



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

THE LORD'S DAY FEBRUARY 16, 2025  
*10:00 am and 5:30 pm*

*“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

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 worship 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, by the power of the Holy Spirit. We seek to grow together into the image of Christ, the crucified and risen Son of God, while waiting for his return to set all things right.

To all parents with young children: we are so glad you are here! If your child is being disruptive or needs a little break, please use our unstaffed nursery at any time during the service. And for their safety, we also ask that you accompany young children to the bathroom.

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

**Note:** Bread and wine are served for the Lord's Supper. For those whose health requires it there are gluten free crackers in the inner ring of the bread trays.

### CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catechism and Adult Education (9:15 a.m.)	Adult education on Calvin's <i>Institutes</i> , and children's catechism classes for ages 2-12.
February 18 (Wed)	Dessert and Theology at Noe home, 3033 Vassar St SE, 7 p.m. New topic: Westminster Larger Catechism.
February 22 (Sat)	Annual Ladies' Tea at church building, 10:30 a.m. Please contact Laura Schubert or Alex Staver for more details.
March 2 (Sun)	Monthly potluck meal following 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 45:6-10

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Psalm of Approach:

*What Blessedness Belongs to Him*

TPH 32A

\* The Law of God

Leviticus 19 (adapted)

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

**People: 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."**

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

**People: 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."**

*Minister: 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.*

**People: 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."**

*Minister: 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.*

**People: 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."**

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

**People:**        **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.”**

*Minister:*        *Have we fully obeyed the Lord in all that he has commanded us?*

**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

**Lord, we come to you, as the poor tax collector that stood far off and would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast; and we pray his prayer, “God, be merciful to us sinners.” God of infinite mercy, be merciful to us! O wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin; for we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.**

**O purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow; hide your face from our sins, blot out all our iniquities, and remember our sins no more. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, our Prophet, Priest, and King, who has conquered Satan, sin, and death through his death and resurrection, and 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.**

\*Declaration of Absolution

\*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

John 15

Hymn of Response: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

TPH 402

Sermon Text

Isaiah 46:1-4

Sermon: *I Will Carry and Will Save*

Rev. 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

Acts 20:35

## **We Partake of the Covenant Meal**

\*Psalm of Preparation: *LORD, Our God, Remember David*

TPH 132

\*Nicene Creed

TPH 852

Lord's Supper

Institution

Exhortation

*Minister:*            *The Lord be with you.*

**People:**            **And also with you.**

*Minister:*            *Lift up your hearts.*

**People:**            **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Minister:*            *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People:**            **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Minister 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

**We give thanks to you, Holy Father, for your holy name, which you have made to dwell in our hearts and for the knowledge and faith and immortality which you have made known to us through Jesus your Son; to you be the glory forever. For you have created all things for your name's sake, that they might give thanks to you; but on us you have graciously bestowed spiritual food and drink and eternal life through your Son. Remember, O Lord, your church, to deliver her from all evil and perfect her in your love, and gather her from the four winds into your kingdom, for yours is the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Closing Psalm: *My Soul, Bless the LORD!*

TPH 104B (1-5)

\*Benediction

\*Doxology:        *The LORD Reigns over All*

TPH 93 (5)

EVENING WORSHIP
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\*Apostolic Greeting

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 139:13-24

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Psalm of Praise:

*I Called Upon the LORD in My Distress*

TPH 120

\*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 Shorter Catechism**

*Q. 23. What offices doth Christ execute as our redeemer?*

**A. Christ, as our redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.**

\*Hymn of Response:

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

TPH 528

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

1 Chronicles 16

Psalm of Response

*O My God, Do Not Keep Silent*

TPH 83

Sermon Text

Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon:

*Lawful Taxes?*

Rev. David C. Noe

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Hebrews 13:16

\*Psalm of Praise:

*O How I Love Your Holy Law*

TPH 119M

\*Benediction



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

**Morning Sermon Notes  
(Isaiah 46:1-4)**

I. Weary beasts (v. 1)

II. The burden (v. 2)

III. From the womb (v. 3)

IV. Made, bear, carry, save (v. 4)

Conclusion

**Evening Sermon Notes**  
**(Matthew 22:15-22)**

- I. A plot (v. 15)
  
- II. Hypocrisy (v. 16)
  
- III. Lawful taxes? (v. 17)
  
- IV. Malice (v. 18)
  
- V. A coin (vv. 19-20)
  
- VI. Rendering (v. 21)
  
- VII. Retreat (v. 22)

Conclusion

## Offerings

	December \$	2024 YTD \$
Giving	14,519.94	135,549.20
Interest income	98.76	2,291.79
Actual expenses	14,246.16	146,917.21
Net income over (loss)	372.54	(9,166.22)

### Planned Preaching Schedule:

2/23: Isaiah 46:5-11; Matthew 22:23-33  
 3/2: Isaiah 46:12-13; Matthew 22:34-40  
 3/9: Isaiah 47:1-7; Matthew 22:41-46  
 3/16: Isaiah 47:8-15; Matthew 23:1-12  
 3/23: Isaiah 48:1-11; Matthew 23:13-15  
 3/30: Isaiah 48:12-16; Matthew 23:16-22

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