



REFORMATION OPC
GRAND RAPIDS

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

THE LORD'S DAY DECEMBER 10, 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.
December 10 (today)	Annual congregational meeting to decide on budget, etc., immediately following morning worship.
December 19 (Tuesday)	Monthly Session meeting, 7:00 pm at the church building. Guests welcome at 7:30 pm.

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 40:3-5

*Prayer of Invocation

*Psalm of Approach: *I Will Exalt You, O My God and King* TPH 145A (1-4)

*The Law of God

Micah 6 (adapted)

Minister: With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

People: Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Minister: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

People: Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

Minister: He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? 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

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer us, for we are poor and needy. Preserve us, O God, and deliver us, for we trust in you. Be gracious to us, O Lord, for to you we cry all the day. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. Give ear, O LORD, to our prayer and listen to our plea for grace. For you are great and you have done wondrous things in our Lord Jesus Christ, overthrowing the powers of sin, death and the devil through the death and resurrection of your Son.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and be gracious to us, forgiving all our sins for Christ's sake. Teach us your way, O LORD, that we may walk in your truth. Unite our hearts, by the grace of your Holy Spirit, to fear your name, for we pray 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 21

Psalm of Response: *LORD, Our Lord, in All the Earth*

TPH 8B

Sermon Text

Isaiah 30:23-33

Sermon: *The Lord Binds up the Brokenness of his People* 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

Jeremiah 9:23-24

We Partake of the Covenant Meal

*Hymn of Preparation: *Once in Royal David's City* TPH 322

*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

Almighty and ever living God, we sincerely thank you, that you graciously grant to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ; and that you assure us thereby of your favor and goodness towards us. And we thank you that you have incorporated us into the mystical body of your Son, which is the blessed company of all your faithful people; and that by the merits of his most precious death and passion, we are also heirs through hope of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask, O heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works that you have prepared for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*Closing Psalm: *I Will Exalt You, O My God and King*

TPH 145A (5-8)

*Benediction

*Doxology: *Now Blessed Be Jehovah God*

TPH 564

EVENING WORSHIP

*Apostolic Greeting

*Call to Worship

I Thessalonians 5:16-22

*Prayer of Invocation

*Psalm of Praise: *The Lord's My Shepherd*

TPH 23A

*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 46

120 Q. Why has Christ commanded us to address God as "our Father"?

A. To awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer what should be basic to our prayer—a childlike reverence and trust that through Christ God has become our Father, and will much less refuse to give us what we ask in faith than will our parents refuse us the things of this life.

121 Q. Why the words "who is in heaven"?

A. These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty in an earthly way, and to expect from his almighty power everything needed for body and soul.

*Hymn of Response: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

TPH 2224

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 1

Psalm of Response: *O praise ye the Lord and sing a new song*

TPH 149B

Sermon Text

Matthew 12:22-32

Sermon: *He First Binds the Strong Man*

Rev. David C. Noe

Congregational Prayer

Offering

I Timothy 6:18-19

*Psalm of Praise: *Be Merciful, O God*

TPH 57

*Benediction

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

Morning Sermon Notes (Isaiah 30:23-33)

- I. Rich and plenteous (vv. 23-26)
 - A. seed, bread, produce, livestock

 - B. brooks running with water

 - C. moon and sun

 - D. binding and healing

- II. Anger, smoke, fury, breath, and a sieve (vv. 27-28)

- III. Music, fury, and judgment (vv. 29-33)

Conclusion

Evening Sermon Notes (Matthew 12:22-32)

- I. A healing (v. 22)

- II. The Son of David? (v. 23)

- III. Beelzebul (v. 24)

- IV. A kingdom divided (vv. 25-26)

- V. The Spirit of God (vv. 27-29)

- VI. With or against? (v. 30)

- VII. Blaspheming the Holy Spirit (vv. 31-32)

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:

12/17: Isaiah 31; Mr. Elisha Walker, Revelation 1:17-19

12/24: Isaiah 32:1-8; Matthew 12:33-37

12/31: Isaiah 32:9-20; Matthew 12:38-42

1/7: Isaiah 33:1-4; Matthew 12:43-44

1/14: Isaiah 33:5-9; Matthew 12:46-50

1/21: TBD, Rev. Wayne Veenstra; TBD, Mr. Dheeraj Rai

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