



Redeemer Presbyterian Church

“...we have not ceased to pray for you,
asking that you may be filled
with the knowledge of His will
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,
fully pleasing to Him,
bearing fruit in every good work
and increasing in the knowledge of God.”
—Colossians 1:9-10

The Lord's Service
January 11, 2009

Welcome!

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.

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.

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

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 29:1b-2

Dr. Robert Zimmer

†**Opening Hymn** #390 “Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray” vv. 1-4

†**Invocation**

Psalm 145:3, 5, 6

Pastor: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

People: And His greatness is unsearchable.

Pastor: I will meditate on Your wonderful works.

People: I will declare Your mighty acts.

Pastor: Let us pray.

†**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*) “Thy Strong Word” v. 4

(Tune: Ebenezer)

God the Father, Light-creator,

To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light of Light begotten,

Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light revealer,

Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever

Praise the Holy Trinity!

The Law of God

1 Peter 1:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 2:12

Pastor: As the children of God, we are called to obedience and conformity to Christ. Like the Holy One who called us, we are to be holy in all our behavior, just as it is written: YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY. Yet, because of our flesh we fall short and do not live in a manner worthy of the God who called us into His own kingdom and glory. Therefore, let us repent, confess our sins, and seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

Confession of Sin *(in unison)*

Gracious Heavenly Father, because of our fallen nature, we have not lived in accordance with Your holiness. We have transgressed Your laws and failed to keep Your commands. There are those we have hurt, and those we have failed to help. Our thoughts and desires are stained with sin. Therefore, merciful Father, we confess to You all our sins with which we have offended You. We are truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them. And we pray according to Your boundless mercy, and for the sake of Christ, that You would be gracious and merciful to us. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

from 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Pastor: Because of His great mercy, and for our sake, God has made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Through Christ, God has reconciled us to Himself, and has not counted our trespasses against us. Do you believe that Jesus Christ, by His perfect life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection, has atoned for your sins and satisfied the wrath of God toward you?

People: We do.

Pastor: In the name of Christ and by the authority of His Word, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #629 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Fred Weber

Old Testament Reading 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Gospel Reading Luke 7:44-50

Forbes Husted

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

†**Sermon Text Reading** Colossians 1:3-14

Dr. Robert Zimmer

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “A Prayer for the New Year”

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)

Fred Weber

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 Heidelberg Catechism #1

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I, with body and soul,

both in life and death,

am not my own,

but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,

who with His precious blood

has fully satisfied for all my sins,

and delivered me from all the power of the devil,

and so preserves me

that without the will of my heavenly Father

not a hair can fall from my head;

indeed, that everything must fit His purpose

for my salvation,

therefore by His Holy Spirit

He also assures me of eternal life

and makes me heartily willing and ready,

always, to live for him.

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 truly right, and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise,

O Lord our God, Creator and Ruler of the universe. We ask You to set

apart for Your holy use these common elements of bread and wine that

they may strengthen and edify Your people. In Your wisdom, You made

all things, and sustain them by Your power. You formed us in Your own

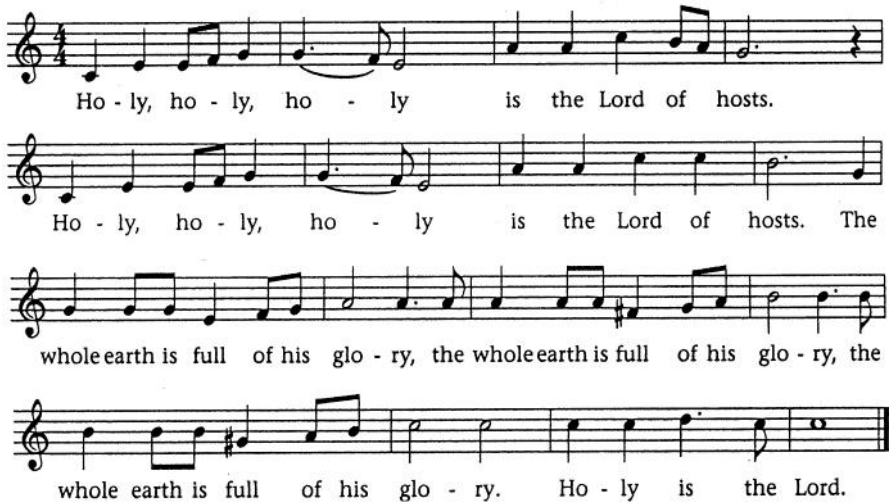
image, setting us in this world to love and to serve You. Therefore we

praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the

faithful of every time and place, who forever proclaim 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 Hymn #301 “Join All the Glorious Names”

Prayer after Communion (*in unison*)

Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit, to live and work to Your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Closing Hymn #98 “Now Thank We All Our God”

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Serving Today

Guest Minister: Dr. Robert Zimmer

Elder: Fred Weber

Reader: Forbes Husted

Piano: Connie Van Til

Sound Board: Meagan Van Til

Announcements

After Today's Service...

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment.

Next Sunday, January 18

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on 2 Corinthians 4:5-18.

Hymns: #54 "Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise"

Insert "In Christ Alone"

#188 "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

#691 "It Is Well With My Soul"

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

Sunday, January 18, 6:00pm to 8:30pm - Next Generation discipleship class will meet at Pastor Dan and Laura'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 building.

Sunday, January 25 - There will be a brief congregational meeting followed by our monthly **Covered Dish Luncheon**. Plan to attend for great food and fellowship.

Points to Ponder

Striving for Holiness

You who are regenerate, you may neither live as other men, nor as you have lived in the past. God requires and now expects something different from you. Hear these exhortations and commands of God: “I therefore, . . . beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called” (Eph. 4:1); “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ” (Phil. 1:27); “That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work” (Col. 1:10); “Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification” (1 Thess. 4:1, 3). Therefore, partakers of the covenant, *let your heart be lifted up in the ways of the Lord* as Jehoshaphat did in 2 Chronicles 17:6. “Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father’s house; so shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for He is thy Lord; and worship thou Him” (Ps. 45:10–11); “Walk as children of light” (Eph. 5:8); “Be ye holy; for I am holy” (1 Pet. 1:16). Therefore, if any entreaty, exhortation, or command from God your Father is to have any effect upon your heart at all, let your heart be stimulated by this to a zealous observance of sanctification.

The Lord has known you from eternity, separated you from all other men, ordained you to be His favored one in order that from among all other men you alone would be His property, for He “hath . . . appointed us . . . to obtain salvation” (1 Thess. 5:9). “According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love” (Eph. 1:4). Ought not such gracious and glorious separation—and that for the purpose that we should be holy—impress upon our hearts that we must lead a separate and holy life?

Proceed with your thoughts and consider how the Lord permits other people to remain outside of Christ as strangers of the covenants of promise, without hope, and without God in the world; and that you who were like these others by nature, He has chosen and ordained “that ye should go and bring forth fruit” (John 15:16). Consider that He called you with an holy calling (2 Tim. 1:9), having delivered you “from the power of darkness, and hath translated (you) into the kingdom of His dear Son” (Col. 1:13), so that you are “fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God” (Eph. 2:19). . . . Ought not our walk then be distinct from the walk of natural men? Ought we not manifest ourselves as “a royal priesthood, an holy nation” (1 Pet. 2:9), so that all who see us would recognize us as a seed which the Lord has blessed (Isa. 61:9)? . . . We have been called out of, and have departed from, the world. How then would we return there again?

—Wilhelmus aBrakel, *The Christian's Reasonable Service, Vol. 3*

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SERMON NOTES

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PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Dominic Nittolo - praise for a successful leg surgery. Please pray for him over the next several months as he recovers from the procedure.

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...

- Redeemer Presbyterian, Traverse City, MI - Pray for: our deacons as they prepare a budget, and faithful and effective outreach to the community. Praise for: wonderful, edifying, and enriching services during Advent and Christmas including our first Children's Program/Christmas Dinner, and effective ministry and growth through our fall Bible studies.
- Michiana Covenant, South Bend, IN - Pray for: four deacon candidates beginning internship, Rex & Becca raising support to return to China, building expansion plans, and that we might be a colony of heaven -- not a ghetto of heaven Praise for: 17 outside families participating in the Michiana Covenant (homeschool) Academy, new members (including two new converts), and a congregation seeking to be doers of the Word
- Teaching Elder Mark Levine - Pray for: blessing on ministry as: co-pastor of only Reformed service on post, teaching of ethics, bible study, prayer meeting, counseling soldiers, relationships with non-believers, and growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ of my sister, brother-in-law, and two nephews who were all baptized this past Lord's Day.
- Special Needs - Pray for: Greg, Charity and Sam Blosser dealing with dermatomyotosis & meds, hospital trips, tests, etc. going with that task.

*If you have any prayer requests or an update on a current request,
please contact David Peterson at 946-1700.*

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

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 104:1-35	Isaiah 40:1-11	Heb. 1:1-12	John 1:1-34
Mon.	Psalm 5:1-12	Isaiah 40:12-24	Eph. 1:1-14	Mark 1:1-13
Tue.	Psalm 42:1-11	Isaiah 40:25-31	Eph. 1:15-23	Mark 1:14-28
Wed.	Psalm 89:1-18	Isaiah 41:1-16	Eph. 2:1-10	Mark 1:29-45
Thu.	Psalm 97:1-12	Isaiah 41:17-29	Eph. 2:11-22	Mark 2:1-12
Fri.	Psalm 51:1-19	Isaiah 42:1-17	Eph. 3:1-13	Mark 2:13-22
Sat.	Psalm 104:1-35	Isaiah 42:18-25	Eph. 3:14-21	Mark 2:23-3:6

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