



Redeemer Presbyterian Church

So we do not lose heart.
Though our outer self is wasting away,
our inner self is being renewed day by day.
For this light momentary affliction
is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory
beyond all comparison
—2 Corinthians 4:16-17

The Lord's Service
January 18, 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 113:1-2

Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** #54 “Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise”

†**Invocation**

Psalm 116:5-9

Pastor: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

People: Yes, our God is compassionate.

Pastor: The Lord preserves the simple;

People: I was brought low, and He saved me.

Pastor: Return to your rest, O my soul,

People: For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

Pastor: For You have rescued my soul from death,

People: My eyes from tears, My feet from stumbling.

All: I shall walk before the Lord In the land of the living.

Pastor: Let us pray.

†**God’s Greeting**

2 Corinthians 1:2

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

People: Amen.

†**Response** (*in song*) #115 “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

from James 2:10, Heb. 3:16; Ps 124:8; 32:5; Ps 51:1-5, 10-12

Pastor: The Scriptures declare to us that “whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.” Convicted by the Law and our inability to keep it, “let us draw near to the throne of grace” with humble hearts, confessing our sins to God the Father, imploring Him to grant us forgiveness in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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: Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness;
According to the greatness of Your compassion
blot out my transgressions.**

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity
And cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions,
And my sin is ever before me.**

**Against You, You only, I have sinned
And done what is evil in Your sight,
So that You are justified when You speak
And blameless when You judge.**

**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

**Do not cast me away from Your presence
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of Your salvation
And sustain me with a willing spirit.**

**We ask this in the name of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God now and
forever, 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** “In Christ Alone”

Bulletin, p. 12

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dave Schafer

Old Testament Reading Psalm 27:11-14

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading John 12:24-26, 35-43

David Peterson

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

†**Sermon Text Reading** 2 Corinthians 4

Pastor Dan Millward

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “We Do Not Lose Heart”

Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering

Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at this time.

Prayers of the People

Pastor: Almighty God, You call us to cast all our anxieties upon You since You care for us. Give ear now to our petitions, and fulfill them as may be best for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of glory, You have raised up Your church to be a refuge of peace to an exhausted world. Remember in mercy all the outreach efforts of Your people, and grant them success, that many might find the joy of laying the burden of their sins down at the foot of the cross. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You hold in Your hand all human might. Remember those entrusted with civil authority. Especially do we pray for our new President and Congress. Grant that they would exercise this public trust in such a way that the weak and helpless, especially the unborn, would be protected, and grant that all their judgments might conform more and more to Your perfect will revealed in Your holy Law. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Most Holy Lord, Your will is for Your people to live pure and honorable lives in word and deed. Free those who are bound by various addictions such as drugs and alcohol, pornography and all immoral and impure practices; give repentance to all who have broken the bonds of marriage; help all single people to live in chastity and all married couples to honor their covenant promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of all compassion, we ask You to remember today all those who are passing through difficult situations: the lonely, the sick, the hospitalized, the dying, and the grieving. Bring them the comfort that You alone can give, and grant them relief according to Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Master of all, Your Son willed that we celebrate His Supper in joy until the day of His appearing, thus proclaiming His death and the shedding of His blood. Help us to receive this most holy gift in repentance and in faith, that we may be refreshed in body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father of love, Your Son has achieved victory over the grave. Receive today our thanks and praise for all who have fallen asleep, trusting in the triumph of His cross. Bring us with them to see You face to face in the Kingdom that has no end. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things, kind Father, and whatever else You see that we need, grant to us for the sake of Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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

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

**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.**

**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!

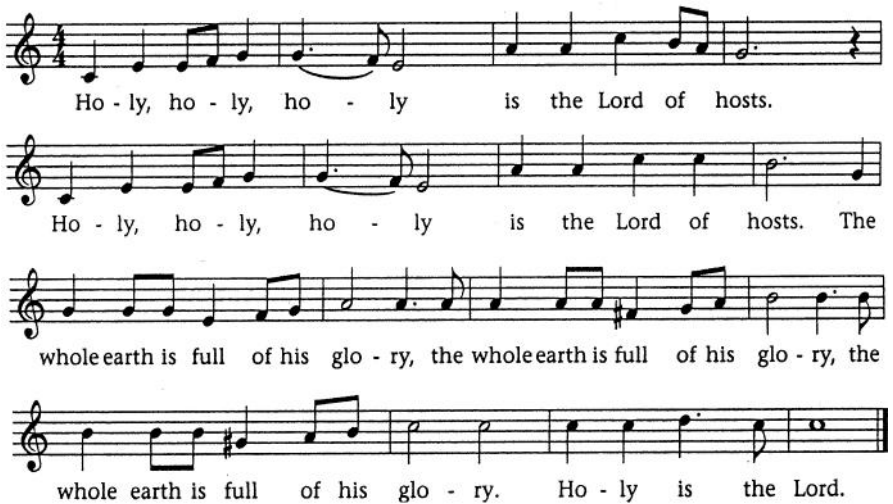
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. 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. In Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your power. You formed us in Your image,

setting us in this world to love and to serve You. Out of Your love for us, You sent Your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness. Though we do encounter affliction in this world, we trust in Your eternal purpose that such things are preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all 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 Hymn #188 “Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

Prayer after Communion (*in unison*)

We thank You, O Lord, for feeding us with the body and blood of Your dear Son. Grant us the sanctifying grace of Your Holy Spirit so that we may glorify You in all we do, both privately and publicly. Help us to be a faithful people, called out of darkness into Your wonderful light so that we may declare Your praises. For all of this, we rejoice and give You thanks in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

†**Closing Hymn** #691 “It Is Well With My Soul”

†**Benediction**

†**Benediction Response** “Three-fold Amen”

Serving Today

Elder: Dave Schafer

Piano: Nicole Gentry

Sound Board: Kyle Peterson

Announcements

Today Pastor Millward is wearing a green stole. Green represents spiritual growth and world missions. It is worn during all "ordinary times" of the church year.

After Today's Service...

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment.

Also, after a brief time of fellowship, there will be a short meeting for all **musicians, both vocal and instrumental**. We would like to discuss how your gifts might be put to use in the church, please plan on attending this meeting.

Tonight, January 18, 6:00pm to 8:30pm - Next Generation will meet at Pastor Dan and Laura's home. Dinner will be provided. **STUDENTS PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLES!**

Next Sunday, January 25

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on 2 Corinthians 5.

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

Please note that we will collect our quarterly **Benevolence Offering** during next Sunday's worship service.

There will also be a brief **congregational meeting** followed by our monthly **Covered Dish Luncheon**.

Wednesday, January 21, 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Sharing and Defending Your Faith class will meet a final time to discuss practical ways of reaching out and evangelizing in our community. The meeting will take place in the conference room at the church office building.

Thursday, January 22, 7:00pm - A ladies book study will begin called **“The Excellent Wife”** by Martha Peace. Nicole Gentry will be facilitating this first week and others, who are interested, will have an opportunity to facilitate as we continue on in the study. For more information or to get your copy of the book please see Laura.

Saturday, February 14 - Ladies mark your calendars, we’re planning a **baby shower** for Becky Eichberger. Details to follow.

Church Website - Our church website (<http://redeemertraversecity.org>), is an excellent resource, so please make use of it. It features articles, audio sermons, worship bulletins, hymns with music and lyrics for the upcoming worship service, and more.

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Sermon Notes

Hymn of Assurance

In Christ Alone

Keyboard
(Guitar)

Steadily

A^b (G)
E^b (D)
A^b (G)
B^b (A)
E^b/G (D/F)

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

A^b (G)
E^b/G (D/F)
Fm7 (Em7)
A^b/B^b (G/A)
E^b (D)
A^b (G)
E^b (D)
A^b (G)

light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less Babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious -
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fl - nal

B^b (A)
E^b/G (D/F)
A^b (G)
E^b/G (D/F)
Fm7 (Em7)
A^b/B^b (G/A)
E^b (D)
E^b/G (D/F)

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on the
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

Ab (G) Eb/G (D/F) Bbsus (Asus) Bb (A) Eb/G (D/F) Ab (G) Cm7 (Bm7)

love, cross stands hell, what depths of as Je - sus in vic - to - ry, no scheme of peace, died, man, when fears are the wrath of sin's curse has can ev - er stilled, God lost pluck when striv - ings was sat - is - its grip on me from His

Bbsus (Asus) Bb (A) Ab (G) Eb (D) Ab (G) Bb (A) Eb/G (D/F)

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the
me; for I am His and He is mine, here in the
hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the

Ab (G) Eb/G (D/F) Fm7 (Em7) Ab/Bb (G/A) Eb (D) Bbm7 (Am7)

love of Christ I stand.
death of Christ I live.
pre - cious blood of Christ.
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Fm7 (Em7) Eb (D) Bb7sus (A7sus) Eb (D)

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PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Kyle Doran - has a serious eye infection.
- 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

- Sean Doran - is currently in China on business. Pray for his safety and travels. Please also pray for Mary who is dealing with a number of issues in Sean's absence.
- Pray that our church would have the evangelistic vision Christ commissioned us with, 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 ongoing 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...

- Trinity Presbyterian Church, DeMotte, IN - Pray for: unity regarding the direction of the church, health issues, those grieving loss of loved ones, more young people and families, and Pastor Brian's decisions about future ministry. Praise for: God's faithful provision throughout 2008.
- Harvest Presbyterian, Medina, OH - Pray for: us to embrace the vision of the gospel as a way of life & not only an appeal to unbelievers, continued unity and growth as a “church-planting” church, and the staff, David, Art and Lori, as they extend love to their various aging parents who face the many issues that come with aging. Praise for: ten young people who will make public profession and an Inquirer’s Class with over 25 people.
- Teaching Elder Paul Engle - Pray for: strength and wisdom teaching a 40 hour Doctor of Ministry class in Philadelphia (Jan. 12-16) on writing ministry potential for pastors.
- 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 19:1-14	Isaiah 43:14-44:5	Hebrews 6:17-7:10	John 4:27-42
Mon.	Psalm 135:1-21	Isaiah 44:6-23	Ephesians 4:1-16	Mark 3:7-19a
Tue.	Psalm 123:1-4	Isaiah 44:9-20	Ephesians 4:17-32	Mark 3:19b-35
Wed.	Psalm 15:1-5	Isaiah 44:24-45:7	Ephesians 5:1-14	Mark 4:1-20
Thu.	Psalm 36:1-12	Isaiah 45:5-17	Ephesians 5:15-33	Mark 4:21-34
Fri.	Psalm 130:1-8	Isaiah 45:18-25	Ephesians 6:1-9	Mark 4:35-41
Sat.	Psalm 56:1-13	Isaiah 46:1-13	Ephesians 6:10-24	Mark 5:1-20

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