



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 8, 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

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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. 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 **Rev. Bennett 717.501.8400**, or contact one of the elders.

## Calendar and Announcements

Morning Worship      Each Lord's day at 10 am, Willow Room East of the Prince Conference Center.

Evening Worship:      Each Lord's day at 5.30 pm, Willow Room East of the Prince Conference Center.

### Future Events

Fellowship Meal:      First Sunday of each month. Next meal: **Today!** at the Beezhold home, 6200 Country Pine Ct SE, Alto, Michigan 49302.

Pizza and Theology:      This Wednesday September 11, 6pm, at the Noe home, 3033 Vassar Ave SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506. We will be studying the Catholic Epistles.

Installation service for      September 15, 5.30pm  
Rev. Bennett

## 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 humility 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

Our Presbytery: Bethel Reformed OPC, Fremont, MI; Pastor Vern Picknally (Olena)

Our Denomination: Foreign Missions

Church Plants: Corona Presbyterian Church, Corona, CA; Rev. Andrew Canavan (Rebekah)

Foreign Missionaries Tin Ling Lee, Foreign Missions administrative assistant.

### Community and Universal Church:

- NAPARC (North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council): Reformed Church in the United States
- OPC Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations: The Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands
- Persecuted Church: Libya

## 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

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Psalm of Approach     *Now with Joyful Exultation TPH95C*

\* The Law of God (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&As 39-42)

*What is the duty which God requires of man?*

The duty which God requires of man is obedience to his revealed will.

*What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?*

The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

*Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?*

The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

*What is the sum of the ten commandments?*

The sum of the ten commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves

\* 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. 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 33

Hymn of Response                              *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*  
TPH229

Sermon Text:                                      Acts 21.17-26

Sermon Title:                                      They Glorified God



## 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

\*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            *Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God* TPH534  
Hymn

\*Benediction

\*Doxology        *Now Blessed Be Jehovah God* TPH564

## Evening Worship

\*Call to Worship

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Psalm of Praise           *Praise Waits for Thee in Zion* TPH65C1-3

\*Apostles' Creed TPH851

\*Doxology                   *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.*  
TPH567

\*Responsive Reading, Westminster Larger Catechism

*Q. 4. How doth it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?*

A. The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation: but the Spirit of God bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very Word of God.

*Q. 5. What do the Scriptures principally teach?*

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

*Q. 6. What do the Scriptures make known of God?*

A. The Scriptures make known what God is, the persons in the Godhead, his decrees, and the execution of his decrees.

\*Hymn                       *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place* TPH425

NT Reading                Luke 16

Sermon Text:              Psalm 119.41-48

Sermon Title:              Steadfast Love

## Outline

- I. The Basis of our Prayer and Plea (vv. 41-42)
  
- II. Our Hope and Confidence (vv. 43-44)
  
- III. Walking and Testifying (vv. 45-46)
  
- IV. Loving God's Commandments (vv. 47-48)

## Congregational Prayer

### Offering

\*Closing Psalm                      *Praise Waits for Thee in Zion* TPH65C4-6

\*Benediction

\* indicates that those who are able should please stand

David C. Noe, a licentiate in the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario of the OPC, is leading the morning and evening service and preaching God's Word. Rev. Shane Bennett, organizing pastor of Reformation OPC, is administering the Holy Supper and the apostolic greeting and benedictions.

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