

CHRIST
THE REDEEMER
-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 17, 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 – 1st 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]

CALL TO WORSHIP

[L] Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

[All] **For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great King over all the earth.**

[L] Sing praises to God, sing praises!

[All] **Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Psalm 47:1-2, 6 ESV

SONG

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

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

[R E N E W A L]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[P] **O God, you desire not the death of sinners, but rather that we turn from our evil way and live. We come before you, having sinned and deserving only your wrath, and are met with your mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who gave his body and his blood for our redemption. Lord, grant that we may ever thus believe and never waver. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to you alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] By the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven.

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

SONG

'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS [TRUST IN JESUS]

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISMS

Ruth Elizabeth Anton
Steven Wallace Foster

Nevin Shawn Duffey
Samantha Joy Green

Pattie Scharf

Paul Aaron Cohen
Henry Russell Jones
Adalie Grace Maines

Nora Isabelle Maines
Lydia Grace Peters
Lucas John Peters

Winifred Elizabeth Reid
Asa Joshua Nadeau Schwanda

VOWS for the NEW MEMBERS:

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the follower of Christ?

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to promote its purity and peace?

VOW for the CONGREGATION:

Do you, members of Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church, acknowledge your need for these brothers and sisters in Christ and commit yourselves to their growth in holiness by God's grace?

BAPTISMS OF THOSE PROFESSING THEIR FAITH

Baptisms of: Nevin Shawn Duffey
Adalie Grace Maines
Nora Isabelle Maines

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Elder Nate Pillsbury

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 – 1st grade are welcome to go to Children's Church downstairs in The Commons. They will re-join their families after the sermon.

SONG

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

G O D S P E A K S

[W O R D]

S C R I P T U R E

1 Corinthians 10:14-22; 11:17-26 ESV

Read by Jocelin Yagel

¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵ I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? ¹⁹ What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰ No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²² Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

The Lord's Supper

¹⁷ But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, ¹⁹ for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup,

after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

[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:
FORMED FOR MISSION

Sermon:
THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts
Lead Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #'S 66, 68, 75

[L] What are the sacraments?

[P] **Sacraments are visible, holy signs and seals. They were instituted by God so that by our use of them he might make us understand more clearly the promise of the gospel and seal that promise.**

[L] How many sacraments did Christ institute in the New Testament?

[P] **Two: holy baptism and the holy supper.**

[L] How does the holy supper remind and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his benefits?

[P] **In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in remembrance of him. With this command come these promises:**

First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup shared with me, so surely his body was offered and broken for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross.

Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.

SONG

TRINITY SONG

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 & INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

SONG

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

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

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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

[L] Beloved of God,
go now in peace, filled with the Bread of Heaven;
go now in power, filled with the Holy Spirit;
go now to love and serve as Christ. Amen.

[P] **Amen.**

HIGHLIGHTS

May 17, 2026

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1 ON THE CALENDAR

+ CTRKids CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

SUNDAYS – 9:00 AM | 61 Neal Street, Portland

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

FMI, please contact Abby Reid @ areid@ctrportland.org or 404.723.4448.

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



ON THE CALENDAR

LADIES' DROP-IN

*MONDAY, MAY 18 – 5:00 PM | The Bramhall, 769 Congress St,
Portland*

Join the women of CTR for a relaxed evening together at The Bramhall on Monday, May 18 at 5:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other women in our church community, whether you're new or have been part of CTR for years. Come enjoy good food and drink, conversation, and the chance to build new friendships.

Feel free to invite a friend to join you—this is an easy and welcoming space to gather, laugh, and get to know one another better. We hope you'll come and be part of it!

BOOKS & BUBBLY

WEDNESDAY, June 10 – 7:00 PM | 64 Brook Road, Portland

Join the women of CTR for Books & Bubbly on Wednesday, June 10 @ 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 discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon, a richly layered historical novel inspired by the life of 18th-century midwife Martha Ballard. Set in the harsh winter of 1789 Maine, the story weaves together mystery, courage, and the quiet strength of a woman determined to seek truth and justice in her community.

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

For more information, please contact Claire Roberts @ clerkus@gmail.com or 956.270.2565.

CTR NEIGHBORHOOD COOKOUT

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 – NOON | 61 Neal Street, Portland

Join us for a fun afternoon of food, connection, and community as we welcome our West End neighbors to share a meal! We'll have a cookout and a bounce house for the kids. More details coming soon — please mark your calendars now and plan to be here!

ON THE CALENDAR

FCA POWER CAMP

MON-THURS, JULY 20-23 – 9:00 AM-12:30 PM | Presumpscot Park, Portland

We are excited to partner again this summer with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to host an unforgettable camp experience for kids in our city!

FCA Camp 2025 runs **July 20–23, 9 am–12:30 pm**, at **Presumpscot Park** (next to Deering High School in Portland) for **kids ages 5–13**. It will be four fun-filled days of sports and spiritual growth!

We're looking for people willing to serve in any of the following roles:

Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Teachers, Huddle Leaders, General Volunteers, Registration Volunteers, Greeters, Junior Camp Volunteers (younger helpers), Games Team, Post-Camp Dinner Team (help with the volunteer appreciation dinner on July 24), Provide Baked Goods or Coffee for Parents at Check-in



You don't need to be an athlete- just someone who cares about kids and wants to make a difference for the Kingdom. Whether you can serve all four days or just one, your help matters!

Parents, Sign up your kids for Power Camp!

Do your kids love sports? Do you want them to grow in confidence, character, and faith this summer? Send them to FCA Power Camp!



Campers will receive great coaching in one of the following sports: Basketball, Football, Softball, Baseball, Soccer



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.

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



TO
PLEDGE
ONLINE

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.

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.



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 MINISTRIESAbby Reid
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MEALS MINISTRY Tammy Locke
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MUSIC..... Kendra Hollen
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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 16 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

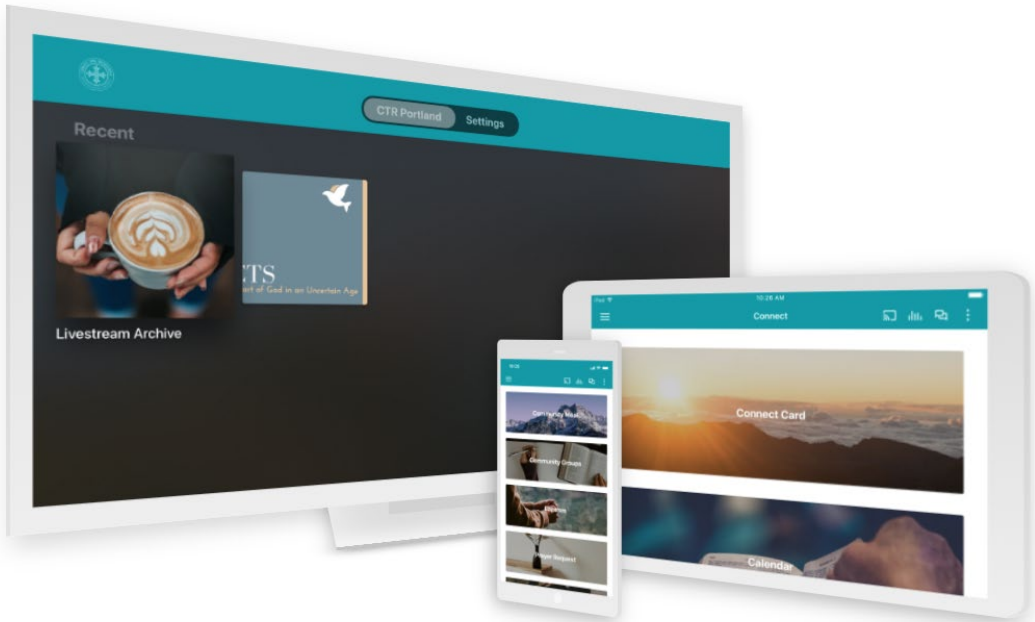
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

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. Our admin, Cheryl Sullivan, is happy to help you get integrated into our communication systems.

DOWNLOAD THE CTR APP!





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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. All inquiries will remain confidential, and you will receive a reply within twenty-four hours.

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