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

THE LORD'S DAY MARCH 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

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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 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	
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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.
March 18 (Wed)	Dessert and Theology at Noe home, 3033 Vassar St SE, 7 p.m. Spring topic: Westminster Larger Catechism.

**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 122

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Psalm of Approach:

*The LORD in Your Distress Attend*

TPH 20A

\*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

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare us, as we confess our faults, restore us, as we are penitent, according to your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord, and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and**

**devout life, to the glory of your holy name. We pray these things as you have 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 19

Hymn of Response: *O Thou, the Eternal Son of God*

TPH 346

Sermon Text

Isaiah 47:8-15

Sermon: *Disaster*

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

2 Corinthians 8:8-9

## We Partake of the Covenant Meal

\*Psalm of Preparation: *In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee* TPH 73D

\*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

**Merciful God and Father, we thank you that in your boundless mercy you have given us your only begotten Son as our Mediator. We praise you that he is the sacrifice for our sins and that through him you have drawn us into fellowship with you and with one another. And now we ask that we, being strengthened in faith through this sacrament, might bring forth the fruit of thankfulness in our whole life, until that glorious day promised by our Lord Jesus Christ when we will drink of the fruit of the vine in the kingdom of his Father, to whom be all glory, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: *O the Deep, Unbounded Riches*

TPH 226

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: *Sing to the LORD, a New Song Voicing*

TPH 98B (4)

EVENING WORSHIP
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\*Apostolic Greeting

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 100

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Psalm of Praise:

*I Will Take Heed and Guard My Ways*

TPH 39

\*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

**Westminster Shorter Catechism**

*Q. 31. What is effectual calling?*

**A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.**

*Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?*

**A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.**

\*Hymn of Response:

*Loved with Everlasting Love*

TPH 483

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

1 Chronicles 20

Psalm of Response

*Do Good to Me and I Will Live*

TPH 119C

Sermon Text

Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon:	<i>Exaltation and Humiliation</i>	Rev. David C. Noe
Congregational Prayer		
Offering		Luke 6:38
*Hymn of Praise:	<i>Teach me Thy Way, O Lord</i>	TPH 530
*Benediction		

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



**Morning Sermon Notes**  
**(Isaiah 47:8-15)**

- I. Babylon's false hope (v. 8)
  
- II. Sorceries and enchantments (v. 9)
  
- III. Secure in wickedness? (v. 10)
  
- IV. Disaster (v. 11)
  
- V. Perhaps, perhaps (v. 12)
  
- VI. Counsels and astrology (v. 13)
  
- VII. Fire, flame, coal (v. 14)
  
- VIII. No one (v. 15)

Conclusion

## **Evening Sermon Notes (Matthew 23:1-12)**

- I. Preach and practice (vv. 1-3)
- II. Hard hearts (v. 4)
- III. A good show (vv. 5-7)
- IV. Rabbis, teachers, instructors (vv. 8-10)
- V. The greatest (v. 11)
- VI. Humiliation and exaltation (v. 12)

Conclusion

## Offerings

	January \$	2025 YTD \$
Giving	10,526.21	23,446.12
Interest income	102.75	204.33
Actual expenses	11,431.33	24,181.27
Net income over (loss)	(802.38)	(530.82)

### Planned Preaching Schedule:

3/23: Isaiah 48:1-11; Matthew 23:13-15

3/30: Isaiah 48:12-16; Matthew 23:16-22

4/6: Isaiah 48:17-22; Matthew 23:25-26

4/13: Isaiah 49:1-4; Matthew 23:27-28

4/20: Isaiah 49:5-7; Matthew 23:29-36

4/27: Rev. Danny Olinger; Mr. Eliha Walker, Matthew 23:37-39

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