

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

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To the saints who are in Ephesus,
and are faithful in Christ Jesus:
Grace to you and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
—Ephesians 1:1-2

The Lord's Service
August 30, 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. 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.

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.

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 34:1-3

Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** #379 “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” vv. 1-3

†**Invocation**

Psalm 33:20-22

Pastor: Our soul waits for the Lord;

People: He is our help and our shield.

Pastor: For our heart is glad in Him,

People: Because we trust in His holy name.

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

People: Even as we hope in You.

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*) #379 “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” v. 4

**Glory to God the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O Blessed Trinity,
be praise throughout eternity!**

Confession of Sin

1 Peter 1:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 2:12

Pastor: As the children of God, we are called to obedience and conformity to Christ. Like the Holy One who called us, we are to be holy in all our behavior, just as it is written: YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY. Yet, because of our flesh we fall short and do not live in a manner worthy of the God who called us into His own kingdom and glory. Therefore, let us repent, confess our sins, and seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

All: Gracious Heavenly Father, because of our fallen nature, we have not lived in accordance with Your holiness. We have transgressed Your laws and failed to keep Your commands. There are those we have hurt, and those we have failed to help. Our thoughts and desires are stained with sin. Therefore, merciful

Father, we confess to You all our sins with which we have offended You. We are truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them. And we pray according to Your boundless mercy, and for the sake of Christ, that You would be gracious and merciful to us. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

from 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Pastor: Because of His great mercy, and for our sake, God has made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Through Christ, God has reconciled us to Himself, and has not counted our trespasses against us. 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** #161 “O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dirk Van Til

First Reading Acts 9:10-16

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading John 14:23-27

Fred Janke

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayers of Intercession and 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.

†**Epistle Reading** Ephesians 1:1-2

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “The Greeting”

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 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 and Consecration

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

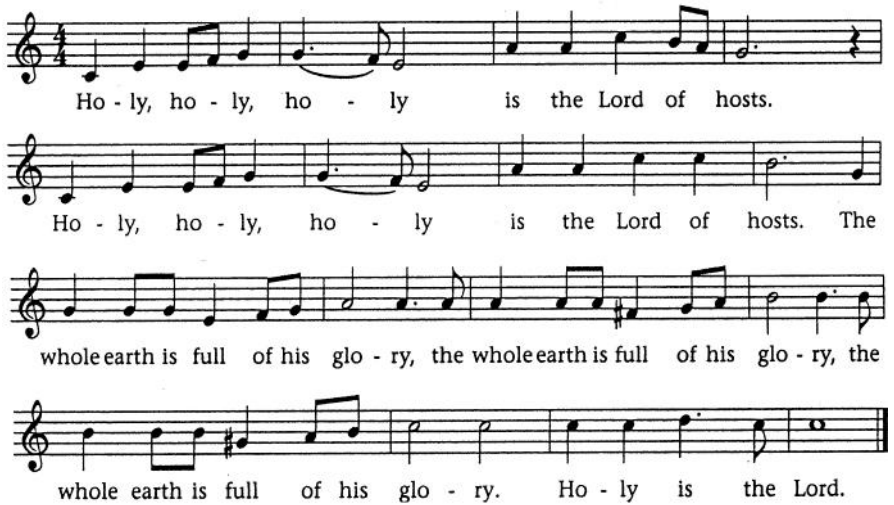
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right, and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, Creator and Ruler of the universe. We ask You to set apart for Your holy use these common elements of bread and wine that they may strengthen and edify Your people. In Your wisdom, You made all things, and sustain them by Your power. You formed us in Your own image, setting us in this world to love and to serve You. Therefore we praise You, 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 Hymns #421 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”
#427 “Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands”

Prayer after Communion (*in unison*)

Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit, to live and work to Your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Closing Hymn #586 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”



Serving Today

Elder: Dirk Van Til
Reader: Fred Janke
Piano: Albert Jordan
Sound Board: Meagan Van Til

Today Pastor Milward is wearing a green stole. Green represents spiritual growth and world missions. It is worn during all “ordinary times” of the church year.

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Sermon Notes

Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:1-2 (ESV)

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sermon Notes (Cont.)

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Prayer Requests

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Katina Gibson - pray for a safe, healthy pregnancy.

FOR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS...

Health / Healing

- Van Farowe family - comfort in mourning.
- Steve and Bonnie Opper are both suffering from cancer.
- Nikki's Aunt Sandy is recovering from cancer surgery.

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

- Hershbergers (Bulgaria); Thorntons (Ukraine); Nellie Vos (France); and the mission work in Burma.
- Shawn Newsome, Rev. Jason Helopoulos and Potential RUF work in Lansing

FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY...

- Zion Church, Winesburg, OH - Pray for: the sweetness of Christ's love to bind us closer together, the lost in Holmes County to come to saving faith, health and healing for one of our elders with an undiagnosed health problem together with grace for his whole family, and strong families in the Lord.
- Granville Chapel - Granville, OH - Pray for: potential Elders to understand God's call in their lives with regard to the office of elder, revival of prayer among church members, and Denison Freshmen to find our church this Fall. Praise for: God's faithfulness and the continued work of bringing new faces to our worship services.
- Teaching Elder Dr. Arnold Frank - Prayer for: Ability to maintain a ministry of supply preaching. Praise for: the good and promising result of the radiation treatments for cancer, and thanks for this ministry to Presbytery.
- Special Needs - Pray for: Pastor Greg Blosser and Charity Blosser's 4 year old son Sam who has Juvenile dermatomyositis.

Points to Ponder

Pauline Authorship of Ephesians

Unbelieving scholars maintain that Paul did not write Ephesians. First, they argue that about fifty words in Ephesians are used in no other Pauline book. Given that Paul was writing about different matters and that his vocabulary was not so limited as the scholars may think, this hardly seems a serious problem. Their second argument is that Ephesians 2:20 says the church is built on a foundation of apostles and prophets, whereas elsewhere Paul says that the church is built on Christ. Can you answer this from the New Testament? Certainly. Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone in the foundation; the rest of the foundation is made up of apostles and prophets.

The most potent argument advanced is that the sentences in Ephesians are strikingly longer and contain many more dependent clauses than other Pauline letters. The overall style of Ephesians is different. There are obvious explanations for this feature of Ephesians.

As we have seen, it is likely that Ephesians was designed as a circular letter. In a letter to friends we write rather informally. To people you don't know you will probably adopt a more formal style. This by itself would account for the longer sentences in Ephesians.

In Ephesians, Paul frequently breaks into prayer and praise. This is part of the content of the letter, and so we should expect Paul to use a slightly different style. The very content of the letter has caused him to write in a more exalted manner. Similarly, a theologian may write technically for a theological journal, worshipfully when preparing a liturgy for church use, and informally when writing for a church newsletter or magazine. Ephesians is highly theological and also highly doxological (full of praise); thus it contains long, complex sentences. Thus, the “most potent argument” of the critics is really quite impotent.

It is remarkable that educated people—and the higher critics are educated people—could advance arguments like these and expect to be taken seriously. It is a sad commentary on the state of the Christian church today that so many people are influenced by such silly assertions.

—R. C. Sproul, *Before the Face of God, Book Four*

As you prepare for our study in Ephesians, take the time to read Chapter 1. Read it aloud. Notice the abundant praise Paul offers up to the Lord. From the outset, Paul directs his readers to the glorious grace of the Savior. Meditate on the rich blessings of Jesus Christ and offer up praise to him today.

Announcements

After Today's Service...

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment.

Next Sunday, September 6

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on Ephesians 1:3-6.

Hymns: #16 "Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"

Insert "Speak, O Lord"

#480 "Come, for the Feast Is Spread"

#470 "How Vast the Benefits Divine"

#535 "O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

#355 "We Are God's People"

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

Wednesday, September 9, 5:30pm – Family Night Meal & Study.

Friday, September 18- Presbytery Meeting begins with guest speaker Dr. R. Scott Clark (Professor of Philosophy at Westminster Theological Seminary West). We need your help and would strongly urge you to attend the conference talks with Dr. Clark and the Friday evening worship service with the presbytery.

Thursday, September 24, 7:00pm – Ladies Study meets at the church.

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

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, please take a few minutes to have your photo taken.

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

The Deacons are looking for those who are "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!

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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	1 Kings 8:22-40	1 Timothy 4:7b-16	John 8:47-59
Mon.	Psalm 62:1-12	2 Chronicles 6:32-7:7	James 2:1-13	Mark 14:53-65
Tue.	Psalm 12:1-8	1 Kings 8:65-9:9	James 2:14-26	Mark 14:66-72
Wed.	Psalm 96:1-13	1 Kings 9:24-10:13	James 3:1-12	Mark 15:1-11
Thu.	Psalm 116:1-19	1 Kings 11:1-13	James 3:13-4:12	Mark 15:12-2
Fri.	Psalm 84:1-12	1 Kings 11:26-43	James 4:13-5:6	Mark 15:22-32
Sat.	Psalm 63:1-11	1 Kings 12:1-20	James 5:7-20	Mark 15:33-39

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