

# *Redeemer*

Presbyterian Church

It is the Spirit who gives life;  
the flesh profits nothing;  
the words that I have spoken to you  
are spirit and are life.  
—John 6:63

**The Lord's Service**  
**August 23, 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. Any mothers who would like assistance with young children may take them to the nursery during the Hymn of Assurance and pick them up during the Offertory.

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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. In the narthex, we have a booklet available that provides an introduction to our church. You may also visit our website for other helpful information: [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** Psalm 84:1-2

Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** #303 “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

†**Invocation**

Psalm 34:15, 18-19

Pastor: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous

**People: And His ears are open to their cry.**

Pastor: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted

**People: And saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

Pastor: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**People: But the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

†**The Greeting**

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

**People: Amen.**

†**Response** (*in song*) “Thy Strong Word” v. 4

(Tune: Ebenezer)

**God the Father, Light-creator,**

**To Thee laud and honor be.**

**To Thee, Light of Light begotten,**

**Praise be sung eternally.**

**Holy Spirit, light revealer,**

**Glory, glory be to Thee.**

**Mortals, angels, now and ever**

**Praise the Holy Trinity!**

**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, and let us begin to do so this morning in the quietness of our hearts with a time of silent confession. [Silent Confession]

**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.

†**Hymn of Assurance** “Lamb of God”

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†**Prayer for Illumination**

Sean Doran

**Old Testament Reading** Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Epistle Reading** Ephesians 6:10-20

Forbes Husted

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayers of Intercession (followed by the Lord’s Prayer)**

Pastor Dan Millward

**Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering**

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

†**Doxology** (*in song*)

**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.**

†**Gospel Reading** John 6:56-69

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “Spirit and Life”

Prayer of Application

## 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 and Consecration

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** “Come Share the Lord” Bulletin, p. 8  
 “Remembering with Hope and Love” Bulletin p. 9

**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** #345 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” vv. 1, 2, 4

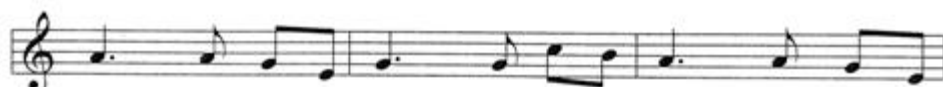
†**Benediction**

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


Hymn of Assurance  
**Lamb of God**




1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



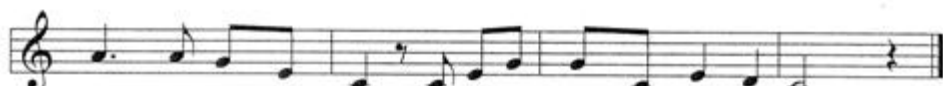
sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



*Refrain*  
sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me



in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn  
**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.

Communion Hymn

# Remembering with Hope and Love

Capo 3  $\Gamma$  F(D) Bb/F (G/D) F(D)  $\Gamma$

1 Re - mem - ber - ing with love and hope, we  
 2 God's Word made known in flesh and blood, a  
 3 Through all our lives, Lord, you are near, and  
 4 We break the bread and bless the cup; your  
 5 We trust this pledge of your strong love and

Dm(Bm) C(A) F/A(D/F#) Am(F#m) Dm(Bm) F(D)

cel - e - brate the feast. Christ bids us come and  
 cov - e - nant of grace; in man - ger, cross, and  
 to the end of time. In bread and cup your -  
 Spir - it is out-poured. Made one in you, we  
 pray, your king - dom come, when face to face we'll

Bb(G) F(D)  $\Gamma$  C7(A7) Bb/F(G/D) F(D)  $\Gamma$

dine with him, our Host and great High Priest.  
 emp - ty tomb, we see God's lov - ing face.  
 self you give; our life in yours we find.  
 feast in love un - til you come, O Lord.  
 feast with you in our e - ter - nal home.

*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: Sean Doran

Reader: Forbes Husted

Piano: Connie Van Til

Sound Board: Kyle Peterson

## **Announcements**

### **After Today’s Service...**

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment.

### **Next Sunday, August 30**

Pastor Millward will begin a preaching series from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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

**Thursday Mornings - 7:30am to 8:30am - Men’s Bible Study** meets at the church.

**Daily (M-F), 8:00am to 12:00pm - We need volunteers** to help with **painting** our church building. Until further notice, every day that it doesn’t rain, there will be painting during the specified hours. See Dave Schafer or Forbes Husted for details.

**Wednesday, August 26, 6:30pm to 7:30pm - Prayer Group** meets at the church.

**Saturday, August 29, 11:00am - Baby Shower** for Katina Gibson. All ladies are invited. Please RSVP today on the sheet in the narthex.

**Church Directory** - We will continue taking **photographs** for the church directory immediately after the worship service. Please note this is not for members only. If you would like to be listed in the directory, you are welcome to submit your information and have your photo taken.

Anyone interested in helping with **cleaning the church**, please see Beverly McSauby.

The Deacons are looking for “handy” to volunteer for **minor repair/building projects** in and around the church building. If you have skills in carpentry, electrical, or plumbing, we NEED you! You may contact any one of the deacons for further details. Thank You!

## Points to Ponder

### Eating is Believing

Our Lord in John vi. 53–58, expressly and solemnly declares that except a man eat of his flesh, and drink his blood, he has no life in him; and that whoso eateth his flesh and drinketh his blood, hath eternal life. It is here taught that the eating spoken of is necessary to salvation. He who does not eat of the flesh of the Son of Man, has no life in him. He who does thus eat, shall live forever. Now as no Christian Church, not even the Roman, maintains that a participation of the Lord's Supper is essential to salvation, it is plain that no such Church can consistently believe that the eating spoken of is that which is peculiar to that ordinance. Again, the Scriptures so clearly and variously teach that those who believe in Christ; who receive the record God has given of his Son; who receive Him; who flee to Him for refuge; who lay hold of Him as their God and Saviour, shall never perish but have eternal life; it is plain that what is expressed in John vi. by eating the flesh of Christ and drinking his blood, must be the same thing that is elsewhere expressed in the various ways just referred to. When we eat our food we receive and appropriate it to the nourishment of our bodies; so to eat the flesh of Christ, is to receive and appropriate Him and his sacrificial work for the life of our souls. Without this appropriation of Christ to ourselves we have no life; with it, we have life eternal, for He is our life. As this appropriation is an act of faith, it is by believing that we eat his flesh and drink his blood. We accordingly find that this is recognized in all the leading Confessions of the Reformed Church. Thus in the Zurich Confession it is said, "Eating is believing, and believing is eating." The Helvetic Confession, as quoted above, says, that this eating takes place as often as and wherever a man believes in Christ. The Belgic Confession says, "God sent Christ as the true bread from heaven which nourishes and sustains the spiritual life of believers, if it be eaten, that is, if it be applied and received by the Spirit through faith." Faith, as shown above, is, in all these Confessions, declared to be the hand and the mouth by which this reception and appropriation are effected. A distinction may be, and often is, made between spiritual and sacramental manducation. But the difference between them is merely circumstantial. In the former the believer feeds on Christ to his spiritual nourishment, without the intervention and use of the elements of bread and wine; in the latter, he does the same thing in the use of those elements as the divinely appointed sign and seal of the truth and promise of God.

—Charles Hodge, *Systematic Theology*

## The Session (Pastor and Elders)

Rev. Daniel Millward, Pastor .....	922-7270
Sean Doran .....	267-5632
David Schafer .....	946-5501
Dirk Van Til.....	223-8962
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.)

Sun.	Psalm 67:1-7	2 Samuel 24:1-25	Galatians 3:23-4:7	John 8:12-20
Mon.	Psalm 57:1-11	1 Kings 1:5-31	Acts 26:1-23	Mark 13:14-27
Tue.	Psalm 54:1-7	1 Kings 1:32-2:46	Acts 26:24-27:8	Mark 13:28-37
Wed.	Psalm 65:1-13	1 Kings 3:1-15	Acts 27:9-26	Mark 14:1-11
Thu.	Psalm 143:1-12	1 Kings 3:16-28	Acts 27:27-44	Mark 14:12-26
Fri.	Psalm 88:1-18	1 Kings 5:1-6:7	Acts 28:1-16	Mark 14:27-42
Sat.	Psalm 122:1-9	1 Kings 7:51-8:21	Acts 28:17-31	Mark 14:43-52

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**Worship: Sundays 10:00 a.m.**