



Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness.”
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
—2 Corinthians 12:9

The Lord’s Service

February 8, 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 66:1, 2, 8

Pastor Dan Millward

†Opening Hymn #164 “O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

†Invocation

Psalm 24:7-10

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates, And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

People: That the King of glory may come in!

Pastor: Who is the King of glory?

People: The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates, And lift them up, O ancient doors,

People: That the King of glory may come in!

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

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*) “Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

Confession of Sin

1 John 1:5-10

Pastor: God is light and in Him is no darkness. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all unrighteousness. Let us, therefore, confess our sins before almighty God.

All: Almighty God, merciful Father, we poor sinners confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to

†=Congregation stands.

Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace. Father, since You have given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for His sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins. And by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

Pastor: The Scriptures declare that “The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.” Brothers and sisters, having confessed your sins to Almighty God, and having believed His promise of salvation through Christ alone, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†Hymn of Assurance “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Bulletin, pp. 8-9

†Prayer for Illumination

Fred Weber

Old Testament Reading Psalm 18:27-33

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading John 1:9-17

Forbes Husted

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

†Sermon Text Reading 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Pastor Dan Millward

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “The Sufficiency of God’s Grace”

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

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

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 us on 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 #574 “Christian, Dost Thou See Them”

†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: Fred Weber

Piano: Connie Van Til

Reader: Forbes Husted

Sound Board: Kyle Doran

Announcements

After Today's Service...

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment.

Next Sunday, February 15

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on 2 Corinthians 12:11-22.

Hymns: #57 "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul"

Insert "My Hope Is in the Lord"

Insert "Behold the Lamb"

Insert "Come Share the Lord"

#342 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

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

Tonight, 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, 7:30am to 9:00am - **Men's Bible Study** 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.

Hymn of Assurance Wonderful, Merciful Savior

C E C Dm C

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2. Coun - sel - or, Com - fort - er, Keep - er,
+ 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther,

C F C Dm7 Gsus G E G#

Pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend;
Spir - it we long to em - brace;
Faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your own,

Am Δm G Δm F E A

Who would have tho't that a Lamb could
You of - fer hope when our hearts have
Here in our weak - ness You find us

C E E Am F G E A

res - cue the souls of men? O You
hope - less - ly lost the way, O we
fall - ing be - fore Your throne, O we're

C Dm C EM⁷ G⁷ | F C G C

res - cue the souls of
 hope - less - ly lost the
 fall - ing be - fore Your men.

2(3) F G C G Am Am G Am F G
 C C C B G G G F G

way. You are the One that we praise.
 throne.

Am Am G Am F G Am

You are the One we a - dore. You give the

Am G Am F C E E
 G G G C G G G₄

heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger

Am F G E C FM⁷ G⁷ C
 G A G G G G

for, O our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Daniel Whims - praise for a good report from the doctor.
- Dominic Nittolo - Please continue to pray for him as he recovers from recent leg surgery.
- Lindy Van Til - having difficulty regulating her blood sugar and diabetes.

Other Concerns

- 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...

Health / Healing

- **Eleanor Kaarre (Mary Doran's mother)** - has been diagnosed with either **congestive heart failure or atrial fibrillation**. Pray for Eleanor's comfort and healing, and also for her husband, and the rest of the family during this stressful time.

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...

- Christ Covenant, Midland MI - Pray For: our community in this economy, our members to be spared, our new website to get up and running soon, continued outreach to Midland, Bay City, Saginaw and Mount Pleasant, and several members suffering from serious medical problems.
- Christ Covenant Reformed, Reynoldsburg, OH - Pray for: the elders to know how to best shepherd the people, the church to respond by seeking to build better relationships with in the church and community, and Sacha Walicord's preparation for ordination exams.
- TE James Von Drehle - Pray For: the health of our chaplains, health care in America as the economy causes job and health care benefits loss for many, and St. John Health system entering a cutback which will include chaplain positions. Praise for: God who continues to heal physically and spiritually broken lives in this difficult environment.
- Special Needs - Pray for: Greg, Charity and Sam Blosser dealing with Sam's dermatomyotosis (an auto immune disease), Sam's battle with pain, 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)

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 103:1-22	Isaiah 57:1-13	Hebrews 12:1-6	John 7:37-46
Mon.	Psalm 5:1-12	Isaiah 57:4-21	Galatians 6:11-18	Mark 9:30-41
Tue.	Psalm 42:1-11	Isaiah 58:1-12	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Mark 9:42-50
Wed.	Psalm 89:1-18	Isaiah 59:1-21	2 Timothy 1:15-2:13	Mark 10:1-16
Thu.	Psalm 97:1-12	Isaiah 60:1-22	2 Timothy 2:14-26	Mark 10:17-31
Fri.	Psalm 51:1-19	Isaiah 61:1-9	2 Timothy 3:1-17	Mark 10:32-45
Sat.	Psalm 104:1-35	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	2 Timothy 4:1-8	Mark 10:46-52

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