



REFORMATION OPC
GRAND RAPIDS

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

THE LORD'S DAY JANUARY 21, 2024
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.

We encourage people of all ages to remain in the sanctuary for worship. There is a non-staffed nursery space outside the doors to the left of the sanctuary for children ages 3 and under.

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 am taught by Pastor Noe on <i>Calvin's Institutes</i> . We have a catechism class for children 12 and under.
January 15-23	Pastor Noe will be traveling to California to teach at WSC.
January 24 (Wednesday)	Pizza and Theology resumes at the Noe home, 6:00 pm. The topic of our spring study is the book of Proverbs.

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

Isaiah 40:6-11

*Prayer of Invocation

*Psalm of Approach: *The LORD Is My Refuge*

TPH 11B

*The Law of God

Matthew 22 (adapted)

Minister: Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?

People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Minister: This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it:

People: Love your neighbor as yourself.

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

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow.

Forgive us, O LORD, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, and continue in us your work of sanctification through your Holy Spirit that we would be renewed and put on the new self in true righteousness and holiness. We pray in the name of Christ, 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 Pardon

*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

Matthew 27

Hymn of Response: *Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

TPH 352

Sermon Text

Obadiah

Sermon: *Appearances are Deceiving*

Rev. Wayne Veenstra

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

Hebrews 13:16

We Partake of the Covenant Meal

*Psalm of Preparation: *The LORD Said to My Lord*

TPH 110A

*Apostles' Creed

TPH 851

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

Heavenly Father, we praise you that in your abundant mercy, you delivered up Jesus to the death of the cross. We thank you that today we experienced the comfort of commemorating that death, in the holy Supper. We extol you for a gift so precious. We pray that you would cause our souls to benefit from the sufferings of our Redeemer, signified and sealed in communion: pardon of our offences, the graces of your Spirit, the comfort of your love, the light of your peace, and, after this life, the glory of your kingdom. Hear us in the name and for the sake of our merciful Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Closing Psalm: O LORD, in Your Great Strength*

TPH 21B

**Benediction*

**Doxology: Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode*

TPH 475

EVENING WORSHIP

*Apostolic Greeting

*Call to Worship

Psalm 63:1-4

*Prayer of Invocation

*Psalm of Praise: *Praise to the LORD! I Will Extol Him*

TPH 111A

*Nicene Creed

TPH 852

*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 (Heidelberg Catechism)

Lord's Day 52

127. *Q. What does the sixth petition mean?*

A. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" means: We are so weak that we cannot stand on our own for a moment, and our sworn enemies — the devil, the world, and our own flesh — never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not be defeated in this spiritual fight, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

128 *Q. How do you conclude this prayer?*

A. "For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever." This means we have made all these petitions of you because, as our all-powerful king, you are both willing and able to give us all that is good; and because your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever.

129 *Q. What does that little word "Amen" express?*

A. "Amen" means: This shall truly and surely be! For it is much more certain

that God has heard my prayer than I feel in my heart that I desire such things from him.

*Psalm of Response: *Thy Lovingkindness, Lord, Is Good and Free* TPH 69B

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 7

Hymn of Response: *To Your Temple I Repair* TPH 165

Sermon Text Ruth 1:1-5

Sermon: *The Bitter Providence of God* Mr. Dheeraj Rai

Congregational Prayer

Offering Luke 16:10

*Psalm of Praise: *Hear Now My Prayer, O LORD* TPH 143A

*Benediction

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

Morning Sermon Notes (Obadiah)

- I. Introduction

- II. A Sibling Rivalry
 - A. Genesis 12
 - B. Jacob and Esau

- III. God's Enemies
 - A. Edom's Violence
 - B. Edom's Carnal Security

- IV. God's Judgment
 - A. The Nature of God's Judgment
 - 1. a final judgment
 - 2. an exhaustive judgment
 - 3. a comprehensive judgment
 - B. The Fulfillment of God's Judgment
 - 1. an immediate fulfillment
 - 2. an ultimate fulfillment

- V. God's Kingdom

Conclusion

Evening Sermon Notes (Ruth 1:1-5)

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Offerings

	December \$	2023 YTD \$
Giving	13,037.86	141,322.25
Budgeted expenses	11,518.20	135,918.36
Income over/(under) budget	1,519.66	5,403.89
Actual expenses	11,271.62	127,533.60
Income over/(under) actual	1,766.24	13,788.65

Planned Preaching Schedule:

- 1/28: Isaiah 33:7-12; Matthew 13:1-9
- 2/4: Isaiah 33:13-24; Matthew 13:10-17
- 2/11: Isaiah 34:1-4; Matthew 13:18-23
- 2/18: Isaiah 34:5-10; Matthew 13:24-30
- 2/25: Isaiah 34:11-17; Matthew 13:31-33
- 3/3: Isaiah 35; Matthew 13:34-35

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