



# christ reformed church

*God gives the growth.*

1 Cor 3.7

Sunday Worship  
October 18th, 2020  
10:30 am Worship

## *Welcome to Christ Reformed!*

Public worship is a holy assembly called into existence by the Word of the Lord. Today the Lord Himself speaks to us, revealing our sin through the Law and offering forgiveness through the Gospel. We respond in dialogue with confession, thanksgiving, and praise.

We ordinarily celebrate the Lord's Supper each Sunday. If you are a member of another church and would like to join us at the Lord's Table in the future, please read our instructions below and speak with an elder or our minister.

### *An Invitation to the Lord's Supper*

In obedience to God's word, we invite visitors to join us at the Lord's Supper who come worthily, with discernment, and in self-examination (1 Cor. 11:27 – 32). Since the Apostle Paul reminds us that the Supper can bring both judgment and blessing, we desire to administer this holy meal with the utmost of care. If you are a communicant member in good standing of a sister URCNA or NAPARC congregation, you are welcome at the table. If not, please confirm with the Elders that the following is true before coming to the Supper:

1. You have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
2. You have made a public profession of faith.
3. You are repentant because of your sins and seek to obey God's commands.
4. You are a member in good-standing of a Protestant Church that affirms the following:
  - i. The **gospel** is summarized in the Apostles' Creed and/or the Nicene Creed.
  - ii. God's **justification** of sinners is on the basis of the imputed righteousness of Christ, which is received by faith alone.
  - iii. The two **sacraments** of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are a means of grace.
  - iv. **Church discipline** should be exercised according to Scripture.

If this does not describe you or your church, or if you do not understand these criteria, we ask you to please abstain. If you wish to commune with us on a future visit, or desire any clarification, please speak with our Pastor or an Elder after the service. It is our prayer that this practice blesses and protects the recipients of the Supper, encourages Christians to reflect upon their relationship with Christ and His Church, and directs all visitors to the death and resurrection of Jesus as the only source of our spiritual life.

*We err not when we say that what is eaten and drunk by us is the proper and natural body and the proper blood of Christ. But the manner of our partaking of the same is not by the mouth, but by the spirit through faith.* — BELGIC CONFSSION, ARTICLE 35

During COVID outbreak, we are distributing the communion elements in a sterile manner and regularly evaluating our practice. Please follow the instructions during the service and join us in observing social distancing guidelines.

# Order for the First Service

*\* Denotes congregation standing; Bold Text indicates congregational response*

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP, INVOCATION, & GOD'S GREETING

Psalm 71:22-24

*The Lord is near to all who call upon His name!*

**Call upon Him while He is near!**

\* OPENING PSALM — "The LORD Said to My Lord"

Psalm 110A

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE READING OF GOD'S LAW

Mark 7:14-23

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

**Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy.**

**We recognize that we have heard in your Law difficult words,  
knowing how often we have offended you in thought, word and deed,  
not only by obvious violations,**

**but by failing to conform to its perfect commands,**

**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**There is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope,**

**for where we thought we were well, we are sick in soul.**

**Where we thought we were holy, we are in truth unholy and ungrateful.**

**Our hearts are filled with the love of the world;**

**our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts;**

**our wills are too often given to selfishness**

**and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness.**

**By sinning against our neighbors,**

**we have also sinned against you,**

**in whose image they were created.**

**In this time of silent confession we bring you our particular sins.**

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & PRAYER FOR PARDON

PSALM OF CONFESSION — “My Heart Does Overflow”

Psalm 45B

ABSOLUTION

*Do you believe that Jesus Christ has atoned for your sins?*

**We do.**

\* CONFESSION OF FAITH — THE APOSTLES’ CREED

*p. 851*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only begotten Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

**Our Father, we have heard wonderful things out of thy Word. We praise you for revealing Christ by promise and shadow in these pages. Help us to understand these words, for thy name's sake. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI

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*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.*

\* NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (p. 961)

**Our Father, we have heard wonderful things out of thy Word. We praise you for revealing Christ as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and ask you to give us your Spirit so that we may understand the fullness of your truth. Amen.**

SERMON

“God’s Politics”  
Rev. Brian Lee

PSALM OF RESPONSE — “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” Psalm 72 (see supplement)

LORD’S SUPPER

*Lift up your hearts!*

***We lift them up to the Lord!***

OFFERING

\* DOXOLOGY

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CLOSING HYMN — “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

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## “God’s Politics”

Rev. Brian Lee

### 1. *Why* are we praying for Israel’s king?

1. Israel’s king is uniquely chosen by God
2. Rulers today serve God for a different purpose

### 2. *What* are we praying for Israel’s King?

1. Israel’s king alone brings justice
2. Israel’s king alone brings peace
3. Israel’s king alone brings abundance
4. Israel’s king alone blesses all nations forever

### 3. *How* are we praying for Israel’s king?

1. Thy kingdom come...

### *“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity

2. He comes with succor speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in his sight,

3. He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth;  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth;  
Before him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness, in fountains,  
From hill to valley flow.

4. O'er ev'ry foe victorious,  
He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All-blessing and all-blessed;  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His Name shall stand for ever—  
That Name to us is Love.

# Catechism Devotion

Posted on our website for evening devotions

OPENING PSALM AND PRAYER

HYMN — “God of the Prophets”

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SCRIPTURE READING

Titus 1 (*p.* 998)

BELGIC CONFESSION

ARTICLE 30

LESSON

“The Spiritual Order of a True Church”  
Rev. Brian Lee

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EVENING PRAYER

## Daily Readings for Next Week’s Worship, Sunday, October 25th

10:30 Worship:

“From Paul to Titus” Titus 1

Evening Catechism:

“Ministers, Elders, and Deacons” BC 31

**Sunday, October 18th**

Titus 1-3

**Tuesday, Oct. 20th**

1 Timothy 2

**Friday, Oct. 23rd**

1 Timothy 5

**Monday, Oct. 19th**

1 Timothy 1

**Wednesday, Oct. 21st**

1 Timothy 3

**Saturday, Oct. 24th**

1 Timothy 6

**Thursday, October 22nd**

1 Timothy 4

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### Covid-19 & Public worship

We ask all attendees to follow DC guidance for houses of Worship:

- Stay at home if you are sick or were recently exposed to someone with COVID-19
- Stay at least 6 feet from other people when possible and follow DC regulations by wearing a cloth face covering at all times.
- Wear a cloth face covering at all times.
- Avoid shaking hands and other physical contact with people outside of your household.
- Please exit at the end of the service and enjoy one another's company outdoors.

### Wednesday Night Study

This week we will continue to study Galatians. We meet at 7pm at Elder Robbins' Home. All are welcome.

### Servant Leadership Classes

Next weekend, the 25th, we will continue our Servant Leadership class. Our topic will be "Church Government and You." We will discuss Church governance and every members place in it.

### Baptism Announcement

We rejoice to announce that next Sunday, Oct. 25th, Vada James Elliott will be baptized.

### Prayer for URCNA Missionary Labors

*Rev. Chris Coleman is a URCNA church-planter in Vancouver, WA.*

- *Pray that the Lord would provide a place where we can gather for morning and evening worship.*
- *Pray that the Lord would provide elders to oversee the shepherding of the saints in Vancouver.*
- *Pray that the Lord would grow Peace URC through new members and through unbelievers coming to faith in Christ.*

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### Child Care & Nursery

Children are very important to us at Christ Reformed Church, and we seek to foster an environment where they can learn to worship in the presence of their parents. Mothers and Fathers are encouraged to sit and walk about with their children in the rear of the sanctuary as necessary to manage the occasional squeal, or to move in and out of our adjacent reception area as needed.

### Parking in Logan Circle

Please reserve our small lot and the spots in front of the church for visitors, families, and the elderly. The north side of Corcoran Street between 15th and 16th Streets is open for parking on Sunday and usually has spots available. If necessary visitors may use the parking garage at 1616 P Street NW, and we will validate your ticket for a full refund.

### Affiliation

Christ Reformed Church is a member church in the United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA).



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