



Redeemer Presbyterian Church

[God] raised us up with him and seated us with him
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
so that in the coming ages
he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace
in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
—Ephesians 2:6-7

The Lord's Service

March 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 Psalm 29:1b-2

Rev. Henry Entingh

†**Opening Hymn** #309 “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

†**Invocation**

Psalm 124:8

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

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*) “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

Luke 6:27-31

Pastor: Jesus taught, “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.” Hearing this, we realize that we are sinners, not only because of what we do or leave undone, but because of our very nature. Because of this, we are in daily need of God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us therefore humble ourselves before God and confess our sins to Him.

All: Almighty God, we confess our rebellion, our lack of love, and all our sinfulness. We have not lived at all times as Your holy people. We have done the evil You forbid, and have not always done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us kind Father, because of the obedience of our

Savior, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all our sins and renew us by the power of the Holy Spirit. This we continually ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1-4

Pastor: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.” Brothers and sisters, God has promised to hear us and grants forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. 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** #460 “Amazing Grace!”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dave Schafer

Old Testament Reading Psalm 84:10-12

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading John 1:1-2, 14-18

Forbes Husted

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

†**Sermon Text Reading** Ephesians 1:15-2:10

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Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Grace Beyond Measure”

Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering

Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at this time.

Prayers of the People

Dave Schafer

Pastor: Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and for sustaining us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your holy Church, for the means of grace, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office in Your Church that, by their devoted service, faith may abound and Your kingdom increase. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead a peaceable life with integrity. Help those who govern our land to serve the people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless all honest and faithful labor, leisure and rest, and the arts and culture of our people. Provide for all who are unemployed or underemployed. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity (especially _____). Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, you provide for all our needs in this life. Grant us faith to trust in You as dear children trust their dear father, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God 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. 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 Hymns #425 “Bread of the World In Mercy Broken”
#468 “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

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 #519 “Fountain of Never-Ceasing Grace”

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Serving Today

Guest Minister: Rev. Henry Entingh

Elder: Dave Schafer

Piano: Connie Van Til

Sound Board: Kyle Doran

Reader: Forbes Husted

Today Rev. Entingh is wearing a purple stole. Purple represents royalty and reminds us of the kingship and sovereignty of Christ. Purple is also associated with repentance from sin. This color is displayed during the seasons of Advent and Lent, which are times of preparation and penitence.

Announcements

After Today's Service...

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment.

Next Sunday, March 8

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching.

Hymns: #295 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

#243 "Praise the Savior Now and Ever"

#304 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

#263 "Lift High the Cross"

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

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30pm to 7:30pm - Prayer Group will meet at the home of Maggie Cairns. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

Thursday, March 5, 7:30am to 8:30am - Men's Bible Study will meet in the conference room at the church office.

Sunday, March 8, 10:30am - Please note: our regular **Lord's Day Worship Service** will be held at the Emmanuel United Methodist facility on 9th and Wadsworth and will begin a half hour later than usual.

Wednesday, March 11, 5:30pm to 8:00pm - Family Night Meal and Study will be held at the church. **Reservations must be made on the fellowship pads.**

Thursday, March 12, 7:30am to 8:30am - Men's Bible Study will meet in the conference room at the church office.

Sunday, March 15, 5:00-8:00pm - Next Generation - Movie Night and Discussion at Pastor and Mrs. Millward's home. The movie will be "Luther."

Wednesday, March 18, 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Noon Hour Study Group will meet in the conference room at the church office.

Wednesday, March 18, 6:30pm to 7:30pm - Prayer Group will meet at the home of Maggie Cairns. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

Thursday, March 19, 7:30am to 8:30am - Men's Bible Study will meet in the conference room at the church office.

Thursday, March 19, 7:00pm - Ladies' Study.

Points to Ponder

The Goodness of God

Goodness, in the Scriptural sense of the term, includes benevolence, love, mercy, and grace. By benevolence is meant the disposition to promote happiness; all sensitive creatures are its objects. Love includes complacency, desire, and delight, and has rational beings for its objects. Mercy is kindness exercised towards the miserable, and includes pity, compassion, forbearance, and gentleness, which the Scriptures so abundantly ascribe to God. Grace is love exercised towards the unworthy. The love of a holy God to sinners is the most mysterious attribute of the divine nature. The manifestation of this attribute for the admiration and beatification of all intelligent creatures, is declared to be the special design of redemption. God saves sinners, we are told, "That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us, through Christ Jesus." (Eph. ii. 7.) This is the burden of that Epistle.

As all the modifications of goodness above mentioned are found even in our dilapidated nature, and commend themselves to our moral approbation, we know they must exist in God without measure and without end. In him they are infinite, eternal, and immutable.

—Charles Hodge, *Systematic Theology*.

March 1, 2009
Prayer Requests

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Lindy Van Til - will be receiving a device in her arm to help monitor blood sugar levels. Please pray that this would be an effective for helping manage her diabetes.
- Dominic Nittolo - Please continue to pray for him as he recovers from recent leg surgery.

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

- Dick Scott (Tim's father) - recently had a stroke and now has an infection in his arm. Please keep him in prayer.
- Scott Rhodes (Stephen Morrison's friend) - suffering from a severe, yet undiagnosed, back ailment. Prayer for the doctor's wisdom and for Scott's comfort as he seeks to finish his final semester of college.
- 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...

- Pathway Community Church, Brighton, MI - Pray for: our career workshop to help people work through career goal options, job protection for our members and regular attenders, continued growth in all areas of ministry, and our March 8 - 5th anniversary celebration. Praise for: God's leading and provision getting to this important milestone in church life.
- Grace Presbyterian Church, Hudson, OH - Pray for: work for those who have lost jobs or who are at risk, visitors to our worship, continued growth into deeper faith, our teens who want to pray together more and to grow, and to mutually encourage local churches near us in Ohio who are currently part of the Ascension presbytery.
- Teaching Elder Terry Lodico - Pray For: continued opportunity to share the gospel and help people through the Covenant Counseling ministry.
- Special Needs - Pray for: Young Sam Blosser and all the family.

*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 84:1-12	Jeremiah 9:23-24	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Mark 2:18-22
Mon.	Psalm 119:73-80	Deut. 8:1-20	Hebrews 2:11-18	John 2:1-12
Tue.	Psalm 34:1-22	Deut. 9:1-12	Hebrews 3:1-11	John 2:13-22
Wed.	Psalm 5:1-12	Deut. 9:13-21	Hebrews 3:12-19	John 2:23-3:15
Thu.	Psalm 27:1-14	Deut. 9:23-10:5	Hebrews 4:1-10	John 3:16-21
Fri.	Psalm 22:1-31	Deut. 10:12-22	Hebrews 4:11-16	John 3:22-36
Sat.	Psalm 43:1-5	Deut. 11:18-28	Hebrews 5:1-10	John 4:1-26

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