

# REFORMATION COVENANT CHURCH

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

LORD'S DAY SERVICE  
Advent III  
17 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.

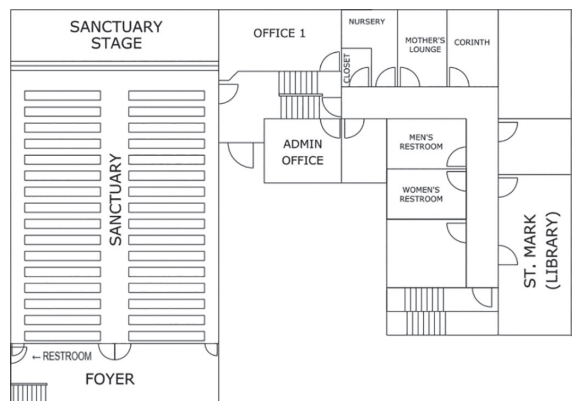
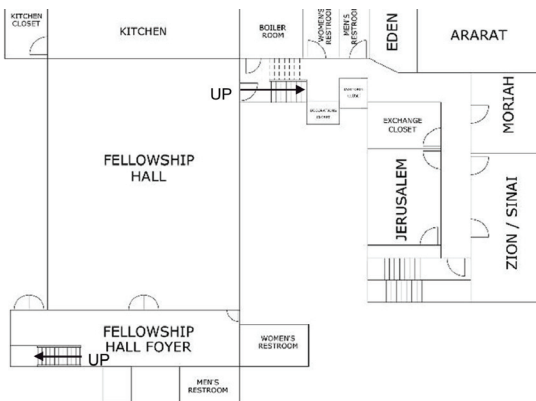
**Communion.** Each week at RCC we celebrate the Lord's Supper, receiving bread and wine as covenantal tokens of Jesus' body and blood. Christians – young or old – who are baptized, and are in good standing in Christ, are invited to partake. To facilitate Communion distribution, we encourage a representative 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.*

## Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA (7 7. 7 7. Ref.)

French carol

arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

From anon French carol, 1843

Trans. James Chadwick, 1862

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

Glo - - - - - ri - a, in ex-cel-sis De - o!

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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 will 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

**Most merciful God, 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

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for your sins and to be raised for your justification; and for His sake forgives you all your sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**





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

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

# O Savior, Rend the Heavens

O HEILAND, REISS (8 8. 8 8.)

Rheinfeßsisch Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch, 1666

Frederich von Spee, 1623;

tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1965

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1. O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide; Come down, come  
2. O Fa - ther, dew from heav - en send; As gen - tle  
3. O earth, in flow - 'ring bud be seen; Clothe hill and  
4. Here dread - ful doom up - on us lies; Death looms too  
5. There will we all our prais - es bring Ev - er to

down with might - y stride. Un - bar the gates, the  
dew, O Son, de - scend. Drop down, you clouds, and  
dale in garb of green. O earth, bring forth this  
grim be - fore our eyes. O come, lead us with  
Thee, our Sav - ior King; There will we laud Thee

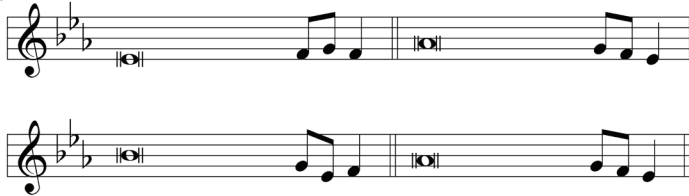
doors break down; Un - bar the way to Heav - en's crown.  
tor - rents bring; To Ja - cob's line rain down a King.  
Blos - som rare; O Sav - ior, rise from mead - ow fair.  
might - y hand From ex - ile to our fa - ther - land.  
and a - dore For ev - er and for ev - er - more.



**The Psalm**  
*The people shall sit*

## Psalm 111

Tone J



1. Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,  
In the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.
2. Great are the works | of the LORD,  
Studied by all who de- | light in them.
3. Full of splendor and majesty | in his work,  
And his righteousness endures for- | ever.
4. He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;  
The LORD is gracious and | merciful.
5. He provides food for those who | fear Him;  
He remembers His covenant for- | ever.
6. He has shown His people the power | of His works,  
In giving them the inheritance of the | nations.
7. The works of His hands are faith- | ful and just;  
All His precepts are | trustworthy;
8. They are established forever and | ever,  
To be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.
9. He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant for- | ever.  
Holy and awesome | is His name.
10. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.  
His praise endures for- | ever.

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: He Remembers Bo Cogbill

#### Proclamation of the Word

*The people shall rise*

OT Reading: Malachi 3:16–4:3

NT Reading: Luke 1:57–80

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.*

### Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

AINSI QU'ON OIT LE CERF BRUIRE (8 7. 8 7. 7 7. 8 8)

*Genevan Psalter, 1551*

*harm. Johann Crüger, 1658*

Johannes Olearius, 1671

Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;  
3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert far and near,  
4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;

Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.  
All that well de - served his an - ger He no more will see or heed.  
Bid - ding all men to re - pent - ance, Since the king - dom now is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Jer - u - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;  
She hath suf - fered many a day Now her griefs have passed a - way;  
O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!  
For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad,

Tell her that her sins I cov - er, And her war - fare now is ov - er.  
God will change her pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er spring - ing glad - ness. -  
Let that val - leys rise to meet him, And the hills bow down to greet him.  
And all flesh shall see the to - ken, That his word is nev - er bro - ken.



## 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 <sup>9</sup>Our Fa ther who art in Heav - en, Hal - low - ed be Thy name. <sup>10</sup>Thy king-dom come.

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

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

10  
8 <sup>13</sup>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.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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.*

## Lo, He Comes, With Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY (8 7. 8 7. 4 7. w/ repeats)

attr. Martin Madan, 1763;

harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Charles Wesley, 1758

1. Lo! He comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, Once for fa - vored  
2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him, Robed in dread - ful  
3. Ev - 'ry is - land, sea, and moun - tain, Heav'n and earth, shall  
4. Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed, See in sol - emn  
5. Yea, a - men! let all a - dore Thee, High on Thine e -

sin - ners slain; Thou - sand, thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
maj - es - ty; Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
flee a - way; All who hate Him, must, con - found - ed,  
pomp ap - pear! All His saints, by re - ject - ed,  
ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

Swell the tri - umph of His train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
Pierced, and nailed Him to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing, Deep - ly  
Hear the trump pro - claim in the day; Come to judg - ment! Come to  
Now shall meet Him in the air; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
Claim the king - dom for Thine own: O come quick - ly; O come

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! God ap - pears on earth to reign.  
wail - ing, Deep - ly wail - ing, Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
judg - ment! Come to judg - ment! Come to judg - ment, come a - way!  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
quick - ly; O come quick - ly. Al - le - lu - ia! Come, Lord, come.

### 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

## The People Who in Darkness Walked

ELLACOMBE (7 6. 7 6. D)

*Gesangbuch der Herzogl.*

Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784

Württemberg, 1784: alt,

1. The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked Have seen a glo - rious light;  
2. For Thou the bur - den hast re - moved That on their shoul - ders lay,  
3. For un - to us a Child is born, To us a Son is giv'n,  
4. His gov - ern - ment and roy - al power Shall with - out end in - crease,

Now day has dawned for those who dwelt In death's sur - round - ing night.  
Hast brok - en the op - pres - sor's rod As once on Mid - ian's day.  
And on His shoul - ders He shall bear All power in earth and heav'n.  
And He on Dav - id's throne shall reign In ev - er - last - ing peace.

To hail Thee, Sun of Right - eous - ness, They will re - joic - ing come  
For boots by tramp - ing sol - diers worn And gar - ments rolled in gore  
The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, The Might - y God is He;  
On jus - tice and on right - eous - nes His king - dom He shall build.

As when with joy they share the spoil Or bear the har - vest home.  
The rag - ing flames will all con - sume To mark the end of war.  
E - ter - nal Fa - ther, Prince of Peace His ho - ly Name shall be.  
The Lord of hosts will show his zeal: His word shall be ful - filled!



## 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 Week's Sermon:** "King of Jubilee: The Gospel of Luke" Brittain Brewer

**Nursery:** Rhiannon, Rachel, & Bailey

**Greeters:** Tommie & Diana

**Usher:** Alice

**Ed Wing Monitor:** Jordan Edmonds

**Safety Contacts:** Dylan & Abel

**Next Week:** Kerilynn & Margo

**Next Week:** Lisa & Mike

**Next Week:** Dave

**Next Week:** Sara Fukuda

**Next Week:** Tim & Brenton

## Agape

**Agape Set Up:** Sarah Ashworth

**Next Week:** Carolyn Keeton

**Agape Cleanup:** Lortz, Spears, T. Dahlin, P. Forster, K&S Hangartner, Dunne, Cools, Milroy

**Next Week:** K&L Poindexter, Lortz, Spears, Briggs, Collver, R&J Jones, P&J Edmonds, Alvarado, West, DeWitt

**Dishwasher Today:** Group 2

**Next Week:** Group 3

## Families

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

**New Mothers:** Catie Poindexter, Sarah Cools

**New Members:** Esther Poindexter, August & Esther Fan

**Engaged Couples:** Jared Unger & Olivia Hanson

**Newlywed:** Tyler Cone & Courtney Urban

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### This Week

♥ **Sunday, December 17:** Alex & Naomi Alvarado

**December 17:** Jordan Edmonds

**Monday, December 18:** Walt Colas

**Tuesday, December 19:** Christina Adams

**Thursday, December 21:** Elizabeth Harris

**December 21:** Ann Cone

**December 21:** Brian Nolder

**Friday, December 22:** Sylvia Coombs

♥ **Saturday, December 23:** Kip and Lisa Poindexter

**December 23:** Leah Brown

### Next Week

**Sunday, December 24:** Bob Evans

**Tuesday, December 26:** Eliana DeWitt

**Thursday, December 28:** William Forster



## Upcoming Events:

### Monday, December 18:

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

### Saturday, December 23:

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 24:

No Sunday School.

Christmas Agape Feast!

Christmas Eve Service at RCC at 6 PM.

### December 26-29:

The church office will be closed for Christmas.

### Friday, January 5:

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

### Monday, January 8:

Watchmen will meet at RCC at 7:30 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!*



# Sunday

December 24

No Sunday  
School



Worship Service at 10:30 AM

# Christmas

Five Feast

After Worship



1201 JQ Adams St Oregon City, OR 97045

# LESSONS

# & carols

Service

Sunday Night  
6 PM



Sunday, December 24 at 6 PM



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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QUESTIONS: CONTACT ALICE BARNARD

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