



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

THE LORD'S DAY NOVEMBER 12, 2023  
*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.
November 14 (Tuesday)	Monthly Session meeting, 7:00 pm at the church building. Guests welcome at 7:30 pm.
November 15 (Wednesday)	Pizza and Theology, 6:00 pm at the Noe home, 3033 Vassar St. SE. We will continue our study on the Councils of Ephesus and Chalcedon, and Christ's two natures.

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 40:1-2

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Psalm of Approach: *It's Good to Thank the LORD*

TPH 92A

\*The Law of God

Hosea 4

*Minister: Hear the word of the Lord, O children of Israel, for the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land.*

**People: There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land.**

*Minister: There is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery.*

**People: They break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.**

*Minister: Therefore the land mourns,*

**People: and all who dwell in it languish,**

*Minister: and also the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens,*

**People: and even the fish of the sea are taken away.**

*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, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto you that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe your word nor follow your holy commandments. Remember your goodness, we beg you, and for your name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity, which is great before you. We pray all this in the name of him 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 17

Psalm of Response: *Shout to the LORD, All Earth*

TPH 100A

Sermon Text

Isaiah 29:11-21

Sermon: *Potter and Clay*

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 9:6-7

## We Partake of the Covenant Meal

\*Hymn of Preparation: *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!*

TPH 362

\*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

**Our gracious heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessing of this holy feast. Although we are unworthy to share this meal with you, it is by your invitation and dressed in Christ's righteousness that we have come boldly into the holy of holies. Instead of wrath, we have received your pardon; in the place of fear, we have been given hope. Our High Priest and Mediator of the new covenant has reconciled us to you and even now intercedes for us at your right hand. Please strengthen us by these gifts, so that, relying only on your promise to save sinners who call on Jesus' name, we may, by your Spirit, honor you with our souls and bodies, to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.**

\*Closing Psalm: *My Heart Was Glad to Hear the Welcome Sound*    TPH 122B

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: *Loving Shepherd of Your Sheep*    TPH 527

EVENING WORSHIP
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\*Apostolic Greeting

\*Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:22-24

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Psalm of Praise: *Praise the LORD! My Soul, O Praise Him!*

TPH 146

\*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 (Heidelberg Catechism)**

**Lord's Day 42**

**111 Q. What does God require of you in this commandment?**

*A. That I do whatever I can and may for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may help the needy in their hardship.*

\*Psalm of Response: *Lord, You Have Ever Been Our Dwelling Place* TPH 90B

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 21

Hymn of Response: *The Sands of Time Are Sinking*

TPH 471

Sermon Text

Matthew 12:1-8

Sermon: *Mercy and not Sacrifice*

Rev. David C. Noe

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Proverbs 3:27

\*Psalm of Praise: *Clap Your Hands and Shout!*

TPH 47B

\*Benediction

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



## **Morning Sermon Notes (Isaiah 29:11-21)**

- I. A vision and a sealed book (vv. 11-12)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- II. Wonders and wisdom (vv. 13-14)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- III. Potter and clay (vv. 15-16)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- IV. A very little while (v. 17)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- V. Deaf, blind, and meek (vv. 18-19)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- VI. The end of the ruthless and scoffers

Conclusion

## **Evening Sermon Notes (Matthew 12:1-8)**

- I. Hungry (v. 1)
  
- II. What is not lawful (v. 2)
  
- III. Have you not read? (vv. 3-4)
  
- IV. Or have you not read (v. 5)
  
- V. Greater than the temple (v. 6)
  
- VI. Mercy, and not sacrifice (v. 7)
  
- VII. Lord of the Sabbath (v. 8)

Conclusion

## Offerings

	October \$	2023 YTD \$
Giving	14,347.45	116,096.43
Budgeted expenses	11,518.20	112,881.96
Income over/(under) budget	2,829.25	3,214.47
Actual expenses	10,876.81	105,783.46
Income over/(under) actual	3,470.64	10,312.97

### Planned Preaching Schedule:

11/19: Isaiah 29:22-24; Matthew 12:9-14

11/26: Isaiah 30:1-17; Philippians 2:12-13, Mr. Dheeraj Rai

12/3: Isaiah 30:18-33; Matthew 12:15-21

12/10: Isaiah 31; Matthew 12:22-32

12/17: Isaiah 32:1-8; Matthew 12:33-37

12/24: Isaiah 32:9-20; Matthew 12:38-42

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