
Sermon Text	Mark 1:1-8
Sermon: Introducing the Exodus	Rev. Shane Bennett
Congregational Prayer	
Offering	2 Cor. 8:9
*Closing Psalm: <i>Remember Not, O God</i>	TPH 79B
*Benediction	

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

## Morning Sermon Notes

- I. God's majesty is everywhere (v. 1)
  
- II. God's strength is displayed in unexpected places (v. 2)
  
- III. An argument from the greater to the lesser, and a pressing question (v. 3-4)
  
- IV. Man's position (vv. 5-8)
  - A. highly exalted
  
  - B. very honored
  
  - C. extensive responsibility, in three realms
  
- V. God's majesty is everywhere (v. 9)

Conclusion: Romans 1.18-25; Romans 7.21-8.4

## Evening Sermon Notes

## **Provisional Session**

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## **Tithes and Offerings**

	<b>August</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
Giving	\$7,790.24	\$49,087.63
CHMCE	\$3,000.00	\$24,000.00
Goal	\$11,605.17	\$81,235.17
Over/(Under)	(\$814.93)	(\$8,147.54)
Expenses	\$12,393.43	\$75,389.75