



# Redeemer

## Presbyterian Church

The signs of a true apostle  
were performed among you with utmost patience,  
with signs and wonders and mighty works.  
—2 Corinthians 12:12

**The Lord's Service**  
February 15, 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 From Psalm 30:4, 11-12

Pastor Dan Millward

†Opening Hymn #57 “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

†Invocation

Psalm 111:2-4

Pastor: Great are the works of the Lord;

People: They are studied by all who delight in them.

Pastor: Splendid and majestic is His work,

People: And His righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: He has made His wonders to be remembered;

People: The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

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

Hebrews 4:12-13, 16

Pastor: For 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. Since we cannot hide our sins, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace to confess our sins so that we may receive mercy.

All: Almighty God, we open our hearts to You in sorrow for our sins. We have not always loved You as we should. We have not always treated others in a kind and loving way. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, Your Son, forgive our sins. Grant us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen our resolve to live a life that is more pleasing to You. Amen.

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Hebrews 4:14-15; 7:25

**Pastor:** “We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God. . . . [He] has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. . . . Therefore He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” 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.

## Receiving of New Members

Nate Empie, Andrew and Julie Gregory, McKinzie Delgado

†Hymn of Assurance “My Hope Is in the Lord”

Bulletin, p. 9

†Prayer for Illumination

Dave Schafer

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 17:17-24

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading John 10:31-39

David Peterson

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

†Sermon Text Reading 2 Corinthians 12:11-22

Pastor Dan Millward

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “A True Apostle”

## Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering

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

## Prayers of Intercession

### The Lord’s Prayer *(in unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. 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

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 “Behold the Lamb”

Bulletin, pp. 10-11

“Come Share the Lord”

Bulletin, p. 12

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 #342 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

†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: Mary Doran

Sound Board: Kyle Doran

Reader: David Peterson

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## Announcements

### **After Today's Service...**

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment.

Next Sunday, February 22

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on 2 Corinthians 13.

Hymns: #101 "Come Thou Almighty King" vv. 1-3

Insert "Speak, O Lord"

#306 "Jesus, My Great High Priest"

#420 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

#457 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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

Wednesday, February 18, 5:30pm to 8:00pm - Family Night Meal and Informational Meeting will be held at Emmanuel United Methodist facility at 9th and Wadsworth. Reservations for the meal need to be made on the fellowship pads.

Thursday, February 19, 7:30am to 9:00am - **Men's Bible Study** will meet in the conference room at the church office.

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.

Thursday, February 26, 7:30am to 9:00am - **Men's Bible Study** will meet in the conference room at the church office.

# Points to Ponder

## Miracles: God Shows His Presence and Power

Scripture has no single word for miracle. The concept is a blend of the thoughts expressed by three terms: wonder, mighty work, and sign.

Wonder is the primary notion. (Miracle, from the Latin *miraculum*, means something that evokes wonder.) A miracle is an observed event that triggers awareness of God's presence and power. Striking providences and coincidences, and awesome events such as childbirth, no less than works of new creative power, are properly called miracles since they communicate this awareness. In this sense, at least, there are miracles today.

Mighty work (work of power) focuses on the impression that miracles make, and points to the presence in Bible history of supernatural acts of God involving the power that created the world from nothing. Thus, the raising of the dead to life, which Jesus did three times, not counting his own resurrection (Luke 7:11-17; 8:49-56; John 11:38-44), and Elijah, Elisha, Peter, and Paul did once each (1 Kings 17:17-24; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Acts 9:36-41; 20:9-12), is a work of this creative power; it cannot be explained in terms of coincidence or of nature taking its course. The same is true of organic healings, of which the Gospels recount many; they too exhibit supernatural re-creating and restoring.

Sign as a label for miracles (the label regularly used in John's Gospel, where seven key miracles are recorded) means that they signify something; in other words, they carry a message. The miracles in Scripture are nearly all clustered in the time of the Exodus, of Elijah and Elisha, and of Christ and his apostles. First of all, they authenticate the miracle workers themselves as God's representatives and messengers (cf. Exod. 4:1-9; 1 Kings 17:24; John 10:38; 14:11; 2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:3-4); and they also show forth something of God's power in salvation and judgment. Such is their significance.

Belief in the miraculous is integral to Christianity. Theologians who discard all miracles, thus obliging themselves to deny Jesus' incarnation and resurrection, the two supreme miracles of Scripture, should not claim to be Christians: the claim is not valid. The rejection of miracles by yesterday's scientists sprang not from science but from the dogma of a universe of absolute uniformity that scientists brought to their scientific work. There is nothing irrational about believing that God who made the world can still intrude creatively into it. Christians should recognize that it is not faith in the biblical miracles, and in God's ability to work miracles today should he so wish, but doubt about these things, that is unreasonable.

--J. I. Packer, *Concise Theology*

Hymn of Assurance  
My Hope Is in the Lord

1. My hope is in the Lord who gave him - self for me,  
2. No mer - it of my own his an - ger to sup - press,  
3. And now for me he stands be - fore the Fa - ther's throne.  
4. His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to be - lieve,

and paid the price of all my sin at Cal - va - ry.  
my on - ly hope is found in Je - sus' righ - teous - ness.  
He shows his wound - ed hands, and names me as his own.  
and rec - og - nize his work of love and Christ re - ceive.

**REFRAIN**  
For me he died, for me he lives,  
For me he died, for me he lives,

and ev - er - last - ing life and light he free - ly gives.

# Communion Hymn #1

## Behold the Lamb

F2/A G/B C Dm7 C/E G C/E

1 Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for  
 2 The bo - dy of our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ, torn for  
 3 The blood that clean - ses ev - ery stain of sin, shed for  
 4 And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re -

F2 C/G G7sus G7

us— and we re - mem - ber  
 you— eat and re - mem - ber  
 you— drink and re - mem - ber  
 spond— and to re - mem - ber

F2/A G/B C Dm7 C/E G C/E

the pro - mise made, that all who come in faith find for -  
 the wounds that heal; the death that brings us life paid the  
 he drained death's cup, that all may en - ter in to re -  
 our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as his

F2 G7sus G7 C C/E

give - ness at the cross. So we  
 price to make us one. So we  
 ceive the life of God. So we  
 bo - dy here on earth. As we

F2 C2/E Fmaj7 G2 C/E F2

share in this bread of life, and we drink of his  
 share in this bread of life, and we drink of his  
 share in this bread of life and we drink of his  
 share in his suf - fer - ing, we pro-claim Christ will

C2/E Fmaj7 G2 C/E F2 C2/E Fmaj7 G7sus G7

sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace  
 sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of love  
 sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of grace  
 come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heaven

F2 Fmaj7 G7 C2

a - round the tab - le of the King.

F2 C2 F2

**Final Ending**  
C2

Final Ending C2

Communion Hymn #2  
Come Share the Lord

1. We gath - er here in Je - sus' name; His love is burn - ing in our  
 2. He joins us here; He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is  
 3. We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing; We'll see the glo - ry of our

hearts like liv - ing flame, For thro' the lov - ing Son, The Fa - ther  
 ris - en from the dead. The one we love the most Is now our  
 Lord and com - ing King. Now we an - tic - i - pate The feast for

makes us one: Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.  
 gra - cious host: Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.  
 which we wait: Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

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Sermon Notes

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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*FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...*

Health / Healing

- 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 also passion, 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 Church - Grand Rapids, MI - Pray For: Christ Church and our Presbytery as we process the resignation of our Associate Pastor Steve Gonzales. Pray that God would also give us wisdom and direction with respect to our church planting in East Hills (NE city of Grand Rapids).
- Grace Pointe Presbyterian, Novi, MI, - Pray For: Metro Detroit, God's will with the auto industry, and that God would use what's going on to bring about a spiritual awakening and revival. May tens of thousands become followers of Christ!
- Great Lakes Presbytery - MI , IN, OH - Pray For: advance of the Gospel, formation of Northern Ohio Presbytery, Candidates and Credentials as they examine candidates, wise decisions regarding the Novi church plant, Robyn Strong, Greg Blosser's son Sam (dermatomyositis), and spiritual & physical health of our churches and their members.
- Special Needs - Pray for: Young Sam Blosser and all the family. Praise for: the birth of Ivy Jane Blosser at 7lbs, 7oz and 20.5 in.

*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

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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.)

Psalm 19:1-14	Isaiah 62:6-12	1 John 2:3-11	John 8:12-19
Psalm 135:1-21	Isaiah 63:1-6	1 Timothy 1:1-17	Mark 11:1-11
Psalm 123:1-4	Isaiah 63:7-14	1 Timothy 1:18-2:15	Mark 11:12-26
Psalm 15:1-15	Isaiah 63:15-64:9	1 Timothy 3:1-16	Mark 11:27-12:12
Psalm 36:1-12	Isaiah 65:1-12	1 Timothy 4:1-16	Mark 12:13-27
Psalm 130:1-8	Isaiah 65:17-25	1 Timothy 5:1-25	Mark 12:28-34
Psalm 56:1-13	Isaiah 66:1-6	1 Timothy 6:1-21	Mark 12:35-44

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