



REFORMATION COVENANT CHURCH

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

LORD'S DAY SERVICE
Christmas I
31 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.

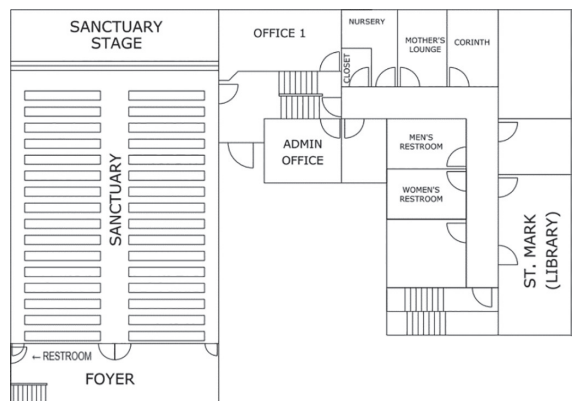
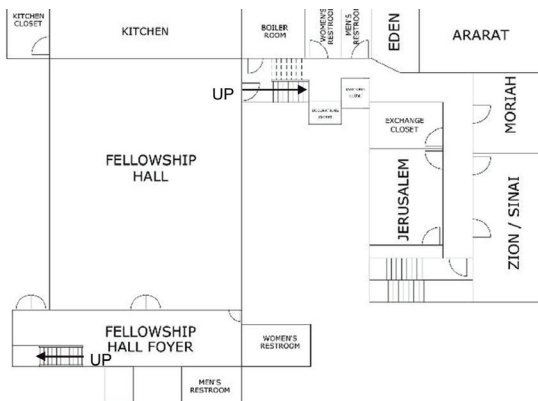
Communion. Each week at RCC we celebrate the Lord's Supper, receiving bread and wine as covenantal tokens of Jesus' body and blood. Christians – young or old – who are baptized, and are in good standing in Christ, are invited to partake. To facilitate Communion distribution, we encourage a representative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

ADESTE FIDELIS (Irregular)

John Francis Wade, *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

Latin hymn

John Francis Wade, c. 1743

tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phunt, O come ye, O
2. God of Light of Light; Lo, He ab-
3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion; Sing, all ye
4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing; Je-sus, to

come ye to Beth-le-hem. Come and be-hold Him,
hors not the Vir-gin's womb; Ver-y God, be-
cit-i-zens of heav'n a-bove! Glo-ry to God,
Thee be-glo-ry giv'n; Word of the Fa-ther,

born the King of an-gels:
got-ten, not cre-at-ed: O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-
in the high-est:
now in flesh ap-pear-ing:

dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ the Lord!



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

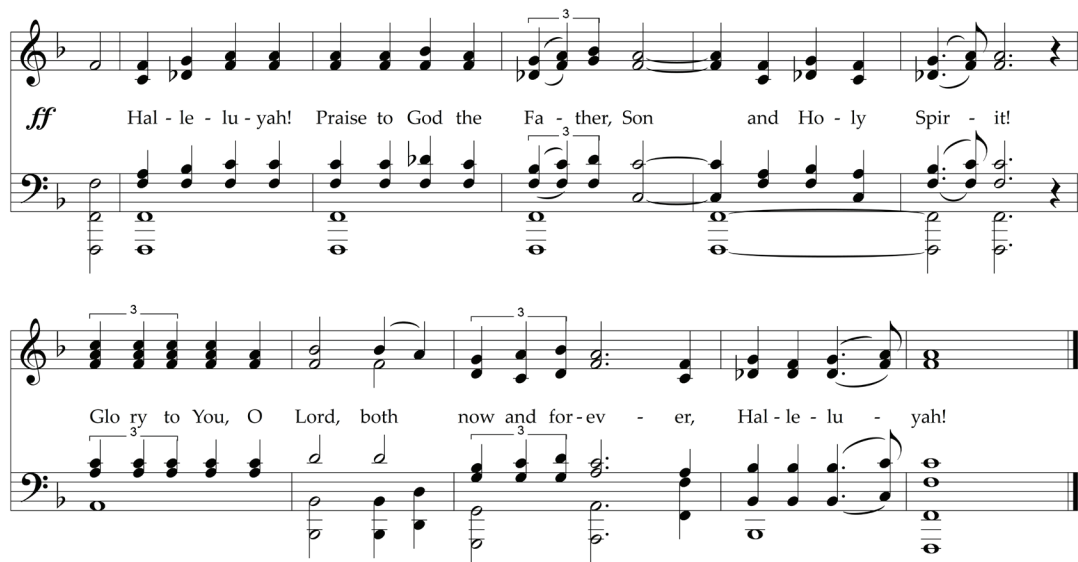
Most merciful God, I confess to you that I am by nature sinful and unclean, and that I am most miserably helpless before my adversaries. I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that I am not able to understand, 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



James B. Jordan



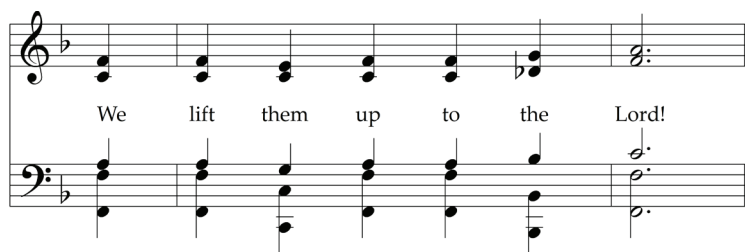
ff Hal - le - lu - yah! Praise to God the Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spir - it!

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

To Us a Child of Hope is Born

ZERAH (C. M. rwith repeat)
Lowell Mason, 1837

John Morison, 1781, alt.

1. To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n,
2. His Name shall be the Prince of Peace, For ev - er - more a - dored,
3. His pow'r, in - creas - ing, still shall spread, His reign no end shall know;
4. To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n,

Him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, Him all the hosts of heav'n;
The Won - der - ful, the Coun - se - lor, The great and might - y Lord;
Jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, And peace a - bound be - low;
The Won - der - ful, the Coun - se - lor, The Might - y Lord of heav'n;

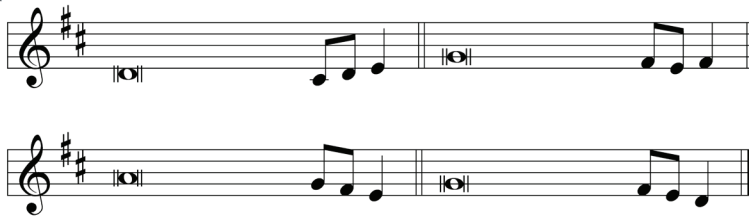
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The Psalm
The people shall sit

Psalm 61

Tone I



1. Hear my cry, | O God,
Listen | to my prayer.
2. From the end of the earth I call to you when my | heart is faint.
Lead me to the rock that is high- | er than I,
3. For You have been my | refuge,
A strong tower against the | enemy.
4. Let me dwell in your tent for- | ever!
Let me take refuge under the shelter | of your wings!
5. For You, O God, have | heard my vows;
You have given me the heritage of those who | fear Your name.
6. Prolong the life | of the king;
May his years endure to all gener- | ations!
7. May he be enthroned forever be- | fore God;
Appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch | over him!
8. So will I ever sing praises | to Your name,
As I perform my vows day | after day.

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: The Consolation of Israel Brittain Brewer

Proclamation of the Word

The people shall rise

OT Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 21-23, 25-26

NT Reading: Luke 2:22-52

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.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE (C.M.)
William Croft, 1708

Isaac Watts, 1719
From Psalm 90

1. Our God, Our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. *Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,*
4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
5. The bus - y tribes of flesh and blood, With all their lives and cares,

Our Shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal Home.
Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
Are car - ried down - ward by thy flood, And lost in fol - lowing years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

7. Our God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come;
Be thou our Guard while troubles last,
And our eternal Home.



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
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 Apostles' Creed

The people shall rise.

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

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

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

AURELIA (7 6, 7 6, D.)
Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

James Montgomery, 1821

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong;
3. He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4. O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on his throne shall rest,

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y, And bid the weak be strong;
And love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, Spring in his path to birth;
From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blessed;

He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;

To take a - way trans - gres - sion, And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in his sight.
And right - eous - ness, in foun - tains, From hill to val - ley flow.
His Name shall stand for ev - er, That Name to us is Love.

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

Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH (C.M.)
Lowell Mason, 1836

Isaac Watts, 1719

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her King;
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em - ploy;
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the ground;
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions prove

Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
He comes to make His bless - ings flow
The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness,

And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

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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: Christ's Baptism" Bo Cogbill

Nursery: Ana & Monica

Greeters: Paul & Sally

Usher: Eric

Ed Wing Monitor: Michael Hughes

Safety Contacts: Tim & Brenton

Next Week: Susan & Adelle

Next Week: Alice & Brenda

Next Week: Robert

Next Week: Nate Bubna

Next Week: Vance & David

Agape

Agape Set Up: Sarah Ashworth

Next Week: Debbie Metko

Agape Cleanup: D&A Hayes, Barnard, Coombs, Brooks, E. Evans, Coy, P, Jones, Traub, Cambridge, Dowling

Next Week: B&A Hangartner, Kulbe, Tooze, J&A Smith, J&A Edmonds, P&S Mahar, Nolder, Elliott, Metko, Passmore

Dishwasher Today: Group 1

Next Week: Group 2

Families

Expectant Mothers: Susannah Mahar (due 02/17), Kerilynn Wilson (due 02/24), Heidi Brown (due 03/24), Rhiannon Hayes (due 04/24), Lauren Fan (due 06/24)

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

Saturday, January 6: Pam Forster

♥ **January 6:** Dylan & Jessica Milroy

Next Week

Sunday, January 7: Chris and Heidi Brown

Thursday, January 11: Adam Hayes

♥ **Saturday, January 13:** Devin & Amy Smith

January 13: Scout Brewer



Upcoming Events:

Friday, January 5:

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

Saturday, January 6:

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, January 7:

The McLoughlin Place Music Ministry will meet at 2 PM.

Monday, January 8:

YABS will meet at RCC at 6:30 PM.

Watchmen will meet at RCC at 7:30 PM.

Sunday, January 14:

The first Q&A for Deacon candidate Jordan Edmonds will be in the sanctuary at 1:30 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!

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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1201 JQ ADAMS ST, OREGON CITY

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!

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