

REFORMATION COVENANT CHURCH

Loving the Triune God, Loving our Neighbors, Transforming the Fallen World

LORD'S DAY SERVICE
Advent I
03 December 2023



Welcome to Reformation Covenant Church

We are glad to have you visit us. If this is your first time visiting, here are some helpful things to know:

Worship Service. Our weekly service follows a responsive pattern of worship found in Scripture as a dialogue or conversation between the Lord and His people. Here God meets with us, speaks to us, and blesses us; we speak and respond back to Him in praise, thanksgiving, and renewed commitment.

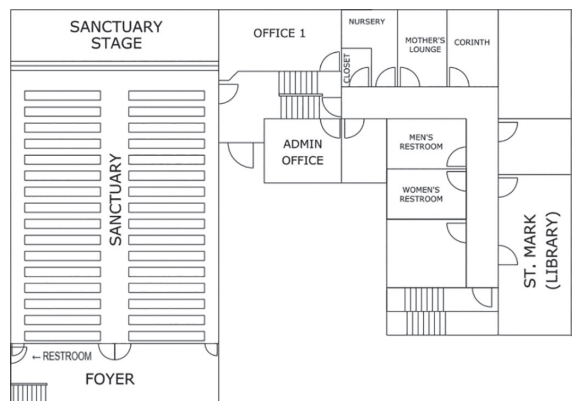
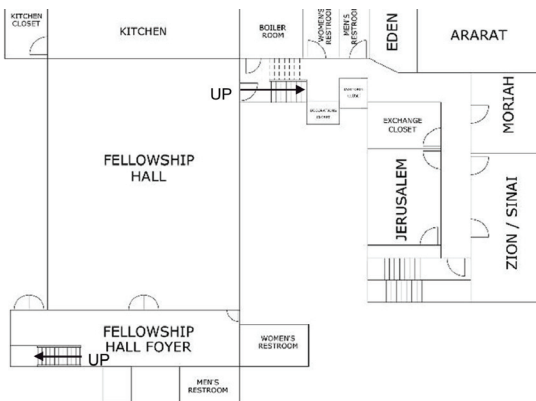
Communion. Each week at RCC we celebrate the Lord's Supper, receiving bread and wine as covenantal tokens of Jesus' body and blood. Christians – young or old – who are baptized, and are in good standing in Christ, are invited to partake. To facilitate Communion distribution, we encourage a representative of each household or group to come forward using the outer aisles to receive the Communion elements. Gluten-free bread is available as the smaller loaf on the distribution plate.

Nursery. We love having children involved in the whole service. Please don't worry if someone with you is wiggly – we are glad to have you all worshipping with us! During the sermon, the nursery room is available for children three and under. There is a Nursing Mother's room located adjacent to our Nursery, if you feel you need quiet or privacy. A video feed of the service can be viewed here, as well as in the Fellowship Hall below the sanctuary.

Restrooms. Restrooms are located down the stairs from the Foyer and in the educational wing.

Weekly Meal. Every week RCC hosts a weekly Agape meal after the service (served as a potluck). We always have plenty of food, and would love for you to join us for fellowship after worship!

Contact. If you would like us to contact you this week, please leave your name, phone number, and/or email on a visitor card, and give it to one of our Greeters, Deacons, or Elders.





Call to Worship - THE LORD CALLS US BEFORE HIS PRESENCE

The people shall rise.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL (8 8. 8 8. 8 8)

13th century plainsong

arr. Thomas Helmore, 1856

Latin antiphon, 12th century

tr. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on
3. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
4. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un -
Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the law In
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, And
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And

til the Son of God ap - pear.
cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.



Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!
All: **Amen!**
The LORD be with you!
And also with you!
Behold the days are coming, declares the LORD,
When I fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel!
I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David,
And he shall execute justice and righteousness!

Confession of Sin - THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

“He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.” John 1:10–11

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

I confess to you that I am by nature sinful and unclean, and that I am most miserably helpless before my adversaries. I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that I am not able to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, I flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your forgiveness and deliverance, through my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:12–14



James B. Jordan

ff Hal - le - lu - yah! Praise to God the Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spir - it!

Glo ry to You, O Lord, both now and for - ev - er, Hal - le - lu - yah!

Consecration and Ascension - THE LORD BRINGS US INTO THE HEAVENLIES

Sursum Corda

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is pro - per and right to do so.



Sanctus

fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.

Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the

High - - - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - - - est!



Song of Praise

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS ENTSPRUNGEN (7 6. 7 6. 6 7 6)
German melody, 15th century
arr. Michael Praetorius, *Musae Sionae*, 1609

German, 15th century
st. 1-2 tr. Theodore Baker, 1894
st. 3 tr. Harriet R. Spaeth, 1875
st. 5 tr. John C. Mattes, 1914

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath sprung!
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The Rose I have in mind;
3. *The shep - herds heard the sto - ry Pro - claimed by an - gels bright,*
4. This Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air,
5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man woe;

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, As men of old have sung.
With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er kind.
How Christ, the Lord of glo - ry Was born on earth this night.
Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry - where;
O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness know,

It came, a flower - et bright, A - mid the cold of
To show God's love a - right, She bore to men a
To Beth - le - hem they sped And in the man - ger
True Man, yet ver - y God, From sin and death He
Bring us at length, we pray, To the bright courts of

win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
found Him, As an - gel her - alds said.
saves us, And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
heav - en And to the end - less day.



The Psalm

The people shall sit

Psalm 113



1. Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,
Praise the name | of the LORD!
2. Blessed be the name | of the LORD
From this time forth and for- | evermore!
3. From the rising of the sun to its | setting,
The name of the LORD is | to be praised!
4. The LORD is high above all | nations,
And his glory above the | heavens!
5. Who is like the | LORD our God,
Who is seated | on high,
6. Who looks | far down
on the heavens | and the earth?
7. He raises the poor | from the dust
And lifts the needy from the | ash heap,
8. To make them sit with | princes,
With the princes of his | people.
9. He gives the barren wom- | an a home,
Making her the joyous mother of children. | Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
And to the Holy | Spirit
As it was in the be- | ginning,
Is now, and will be forever. | Amen



Sermon Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon Title: King of Jubilee: A Certain Promise, a Certain Person Bo Cogbill

Proclamation of the Word

The people shall rise

OT Reading: Genesis 25:19–26

NT Reading: Luke 1:1–7

This is the word of the LORD

Thanks be to God!

The people shall sit



Response to God's Word - Tribute Offerings

The people shall bring their tithes and offerings.

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

TRURO (L.M.)

Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

Georg Weissel, 1642

tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855 alt.

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold the
2. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
3. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart, Make it a
4. Re - deem - er come! with us a - bid; Our hearts to

King of glo - ry waits; The King of kings is
Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
tem - ple set a - part wide, From earth - ly use for
thee we o - pen wide, Let us thy in - ner

draw - ing near, The Sav - ior of the world is here!
hap - py homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes!
heaven's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel, Thy grace and love in us re - veal.



The Prayers of the People

Following each praise or petition, the leader and the people shall say

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Music: Traditional, very ancient

Text: *Holy Bible, King James Version, 1611*

Cantor *Congregation*

8 9 Our Fa ther who art in Heav - en, Hal - low - ed be Thy name. 10 Thy king - dom come.

5 8 Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heav - en. 11 Give us this day our dai - ly bread,

8 12 And for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.

10 8 13 And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil;

12 8 For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Communion - THE LORD DINES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

Preparation for Communion

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust in Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized, and are in good standing in the Church of Jesus Christ are welcome at His table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.



Confession of Faith

The people shall rise.

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will 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. - *The Apostles' Creed*



The people shall come forward to receive the bread and wine and return to their seats, and we will all partake together.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY (8 7. 8 7. 8 7)

French traditional carol, 17th century

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

Liturgy of St. James

tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1864

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man - ves - ture,
on the way, As the Light of light de - scend - eth
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

For with bless - ing in His hand, Christ our God to
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to
From the realms of end - less day, That the pow'rs of
As with cease - less voice they cry: Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, Our full hom - age to de - mand.
all the faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
hell may van - ish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!

The Mystery of Faith

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ is reigning, and Christ will come again. Amen.



Commission - THE LORD SENDS US OUT TO DO HIS WILL WITH HIS BLESSING

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW (L.M.)

Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

Charles Coffin, , 1736

tr. John Chandler, 1837, alt.

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry Chris - tian breast And fur - nished
3. For Thou art our Sal - va - tion, Lord, Our Ref - uge,
4. To heal the sick, stretch out thy hand, And bid the
5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, thy to Thee Whose ad - vent

that the Lord is a nigh. A - wake and hear - en
for so great a Re - Guest. Yea, let us each our
and our sin - ner ward. Once more up - on Thy
fal - len Thy peo - ple free, Whom, with the Fa - ther,
sets

for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to the and en - ter there.
peo - ple shine And fill the world with love di - vine.
light re - store Earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.



Benediction and Recessional

Nunc Dimittis

Based on Psalm Tone 5

arr. Valerie Lortz

Luke 2:29-32

Lord now let-test Thou Thy ser-vant de - part in — peace, ac-cord-ing to Thy Word, For mine

eyes have seen Thy sal-va-tion; which Thou hast pre-pared be - fore the face of all peo-ple, a Light to

ligh - ten the Gen - tiles and the Glo - ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - ra - el.

Glo - ry — be to the Fa-ther, and to — the — Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it — was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

You are invited to join us in the fellowship hall after the service for our weekly Agape Feast.



Service

Next Weeks' Sermon: "The Magnificat" Jeff Harlow

Nursery: Jessica & Brooke

Greeters: John & Debie

Usher: Sally

Ed Wing Monitor: Nate Bubna

Safety Contacts: Vance & David

Next Week: Sarah & Jessa

Next Week: Bert & Agata

Next Week: Paul

Next Week: Sally Nolder

Next Week: Andre & Louis

Agape

Agape Set Up: Carolyn Keeton

Next Week: Autumn Edmonds

Agape Cleanup: Ashworth, G&T Shubin, B&P Evans, Brooks, T&D Mahar, Sedano, C&H Brown

Next Week: E. Evans, C&S Fukuda, C&S Wilson, K&L Poindexter, J&A Edmonds, Hawkins, Elliott

Dishwasher Today: Group 2

Next Week: Group 3

Families

Expectant Mothers: Sarah Cools (due 12/10), Susannah Mahar (due 02/17), Kerilynn Wilson (due 02/24), Heidi Brown (due 03/24), & Rhiannon Hayes (due 04/24)

New Mothers: Catie Poindexter

Engaged Couples: Aiden Smith & Hannah Alexander, Jared Unger & Olivia Hanson

Newlywed: Tyler Cone & Courtney Urban

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

This Week

Sunday, December 3: Theodore Hayes

Next Week

♥ **Sunday, December 10:** Daniel and Kerilynn Wilson

Monday, December 11: Tyler Cone

♥ **December 11:** Ryan and Mira Nieman

December 12: Matt Dau

♥ **Tuesday, December 12:** David and Rosanne Spears

Wednesday, December 13: Amy Smith

Friday, December 15: Judah Lortz

December 15: Daisy Wilson

December 15: Eli Evans

December 15: Shayna Tuuri

Saturday, December 16: Edmund Hangartner



Upcoming Events:

Monday, December 4:

Watchmen will be meeting in Ararat at RCC at 7:30 PM.

Saturday, December 9:

The Men's Book Study will meet at Coffee Rush at 7:30 AM, studying *On Earth As It Is in Heaven* by Peter Leithart.

Sunday, December 10:

The December Psalm Sing will be at the DeWitt's at 5 PM.

Monday, December 11:

YABS will be meeting at RCC at 6:30 PM.

Friday, December 15:

The Men's Bible Study will meet at RCC at 6 AM, starting a study on Colossians.

Sunday, December 18:

YABS will be having a White Elephant Gift Exchange at K&S Hangartner's house at 6:30 PM.

Sunday, December 24:

No Sunday School

Christmas Agape Feast!

Christmas Eve Service at RCC at 6 PM

February 23-24:

Women Encouraged! For registration and more details see the flyer or the Realm event.

Community Groups:

Sundays:

Brittain Brewer. Meets every other Sunday 4:30 PM (D&K Forster) South OC

Tuesdays:

Jordan Edmonds. Tuesdays at 6 PM (Cogbill/Edmonds) OC

Michael Lortz. Tuesdays at 6 PM (Lortz) OC

Thursdays:

Jon & Kenny Hangartner. Thursdays at 5:30 PM (Hangartner/Hangartner) OC

Peter Mahar. Thursdays at 5:30 PM (Mahar) Gladstone

Daniel Wilson. Thursdays at 5:30 PM (Rotating) OC

Matt Dau. Thursdays at 5:30 PM (Dau) OC (East)

Brenton Ashworth. Every other Thursday at 5:30 PM (Ashworth) South OC/Canby

Fridays:

Bert Coombs. Fridays at 5:45 PM (B. Hangartner/Nolder) OC

Contact the elders if you would like to join a community group!



Nazaret Christmas Giving!

**Scan the QR code to donate towards
sending Christmas gifts to Nazaret house!**



**Nazaret House is an after-school center for at-risk
kids and refugees, run by Reformed Church of the
Holy Trinity in Ivano-Frankivsk Ukraine.**

**This Christmas, we are sending money to Nazaret
House so they can buy some useful and fun Christmas
gifts for the children, workers, and volunteers. We'd
like to send about \$30 for each child.**

REFORMATION COVENANT CHURCH PRESENTS
WOMEN ENCOURAGED

Unashamed: Death to life in Christ

FEBRUARY 23-24, 2024

FRIDAY 5:30PM-9PM

SATURDAY 9AM-4PM

TICKETS: \$50

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JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP, TEACHING &
REFRESHMENT AS WE ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO GROW CLOSER
TO CHRIST JESUS, FINDING THEIR IDENTITY IN HIM AND
BEING SHAPED BY HIS WORD.

TICKET INCLUDES: FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER,
SATURDAY BRUNCH, KEYNOTE SESSIONS & MORE!

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

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