

**CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER**

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

**EASTER  
SUNDAY**

April 5, 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] Alleluia! Christ is risen.

[P] **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

[L] Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[P] **He has given us new life and hope.  
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

[L] God has claimed us as his own.

[P] **He has brought us out of darkness.  
He has made us light to the world.**

[L] Alleluia! Christ is risen.

[P] **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## S O N G

COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING  
CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

# GOD SANCTIFIES

[RENEWAL]

## CONFESSION OF SIN

[L] Even in our Easter joy, we confess before our gracious God our failings and sin. For though our voices sing out “Alleluias” this day, we fail to live every day as Easter people. Let us pray:

[P] **Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb you have given us the sure sign of Your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew Your whole creation.**

**Yet we confess that too often we have chosen to remain captive to fear, clinging to our selfish ways and doubting Your power to make all things new. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned Your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced Your image in us. Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of His resurrection, now and forever. Amen.**

## TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

## WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, so in Christ all will be made alive.

By His sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, Jesus Christ has won the victory over sin, death, and the devil, and through Him, your sins are forgiven. New life and salvation are yours! Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” This is the Good News of Easter that we celebrate today and every day!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

[P] **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CTR CHOIR

*“Easter Alleluia”*

SONG

RESURRECTION HYMN

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

IN CHRIST ALONE

**G O D S P E A K S**

[ W O R D ]

## S C R I P T U R E

Luke 24:36-49 ESV

*Jesus Appears to His Disciples*

<sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

[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.**

EASTER SUNDAY

Apr 5, 2026

Sermon Series:  
THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: LOVING JESUS

Sermon:  
PEACE AND THE RESURRECTION

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts  
*Lead Pastor*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #45 and #1

[L] How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

[P] **First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.**

**Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.**

**Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.**

[L] What is your only comfort in life and 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.**

SONG

DOXOLOGY

**G O D S T R E N G T H E N S**

[ T A B L E ]

## C E L E B R A T I N G H O L Y C O M M U N I O N

*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!*

## W O R D S O F I N V I T A T I O N &amp; I N S T I T U T I O N

## P R A Y E R O F T H A N K S G I V I N G

## P A R T A K I N G O F T H E E L E M E N T S

## S O N G

AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING

## **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

[MISSION]

RESPONSES OF JOY

## OFFERING OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

[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

THINE BE THE GLORY

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

[L] Go now as Easter people, ambassadors of Christ's kingdom of forgiveness, healing and hope, and witnesses of what we know to be true. May the almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

[P] **Amen.**

[L] Alleluia! Christ is risen!

[P] **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

# HIGHLIGHTS

April 5, 2026

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## ON THE CALENDAR

### 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.

### CTRKids CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

*SUNDAYS beginning APRIL 12 – 9:00 AM | 61 Neal Street, Portland*

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Group	Age	Class Location	Curriculum
Ram Island	Potty-Trained – PreK	Nursery	Show Me Jesus
Bug Light	K-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	The Corner Room [old nursery]	The Biggest Story
Two Lights	2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	The Commons [large room downstairs]	The Biggest Story
Head Light	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Middle School	Downstairs Foyer	New City Catechism

For more information, please contact Abby Reid @ [areid@ctrportland.org](mailto:areid@ctrportland.org) or 404.723.4448.

**PLEASE USE THIS QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THESE CLASSES!**



## ON THE CALENDAR

### BOOKS & BUBBLY

*WEDNESDAY, April 15 – 7:00 PM | 64 Brook Road, Portland*

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Join the women of CTR for Books & Bubbly on Wednesday, April 15 @ 7 PM for an evening of fellowship, refreshments, and book discussion.

We'll gather at 64 Brook Road, Portland as we enjoy time together and talk about Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting [by Clare Pooley], a witty and heartwarming novel about an unlikely group of commuters whose lives become unexpectedly intertwined.

Whether you've finished the book or are still making your way through it, come for a relaxed and welcoming night with other women.

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

### NEW TO CTR DESSERT NIGHT

*THURSDAY, APR 16 – 7:00 PM | 64 Brook Road, Portland*

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If you're new to Christ the Redeemer [whether that's 6 weeks or 6 months], we'd love to get to know you better! Join us for a relaxed New to CTR Dessert Night at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Pastor Sean and Claire Roberts. This is a great opportunity to meet our pastors and other leaders, hear a bit about the heart of our church, and enjoy conversation together over dessert. Plan to join us!



# 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.



TO  
PLEDGE  
ONLINE

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES .....Abby Reid  
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SPECIAL EVENTS.....Claire Roberts  
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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

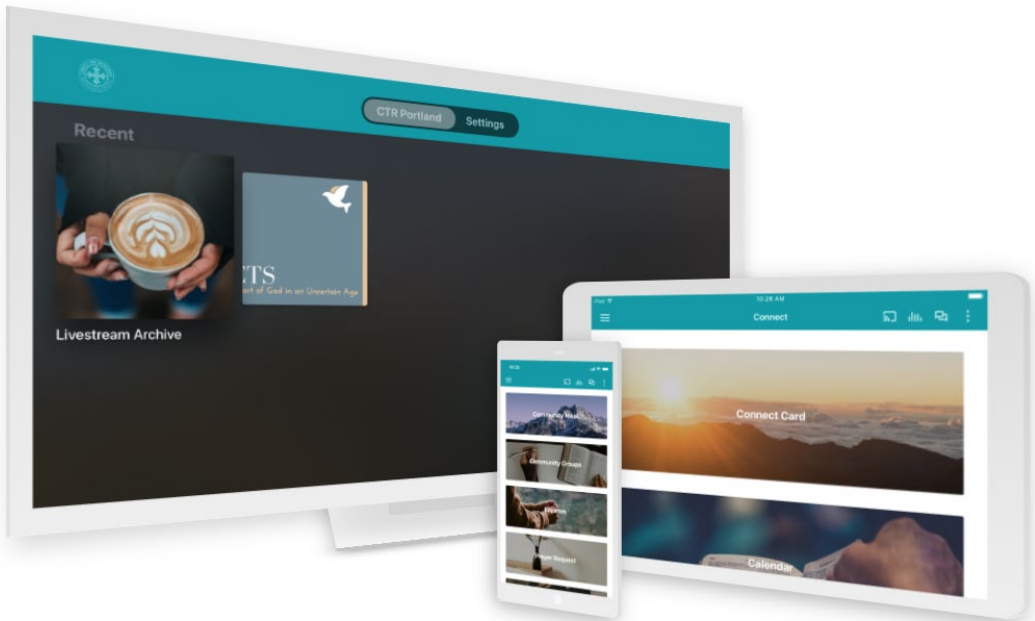
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

**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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