

# CHRIST THE REDEEMER

—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
January 25, 2026

## Welcome to CHRIST THE REDEEMER...

We're glad you've joined us. Whether you have followed Jesus your whole life or you can't remember the last time you stepped foot in a church, we want you to feel welcome to come as you are and worship with our church family. If you have any questions about our church or where to find something, please don't hesitate to ask. We're excited about what God is doing among us as we seek to live, grow and serve as followers of Jesus in Portland and in our surrounding neighborhoods. So, welcome to CTR, we'd love to have you as part of our family.

During our service, our nursery is open for babies who are crawlers through 3-year-olds. If you need help finding the nursery area, please ask any of our greeters!

Children's Church is in session. After the blessing each week, children age 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade are welcome to go to Children's Church. They will re-join their families after the sermon.

→ You may use this QR code to link to the lyrics in our worship service today.



## THE RHYTHM OF OUR WORSHIP

On the road to Emmaus (Luke 24), when Jesus' disciples found themselves troubled and confused, Jesus met them along the way. When they confessed their troubles and doubts to Him, His words and presence began to change them. He unfolded God's Word to them, pointing to His own person and work. He dined with them, giving thanks and breaking bread. The disciples recognized their Lord's presence with them and hurried to tell others the good news.

In the Emmaus story, we recognize the pattern of historic Christian worship as it began to take shape. Our worship liturgy at Christ the Redeemer moves through a specific rhythm: God **SUMMONS** us as His people, God **SANCTIFIES** us to Himself, God **SPEAKS** to us in His Word, God **STRENGTHENS** us at His table, and God **SENDS** us into the world to share His grace.

The emphasis throughout our worship is upon God's action and our appropriate response. In worship, we rehearse the gospel message of Jesus' death and resurrection and are caught up into the mission of the Triune God. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity as children of God and then impelling us outward into our world.

*-adapted from City Church Philadelphia Guide to Our Worship*

**G O D S U M M O N S**

[ P R A I S E ]

## C A L L T O W O R S H I P

[L] Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

[P] **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

[L] Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

[P] **let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

[L] For the Lord is a great God,

[All] **and a great King above all gods.**

## SONG

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

**G O D S A N C T I F I E S**

[ R E N E W A L ]

## C O N F E S S I O N O F S I N

[All] Heavenly Father, we come before your throne of grace to confess our sin. We have been selfish instead of generous; we have been proud instead of humble; we have held grudges instead of forgiving; we have proven over and over again that we cannot be good enough on our own. We need more of you, and less of ourselves. Gracious God, we ask for your forgiveness and receive it with joyful hearts. Renew our minds so that we may discern what is good. Fill us with your Spirit so that we may be your witnesses in the world. Comfort our hearts, that we may know that we have complete redemption by your grace alone. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

## WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] O Church, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem us from all our sins. In Christ, we are forgiven!

[All] **Thanks be to God!**

## SONG

LIVING HOPE

## LIFE OF THE PEOPLE

## [ANNOUNCEMENTS]

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## THE PEACE OF GOD

## and THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

[L] May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

[P] **And also with you.**

[L] People of God, what is our prayer for these and all our children?

[All] **May the Lord be with you.**

[Children] **And also with you.**

*After the blessing each week, children aged 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade are welcome to go to Children's Church downstairs in The Commons. They will re-join their families after the sermon.*

## SONG

TURN YOUR EYES

**G O D   S P E A K S**  
[ W O R D ]

S C R I P T U R E

Luke 13:1-5; 18:9-14 ESV

Read by Matt Reid

*Repent or Perish*

**13** There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

*The Pharisee and the Tax Collector*

**18** <sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

[L] The grass withers and the flower fades,  
but the Word of God stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8

The Word of the Lord.

[P] **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Series:

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: FOLLOWING JESUS

Sermon:

THE PRIORITY OF REPENTANCE

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts

*Lead Pastor*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q &amp; A's #1 &amp; 2

[L] What is your only comfort in life and in death?

[P] **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**  
**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**  
**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

[L] What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

[P] **Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come; your 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 yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## SONG

MESSENGER DOXOLOGY #1

**G O D   S T R E N G T H E N S**

[ T A B L E ]

## CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

A Word about Communion: *Communion is the family meal of Christians. Baptized believers actively looking to Jesus as their hope for salvation are warmly invited to share in this meal with us as our brothers and sisters.*

- *Please follow the directions given by the pastor in how to come to the front to receive the elements and then return to your seat.*
- *Once you receive the bread and wine/juice, please hold on to it as you return to your seat. We will partake together as one body after everyone has received the elements.*
- *Children and those who are not partaking are also welcome to approach the servers for a prayer or word of God's blessing. We ask that you fold your hands as you approach so the server is aware.*
- *Please dispose of your communion cups and any other trash in the wastebasket located at the back of the sanctuary as you leave today. Thank you!*

## WORDS OF INVITATION &amp; INSTITUTION

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

## SONG

MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN

## PRAYERS OF REFLECTION

### PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

## **G O D S E N D S**

[ M I S S I O N ]

R E S P O N S E S O F J O Y

## **O F F E R I N G O U R L I V E S A N D R E S O U R C E S**

[ our tithes and offerings ]

If you would like to give online, please use this QR code:  
This takes you to our online giving portal.



## **SONG**

**ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST**

## **B E N E D I C T I O N a n d S E N D I N G**

[L] As you leave the sanctuary today, may you know the hope to which God has called you, experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe.

[P] **Amen!**

# HIGHLIGHTS

January 25, 2026

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## 1 ON THE CALENDAR

### BOOK WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**MONDAYS – 6:00 PM | 29 Lilac Lane, New Gloucester**

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Our winter/spring Women's Bible Study has begun. Supper will be provided as we gather each week. Together we'll walk through God's Word and encourage one another in faith.

**Questions?** Contact Laura Wiersma at [lwiersma@ctrportland.org](mailto:lwiersma@ctrportland.org) or 603.566.7746.

### PEOPLE MEN'S DROP-IN

**TUES, JAN 27 – 5 – 6:30 PM | 66 Cove Street, Portland**

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Men, you're invited to join us for a relaxed time of conversation and connection at **Belleflower Brewing** on **Tuesday, January 27, from 5:00–6:30 pm**.

No agenda and no pressure—just good conversation, good company, and space to connect midweek. Come when you can, stay as long as you're able. We'd love to see you there.

### HEART DEACONS FUND SUNDAY

**SUN, FEB 8**

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Each quarter, we set aside a Sunday to prayerfully consider giving above and beyond our regular offering to support the Deacons Fund. These gifts go directly toward caring for individuals and families in our church and community who are facing financial hardship.

If you feel led to contribute, mark your gift "Deacons Fund" or select that option when giving online. Thank you for being part of this quiet, faithful work of care and compassion.

## **ON THE CALENDAR**

### **INQUIRERS' CLASS (SPRING)**

***SUNDAYS, BEGINNING FEB 8 | 9 AM | 61 Neal Street, Portland***

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Are you new to our church? If you're interested in learning more about CTR's history, vision, values, and practices, come join us for our upcoming Inquirers' Class. This is a great opportunity to learn more about who we are, to ask questions, and to meet and engage with other newcomers, as well as key leaders and staff. This class is also a prerequisite for church membership, for those interested.

The class will take place on Sunday mornings at 9am -- before the service. It will begin on Sunday, February 15.

**Questions?** Contact Pastor Alden Groves at [agroves@ctrportland.org](mailto:agroves@ctrportland.org) or 215-704-0132.

### **INSTALLATION SERVICE OF ALDEN GROVES AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

***SUN, FEB 8 – 10 AM | 61 Neal Street, Portland***

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Please join us on **Sunday, February 8, at our 10:00 am service** as we celebrate the installation of Rev. Alden Groves as Associate Pastor. This will be a joyful and significant moment in the life of our church as we give thanks for God's call and pray for Alden as he steps into this role among us.

Following the service, everyone is invited to a reception in The Commons with cookies, coffee, and tea. We hope you will make every effort to be present for this important day and to share in our gratitude and celebration together.

## 1 ON THE CALENDAR

### CTR ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

**SAT, FEB 14 – 5 – 7:30 PM | 61 Neal Street, Portland**

Join us for a fun and relaxed Trivia Night on Saturday, February 14. It's a great opportunity to enjoy community, friendly competition, and a casual Valentine's evening together.

#### Event Details:

- Teams will be randomly assigned
- Pizza will be provided
- A prize will be awarded to the winning team

#### Kids & Childcare:

- Babysitting will be available for children up to age 8
- Children will enjoy a Valentine's-themed craft
- Kids aged 8 and older are welcome to join a trivia team

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US KNOW YOU ARE  
COMING!



For more information, please contact Claire Roberts @ [clerkus@gmail.com](mailto:clerkus@gmail.com) or 956.270.2565.



## DEEP ROOTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As part of our **Deep Roots Capital Campaign**, we've invited everyone in our community to prayerfully consider how they can support the next chapter of our church's life together.

If you would prefer to make a pledge online, please visit our **online pledge form**—and feel free to share the link with friends, family, or others in your circle who believe in the mission of our church.



TO  
PLEDGE  
ONLINE

Every gift, every conversation, and every step of faith helps us put down deep roots for generations to come.

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

*Belong. Lean in. Launch out.*

Whether you're brand new to CTR or have been here for years, **community groups are for you!**

These smaller gatherings meet regularly in homes throughout Greater Portland. Together we:

- Form friendships
- Share meals
- Pray for and engage one another throughout the week
- Encourage one another to live on mission in our everyday contexts

## Why join a group?

Community groups are the primary way we care for and grow with one another at CTR. No matter your age, stage, or point in your faith journey, you'll find a place to belong, be challenged, and grow as a disciple of Jesus. We'll learn to keep asking each other: *Where has Christ placed you to serve him this time tomorrow?*

For any questions or concerns, email: [amckrell@ctrportland.org](mailto:amckrell@ctrportland.org).

**New to CTR or to community groups?** We would love you to join us!

Scan the QR code to sign up or email [amckrell@ctrportland.org](mailto:amckrell@ctrportland.org).



# SERVE...

At CTR, we believe that part of what makes the church a beautiful place is that it draws people with various passions and gifts into one body. Below are some opportunities to use your passions and gifts to serve one another and our local community.

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# How Do I Get and Stay Connected at CTR?

At CTR we long for clear communication and deep bonds. We are excited that you're interested in being more connected and involved. The following is a list of our communication channels and their purpose in the life of our body:

## 1. EMAIL NEWSLETTER (*Keeping in Touch*)

**This is the primary vehicle** by which we communicate regarding the life of our church. Most weeks you will receive an email with announcements and upcoming events. From time to time, our elders will also use this vehicle for church-wide or members only correspondence. **NOTE:** If you are not regularly checking your email from CTR, it will be difficult to feel and be connected in the life of our church. [Use this QR code to sign up for the email.]



## 2. CTR APP & TEXT MESSAGES

**The CTR App** is designed to help those in our church interact with each other. It is largely crowd sourced and includes information on informal meetups, prayer requests, live and past sermons/services, different hobby groups, ways to give, etc. [See page 15 to download the App.]

**Text Messages** are sent exclusively as reminders about events in the days/hours immediately beforehand.

## 3. SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday mornings employ several communication methods, including written **announcements in our Order of Worship**, verbally highlighted **announcements**, and (new) **projected announcements** running before and after the service. Sunday Morning announcements are focused on pointing people to events and ministries that help them explore or integrate more fully into the life of our church. Given the diverse backgrounds and circumstances of those attending Sunday Morning Worship, only on rare and exceptional occasions will these vehicles be used by leadership for information that is primarily member focused.

## 4. CTR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

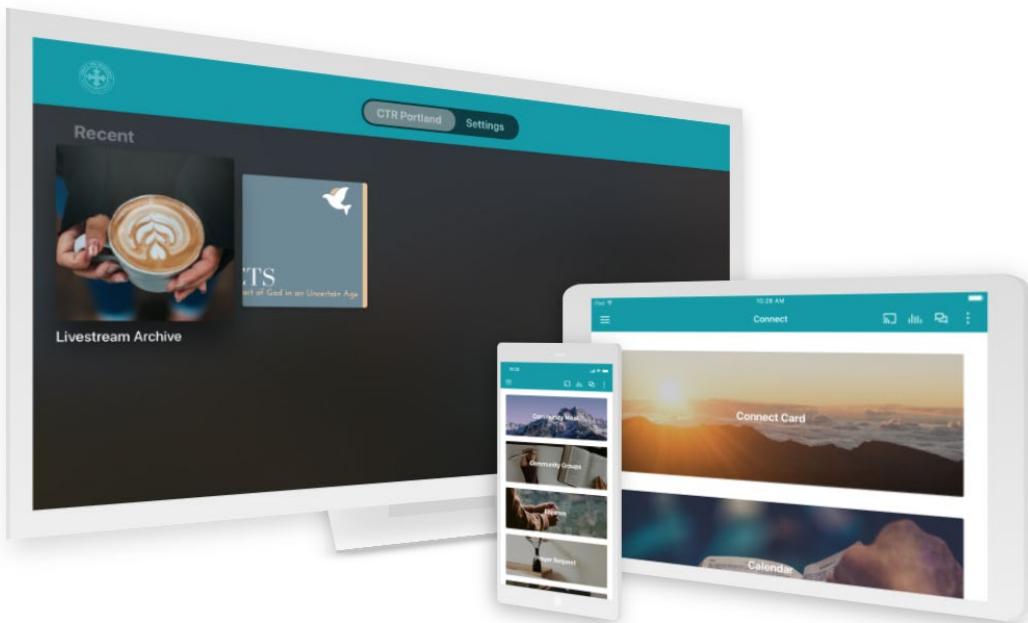
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

**The CTR Website** [ctrportland.org] is designed to be our front door- a welcoming place for new people to discover and learn about our church. It is minimal in announcements and church life information.

**Social Media [Instagram & Facebook]** is used for promotion of church events. People are encouraged to “re-post” as a way of sharing with and inviting their friends. [@ctrportland]

*If you would like to access or have had difficulty accessing any of these vehicles, please contact [ctr@ctrportland.org](mailto:ctr@ctrportland.org). Our admin, Cheryl Sullivan, is happy to help you get integrated into our communication systems.*

# DOWNLOAD THE CTR APP!









CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER  
-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
longs to be a diverse people who gather around  
and extend the table of God's grace.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM

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*In need of assistance?*

If you're experiencing a material need beyond what you can manage, the CTR Deacons may be able to help. Please call them at 207-331-1304 or email [deacons@ctrportland.org](mailto:deacons@ctrportland.org). All inquiries will remain confidential, and you will receive a reply within twenty-four hours.

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