



# Redeemer

## Presbyterian Church

But we all, with unveiled face,  
beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord,  
are being transformed into the same image  
from glory to glory,  
just as from the Lord, the Spirit.  
—2 Corinthians 3:18

**The Lord's Service**  
**January 4, 2009**

## Welcome!

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If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please be sure to fill out the fellowship pad with your name and contact information when it is passed to you. This will help us serve you better. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Please join us in the narthex for coffee and refreshments after the service. Note: since many of our families with small children sit near the back of the church, visitors may wish to sit closer to the front to avoid any possible distractions during the worship service.

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If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with the pastor or one of the elders. We would be glad to help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. You may also visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Redeemer: [www.redeemertraversecity.org](http://www.redeemertraversecity.org).

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The **Lord's Supper** is observed every Sunday as the culmination of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Non-communing children are welcome to come forward with their parents and will be acknowledged by the pastor. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. Note: The inner ring of cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the outer rings contain wine.

Silent Preparation for Worship  
Prelude

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## Order of Worship

**Call to Worship** Psalm 29:1b-2 Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** #115 “All Creatures of Our God and King” vv. 1-4

†**Invocation** Psalm 77:11-15

Pastor: I shall remember the deeds of the Lord;

**People: Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.**

Pastor: I will meditate on all Your work and muse on Your deeds.

**People: Your way, O God, is holy;**

Pastor: What god is great like our God?

**People: You are the God who works wonders;**

**All: You have made known Your strength among the peoples. By Your power redeemed Your people.**

Pastor: Let us pray: Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

†**God’s Greeting**

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

†**Response** (*in song*) “All Creatures of Our God and King” v. 5

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship Him in humbleness.**

**O praise Him, alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one,**

**O praise Him, O praise Him.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Confession of Sin** Hebrews 4:12-13, 16

Pastor: The Scriptures teach us that “the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden

from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Let us therefore draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**All: Almighty God, we open our hearts to You in sorrow for our sins. We have not loved You as we should. We have not dealt with others in the same kind and loving way You have dealt with us. We were born in sin and have continued to sin in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of Your Son Jesus, and for our good, forgive our sins. Grant us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen our resolve to live in accordance with Your word. As we are in Christ, having been redeemed by His shed blood, help us to live for Him in a spirit of humility, love and charity. [*Silent Confession*] Amen.**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Ephesians 1:5-8

Pastor: Listen now to the comforting assurance of the grace of God promised in the gospel to all who believe: “In love [God] predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us.” For those who have repented of your sins and believe that you are fully pardoned through the merits of Jesus Christ alone, I declare according to the command of God, that you are released in heaven from all your sins, through the perfect satisfaction of the most holy passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #42 “El-Shaddai”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dave Schafer

**Old Testament Reading** Ezekiel 36:24-28

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** Luke 4:14-21; John 8:34-38

Dirk Van Til

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

†**Sermon Text Reading** 2 Corinthians 3:3-18

Pastor Dan Millward

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “Such is Our Confidence”

**Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering**

*Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at this time.*

**Prayers of Intercession (followed by the Lord’s Prayer)**

## **Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

All who are communicant members in good standing in any evangelical Christian church, or those who have been approved by the Session, may participate in the Lord’s Supper. (Note about Communion wine: the outer rings contain wine; the inner rings contain non-alcoholic wine.)

**Affirmation of Faith** Apostles’ Creed

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**He descended into hell.**

**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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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 word “catholic” means “universal.”

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. We ask that You will take these common elements of bread and wine and set them apart for holy use to strengthen and edify Your people. For by water and the Holy Spirit You have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth Your glory in all the world. Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

## Sanctus (*in song*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The

whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the

whole earth is full of his glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord.

## Words of Institution & Breaking of the Bread

**Communion Hymns** #146 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

#157 "None Other Lamb, None Other Name"

## Prayer after Communion (*in unison*)

**We thank You, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, You have given us Your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. We ask that the gifts of Your grace would strengthen**

and preserve us steadfast in the true faith now and forever. By Your Holy Spirit enable us to serve our neighbors so that You may be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Closing Hymn #529 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

### Serving Today

Elder: Dave Schafer

Piano: Connie Van Til

Sound Board: Kyle Peterson

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## Announcements

*Today Pastor Millward is wearing a white stole. White represents purity and reminds us of the sinless righteousness of Christ in which all believers are robed. This color is typically worn for Christmas Eve/Day, Easter Sunday, Easter season, and weddings. White is also commonly worn at funerals where it symbolizes the hope of the resurrection.*

### After Today’s Service...

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment.

### Next Sunday, January 11

Dr. Robert Zimmer will be preaching on Colossians 1:3-14, “A Prayer for the New Year.”

Hymns: #390 “Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray” vv. 1-4

#629 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#301 “Join All the Glorious Names”

#98 “Now Thank We All Our God”

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated. Make a time this week for preparation and prayer.

**Sunday, January 18, 6:00pm to 8:00pm - Next Generation** discipleship class will meet at Pastor and Mrs. Millward’s home.

**Wednesday, January 21, 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Sharing and Defending Your Faith** class will meet in the conference room at the church office.

**Sunday, January 25** - we will have our monthly **Covered Dish Luncheon**. Plan to attend for great food and wonderful fellowship.

## Points to Ponder

### The Truth and Faithfulness of God

The soul, viewing the infallible truth and faithfulness of God, refuses to rely upon human promises. They neither can cause him to rejoice nor can human threatenings terrify him, for he is aware of human mutability. However, He knows the Lord to be a God of truth who keepeth truth forever. He knows the promises and believes them, being so convinced of their certainty as if they were already fulfilled. He therefore rests in them and has a joyful hope in them.

Behold, is this not a joyful life—a heaven upon earth—to have such a God as your God who promotes both your welfare and your salvation? Can there be sorrow in such a soul? Does not He who has a God as the God of joy and gladness have every reason to experience immediate comfort? Does not such a walk with God cause the soul to manifest utmost meekness and humility, being cognizant of his own insignificance? This engenders in the soul a circumspect and unwavering spiritual frame, a quiet and humble submission in all things, and a fearless valor and courage in the performance of his duties, even when the Lord calls to a duty which is extraordinary in nature. There is a delighting in that which he may have done for the Lord, submissively leaving the outcome to be determined by His government. Such a spiritual frame engenders genuine holiness. “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Cor. 3:18).

All virtue which does not issue forth from such a representation and contemplation of God in Christ is of little value for it lacks true essence. A view of God, as outlined above, elevates the soul above all creature activity and unites him with God and His will, which teaches him his duty as well as the manner in which he is to perform it. Such a view of God will bring forth the most effective and purest motives to stir up the soul. In this view of God the soul may find all sweetness and peace—indeed, it brings heaven in the soul and the soul in heaven. It prevents sinful lusts from issuing forth; and if they emerge, it enables the soul to subdue them. This is the fear of God, love to God, submission to God, and obedience to God, which causes the soul to radiate holiness as the countenance of Moses was radiant when for forty days he had communion with God upon the mountain. “Blessed is the man whom Thou chooseth, and causet to approach unto Thee, that He may dwell in Thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple” (Ps. 65:4). Oh, blessed eternity when we shall always be with the Lord, shall see Him face to face, and know Him as we are known! (1 Cor. 13:12).

—Wilhelmus aBrakel, *The Christian's Reasonable Service*

January 4, 2009  
SERMON NOTES

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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*FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...*

**Health / Healing**

- Dominic Nittolo is having leg surgery on January 7.

**Other Concerns**

- Pray that our church would have an evangelistic vision and passion as well as wisdom and boldness in reaching the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Our pastor, elders, and deacons - for their encouragement, strength, and joy in the work to which God has called them.

*FOR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS...*

**Health / Healing and Other Concerns**

- Fred Janke Sr. - is facing some new health challenges at 91 years old.

**Our Country and Armed Forces**

- Men and women in the military and their families.
- Pray for President Bush and President-elect Obama, their advisors, and other national, state, and local leaders.

**Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches**

- Bristol family in Querétaro, Mexico; Hershberger family in Bulgaria; Thornton family in Ukraine; Nellie Vos in France; and the mission work in Burma.

*FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY...*

- Grace Central Presbyterian, Columbus, OH - Pray for: stable availability of rental space for worship, healing or remission of Juvenile of young Sam Blosser's Dermatomyositis, strength for Pastor Blosser and his wife with the stress of side effects & concerns for Sam's future, and a safe and healthy delivery of their fourth child (due February 6th).
- Good Shepherd, Valparaiso, IN - Pray for: additional elders, and wisdom for Session in giving direction to the church.
- Teaching Elder Satoshi Kawachi - Pray for: completion of video editing of the 1st French language lectures offered at our theological institute in West Africa, financial needs for the institute, new partners, and improved housing in VA.

*If you have any prayer requests or an update on a current request, please contact David Peterson at the church office (946-1700) or by email ([dmpmts@gmail.com](mailto:dmpmts@gmail.com)).*

## The Session (Pastor and Elders)

Rev. Daniel Millward, Pastor .....	922-7270
David Schafer .....	946-5501
Fred Weber .....	947-0426

## The Deacons

Jerry DeVries .....	938-2317
Forbes Husted .....	929-7291
C. J. Weber .....	275-3475

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## Scripture Readings for this Week

Our Scripture readings are taken from the Daily Lectionary. It provides for reading twice through the New Testament and once through the Old Testament during a two-year cycle. The readings also reflect the seasons of the liturgical year. (Please note that during various seasons of the Church year, the Psalm readings often repeat.)

Sun.	Psalm 20:1-9	Exodus 3:1-5	Hebrews 11:23-31	John 14:6-14
Mon.	Psalm 99:1-9	Joshua 1:1-9	Hebrews 11:32-12:2	John 15:1-16
Tue.	Psalm 72:1-20	Isaiah 52:7-10	Revelation 21:22-27	Matt. 12:14-21
Wed.	Psalm 97:1-12	Isaiah 52:3-6	Revelation 2:1-7	John 2:1-11
Thu.	Psalm 46:1-11	Isaiah 59:15b-21	Revelation 2:8-17	John 4:46-54
Fri.	Psalm 47:1-9	Isaiah 63:1-5	Rev. 2:18-29	John 5:1-15
Sat.	Psalm 27:1-14	Isaiah 65:1-9	Revelation 3:1-6	John 6:1-14

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**Worship: Sundays 10:00 a.m.**