

# MESSIAH

— CANADIAN REFORMED —

# CHURCH

*Welcome to Messiah Canadian Reformed Church! Since you are visiting or are new to our church family, we thought it might be helpful for you to know what to expect in our worship services.*

*Below is our order of worship along with simple explanations for each element in the service. If you have any questions, feel free to speak with any of the worship leaders—we'd be glad to connect.*

**WORSHIP SERVICES: 10:00 AM + 11:30 AM**

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

We believe that God calls us together to worship Him. This means that the leader will begin by reading a passage from God's word—the Bible.

### God's Greeting

God graciously welcomes us in Jesus Christ.

### Song of Response to God's Greeting

As our covenant God invites us into a time of worship, we respond in song with praise and thanksgiving to Him.

### Confession and Assurance

This portion of our worship service allows us the opportunity—by comparing ourselves to God's law—to search our hearts, examine our lives and confess our sins. We can confidently draw near to our Father for forgiveness, as God assures that our sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ.

### Song of Repentance and Assurance

Singing allows us the opportunity to voice our gratitude to God for His grace and all the benefits we have in Jesus Christ.

### Prayer

We pray for our hearts and minds to be cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ and to be open to the preaching of God's word.





## Scripture Reading

Each worship service we have the opportunity to open God's word and hear a reading from it.

## Song of Response

A song is sung that responds to the reading and prepares the heart and mind for the preaching of the word.

## Ministry of the Word

Each worship service our Pastor proclaims, teaches and explains a portion or passage from the Bible as a way of deepening our faith and drawing those unfamiliar with Jesus to Himself.

## Song of Response

Once again, singing allows us to voice our gratitude to God for His grace and all the benefits we have in Jesus, in response to hearing the word.

## Offering

Our offerings allow us to thank God for all His tender mercies by giving our financial gifts back to Him through various charitable causes.

## Song of Parting Praise

This is our final song and one that allows us to voice our parting praise to God.

## God's Parting Blessing

As we come to the conclusion of the worship service, God sends us out with the assurance of His blessing and His desire that we in turn would be a blessing to the world around us.

*Between our worship services, Messiah members look forward to fellowship with each other and with people who may be new or visiting, over refreshments. Sundays provide more than an opportunity to worship God, they also provide time to invest intentionally in each other's lives.*

*Once again, we're glad that you have joined us today and we warmly welcome you to join us next week. Should you have any questions, you are encouraged to talk to Pastor Tim or any of the local church members.*