



Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

For though we walk in the flesh,
we are not waging war according to the flesh.
For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh
but have divine power to destroy strongholds.
—2 Corinthians 10:3-4

The Lord's Service

February 1, 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 Isaiah 42:13

Pastor Dan Millward

†Opening Hymn #97 “We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

†Invocation

from Psalm 18:1-3, 30-35

Pastor: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

People: He is My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;

Pastor: He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

People: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Pastor: He trains my hands for battle, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

People: The Lord has also given me the shield of His salvation,

All: And His right hand upholds me; and His gentleness makes me great.

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*) “Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Confession of Sin

James 3:2, 8; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 64:6

Pastor: “We all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well. But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.” “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” “For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; and all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.” God’s Law acts like a mirror, revealing the depth and seriousness of our sin and our inability to do anything about it ourselves. Let us, therefore, humbly repent and confess our sins before almighty God.

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.

Isaiah 59:12-13

All: Almighty God, merciful Father, our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us. For our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: transgressing and denying the Lord, and turning away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving in and uttering from the heart lying words. These sins and more we have committed against You. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 59:16-17a

Pastor: The Scriptures declare, “the Lord saw that there was no man, and was astonished that there was no one to intercede; then His own arm brought salvation to Him, and His righteousness upheld Him. He put on righteousness like a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head.”

Brothers and sisters, God has provided forgiveness and salvation through the one Man, Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord. Having confessed your sins to Almighty God, hear and believe His promise of salvation through Christ alone and be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†Hymn of Assurance #524 “Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

†Prayer for Illumination

Dave Schafer

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 54:16-17

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11

David Peterson

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

†Sermon Text Reading 2 Corinthians 10:1-12

Pastor Dan Millward

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “The Weapons of Our Warfare”

Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering

Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at this time.

Prayers of the People

Pastor: Rejoicing in Christ, our Light, the Lord of mercy, who has come to reconcile us to the Father, let us pray for the people of God, for those who have requested our prayers, and for the world to which Christ has been given; that we all may know the fullness of His grace. [pause]

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord of mercy, You called and sent the holy apostles to proclaim the good news of Your salvation to all the world. We ask that You would continue to raise up faithful pastors and preachers who will proclaim Your name and work with integrity, purity, and truth; that You would protect them and us from all false doctrine and error; and that You would lead us and all those who hear their Word and preaching to receive it for what it is: the Word of forgiveness and life in our gracious God and Savior, Christ Jesus; let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord of mercy, through Your cross You broke the power of the devil and made captivity captive. Please give Your almighty aid to those who suffer from the assaults and temptations of the devil, exposing these lures as the deceits of the father of lies, delivering those afflicted by them from their allure, and leading them into all truth through Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord of mercy, You showed compassion to all who were sick. We ask that You would grant compassionate aid and healing to the ill, whom we now commit to Your merciful care; we ask also that You would remember them in mercy, as well as those unknown to us who are in need of our prayers, that they may receive from Your hand the aid, courage, and help they need; and that You would strengthen and encourage the doctors, nurses, and health professionals who care for the sick among us; let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord of mercy, You brought us into Your eternal kingdom of life and truth and granted us salvation freely by Your grace. May You be pleased to strengthen us through the holy and blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; that through it He would embolden our faith in Him, enlarge our love for one another, and encourage our confession of Him and His salvation; let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord of mercy, we ask You to graciously hear our prayers and grant us the things for which we pray; that Christ would graciously deliver us from all our enemies; lead us to worship and adore Him without fear; keep us in His steadfast love and faithfulness, and deliver us amid our temptations and afflictions by His great might; let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord of mercy, we entrust all for whom we pray, trusting You for Your great and abundant mercy, which You have revealed and made known in the person of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ; 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 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: Holy God, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we praise You and give thanks to Your name. We ask with confidence that You will take these common elements of bread and wine and set them apart for holy use to strengthen and edify Your people. Great and wonderful are Your works. Your ways are just and true. Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, 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 #421 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Prayer after Communion (*in unison*)

We give You most hearty thanks, O Lord, for all the mercies You have shown us, Your people. We especially praise You for the Supper of Your Son. We thank You for the spiritual food of our **Lord's body and blood, and ask that You sustain and protect us** throughout this troubled life, until the veil of this present age is lifted, and we see You face to face. We pray, O Father, in the power of Your Spirit and in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

†Closing Hymn #572 “Onward, Christian Soldiers”

w. 1-4

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

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.

Serving Today

Elder: Dave Schafer

Piano: Connie Van Til

Reader: David Peterson

Sound Board: Meagan Van Til

Announcements

After Today's Service...

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment.

Next Sunday, February 8

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on 2 Corinthians 12.

Hymns: #164 “O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Insert “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

#695 “By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven”

#574 “Christian, Dost Thou See Them”

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

Wednesday, February 4, 5:30pm to 8:00pm - Family Night Meal & Study will be held at the church. Reservations need to be made on the fellowship pad.

Thursday, February 5, 7:30am to 9:00am - **Men's Bible Study** will meet in the conference room at the church office. This group meets every Thursday morning and is studying the book of Proverbs.

Friday, February 6, 7:00pm - Evening Sledding Party at the Schafer's. There will also be a bonfire, so bring appropriate goodies.

Sunday, February 8, 6:00pm to 8:00pm - Next Generation meets at Pastor & Mrs. Millward's home.

Wednesday, February 11, 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Noon Hour Study Group will meet in the conference room at the church office.

Thursday, February 12, 7:00pm - **Ladies' Study** at Laura Millward's home.

Saturday, February 14, 11:00am - Baby shower for Becky Eichberger. Please RSVP on the sheet in the narthex.

Wednesday, February 18, 6:30pm to 8:00pm - Family Night Study will be held at the church.

Sunday, February 22 - Monthly Covered Dish Luncheon following the morning worship service.

Wednesday, February 25, 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Noon Hour Study Group will meet in the conference room at the church office.

Points to Ponder

Why do Apologetics?

The first reason, for the Christian, is out of obedience to God's will, announced in his Word. Refusal to give a reason for faith is disobedience to God. There are also at least two practical reasons for doing apologetics: to convince unbelievers and to instruct and build up believers.

Even if there were no unbelievers to persuade, we should still give reasons for faith, for faith does not remain alone but produces reasons just as it produces good works. **Faith educates reason and reason explores the treasure of the "faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints" (Jude 3).**

Furthermore, faith for a Christian is faith in a God who is himself love, our lover and our beloved; and the more our hearts love someone, the more our minds want to know about our beloved. Faith naturally leads to reason through the agency of love. So faith leads to reason, and reason leads to faith—that is what this book tries to show. Thus reason and faith are friends, companions, wedded partners, allies.

Apologetics is also like war, for the two friends, faith and reason, have common enemies. Apologetic arguments are like military hardware. Note how Paul describes the spiritual warfare of which apologetics is a part:

Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ (2 Cor 10:3–5).

In this warfare we defend reason as well as faith, for reason is the friend of truth, and unfaith is untrue. In defending the faith we take back territory of the mind that is **rightfully ours, or rather God's. All territory is God's. As Arthur Holmes said, "All truth is God's truth."**

But the warfare is against unbelief, not unbelievers, just as insulin is against diabetes, not diabetics. The goal of apologetics is not victory but truth. Both sides win. **Abraham Lincoln's saying also applies to apologetic arguments: "The best way to conquer your enemy is to make him your friend."**

—Peter Kreeft and Ronald K. Tacelli, *Handbook of Christian Apologetics*

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PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Dominic Nittolo - praise God for a successful procedure! Please continue to pray for him during the recovery period.
- Lindy Van Til - having difficulty regulating her blood sugar and diabetes.

Other Concerns

- Fred & Gloria Janke and Family - for comfort and peace in the passing of Fred Janke, Sr.
- 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.
- Prayer for 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...

Our Country and Armed Forces

- Men and women in the military and their families.
- Pray for President Obama, his 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...

- Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, Gahanna, OH - Pray for: new servant leaders & officers through Leadership Training (joint venture with Grace Central & Granville Chapel), and Will Waddell serving army in Afghanistan. Praise for: 2008 was a strong year for growth in breath and depth.
- Providence Presbyterian, Lansing, MI - Pray for: continued peace and unity, blessing on outreach efforts, growth through new families, a fruitful possible ministry to drug and alcohol abusers, and safe travel to Taiwan with my wife to adopt our second child. Praise for: four new members and the adoption of Rev. and Mrs. Helopoulos's second child.
- Teaching Elder Tom Vanden Heuval - Pray for: a men's retreat on marriage and family I am leading in Alberta, Canada to establish and strengthen Christian homes, and my wife, Laurie, that the antibiotics she must take the rest of her life will spare her for family and for use in the kingdom of God. Praise for: wonderful progress in Laurie's staph infection, surgery in her right knee, and subsequent treatment.
- Special Needs - Pray for: Greg, Charity and Sam Blosser dealing with Sam's dermatomyotosis (an auto immune disease), Sam's battle with pain that comes and goes with the coming more normal than the going, and Charity who is due to deliver her new baby anytime.

*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)

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David Schafer	946-5501
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The Deacons

Jerry DeVries	938-2317
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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 108:1-13	Isaiah 51:9-16	Hebrews 11:8-16	John 7:14-31
Mon.	Psalm 62:1-12	Isaiah 51:17-23	Galatians 4:1-11	Mark 7:24-37
Tue.	Psalm 12:1-8	Isaiah 52:1-12	Galatians 4:12-20	Mark 8:1-10
Wed.	Psalm 96:1-13	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Galatians 4:21-31	Mark 8:11-26
Thu.	Psalm 116:1-19	Isaiah 54:1-17	Galatians 5:1-15	Mark 8:27-9:1
Fri.	Psalm 84:1-12	Isaiah 55:1-13	Galatians 5:16-24	Mark 9:2-13
Sat.	Psalm 63:1-11	Isaiah 56:1-8	Galatians 5:25-6:10	Mark 9:14-29

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