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

THE LORD'S DAY SEPTEMBER 8, 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.

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 Institutes, Book III, taught by Pastor Noe.
September 8 (today)	Monthly potluck meal following morning worship. Visitors warmly welcomed! A-M, main dish and fruit/dessert; N-Z, main dish and salad/vegetable. Also, new members' class immediately after.
September 11 (Wed)	Dessert and Theology at Noe home, 7 p.m. Fall topic: Wisdom for the Christian Life from Proverbs, ch. 16.
September 19 (Thurs)	Monthly Session meeting, 7 p.m. at the church building. Visitors welcomed at 7:30.

**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

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Psalm of Approach: *Come, Bless the LORD with One Accord*

TPH 134

\*The Law of God

I John 3 (adapted)

*Minister: Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.*

**People: You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.**

*Minister: No one who abides in him keeps on sinning;*

**People: no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.**

*Minister: Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.*

**People: Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.**

*Minister: The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*

**People: No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.**

*Minister: By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.*

**People: For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.**

*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 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.**

**Our Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy. 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, 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 Receive a New Member**

Irene Corriveau

### **We Hear God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Luke 16

Psalm of Response:      *Blest the Man Who Feared Jehovah*      TPH 128B

Sermon Text      Isaiah 42:1-4

Sermon:      *My Servant*      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      Hebrews 13:16

**We Partake of the Covenant Meal**

\*Hymn of Preparation:      *Jesus, My Great High Priest*      TPH 274

\*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

**God of all glory and grace you graciously feed us, who have received these gifts, with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received this sacrament, be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth; we who have heard the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom; for you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of your Son, our Lord and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.**

\*Closing Psalm: *Praise the LORD, God, All You Nations*

TPH 117B

\*Benediction

\*Doxology:        *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

TPH 553 (4)

EVENING WORSHIP
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\*Apostolic Greeting

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 66:13-20

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Psalm of Praise: *Eternal Is Your Word, O LORD*

TPH 119L

\*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. 89. How is the word made effectual to salvation?*

**A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching, of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.**

*Q. 90. How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?*

**A. That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.**

\*Hymn of Response:

*O Word of God Incarnate*

TPH 171

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 17

Psalm of Response:

*I Cry for Mercy to the LORD*

TPH 142

Sermon Text

Matthew 18:7-9

Sermon: *It is Better*

Rev. David C. Noe

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Matthew 6:19-20

\*Psalm of Praise: *Thou, O Lord, Art God Alone*

TPH 102B

\*Benediction

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



**Morning Sermon Notes**  
(Isaiah 42:1-4)

I. My servant (v. 1)

II. Humble and meek (vv. 2-3)

III. Strong and persevering (v. 4)

Conclusion

**Evening Sermon Notes**  
(Matthew 18:7-9)

I. The necessity of temptations (v. 7a)

II. Woe to the one (v. 7b)

III. Drastic measures (vv. 8-9)

Conclusion

## Offerings

	July \$	2024 YTD \$
Giving	8,411.96	78,590.77
Interest income	195.51	1,383.80
Actual expenses	12,377.49	82,709.45
Net income over (loss)	(3,770.02)	(2,734.88)

### Planned Preaching Schedule:

9/15: Isaiah 42:5-9; Matthew 18:10-14

9/22: Isaiah 42:10-13; Matthew 18:15-20

9/29: Isaiah 42:14-17; Matthew 18:21-22

10/6: Isaiah 42:18-25; Matthew 18:23-35

10/13: Mr. Elisha Walker: Isaiah 43:1-2; Matthew 19:1-9

10/20: 10/20: Isaiah 43:3-4; Matthew 19:10-12

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