



# *Redeemer*

Presbyterian Church

I do not cease to give thanks for you,  
remembering you in my prayers,  
that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,  
may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation  
in the knowledge of Him.  
—Ephesians 1:16-17

**The Lord's Service**  
**September 27, 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.redeemertravercity.org](http://www.redeemertravercity.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** Hebrews 12:18-24a Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** #342 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” vv. 1-4

†**Invocation** Revelation 15:3-4

Pastor: Great and marvelous are Your works,

**People: O Lord God, the Almighty;**

Pastor: Righteous and true are Your ways,

**People: King of the nations!**

Pastor: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

**People: For You alone are holy;**

Pastor: For all the nations will come and worship before You,

**People: For Your righteous acts have been revealed.**

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*) #342 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” v. 5

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,

Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,

One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

**Reading of the Law** Matthew 22:37-40; Romans 3:23; Hebrews 4:13

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” “. . . all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” . . . “And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”

**Confession of Sin** Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12

Pastor: 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:** Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight. So that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit. 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** #309 “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dirk Van Til

**Old Testament Reading** Daniel 7:1-3, 11-14

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 28:16-20

Ron Gentry

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.**

†**Sermon Text Reading** Ephesians 1:15-23

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “The Church Triumphant”

**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.

Ruth 2:4

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

Lamentations 3:41

**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.**

Psalm 118:1

Pastor: Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to You at all times and in all places. O Lord, our Creator, Almighty and Everlasting God! You created heaven and all its hosts and earth with all its plenty. You have given us life, and You preserve us by Your providence. You have shown us

the fullness of Your love in sending into the world Your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. As we consecrate these common elements of bread and wine for holy use, we ask You to bless them and use them to strengthen and edify Your people. With Your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and glorify You, God most holy, and we sing with joy:

**Sanctus** (*in song*)

Isaiah 6:3

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** #311 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”  
#453 “All Authority and Power”

**Prayer after Communion** (*in unison*)

**We give thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

†**Closing Hymn** #439 “Christ Shall Have Dominion”

vv. 1, 2, 4

†**Benediction**

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



## Sermon Text

### Ephesians 1:15-23 (ESV)

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

# Sermon Notes

## Points to Ponder

### The Holy Spirit Gives Spiritual Understanding

The knowledge of divine things to which Christians are called is more than a formal acquaintance with biblical words and Christian ideas. It is a realizing of the reality and relevance of those activities of the triune God to which Scripture testifies. Such awareness is natural to none, familiar with Christian ideas though they may be (like “the man without the Spirit” in 1 Cor. 2:14 who cannot receive what Christians tell him, or the blind leaders of the blind of whom Jesus speaks so caustically in Matt. 15:14, or like Paul himself before Christ met him on the Damascus road). Only the Holy Spirit, searcher of the deep things of God (1 Cor. 2:10), can bring about this realization in our sin-darkened minds and hearts. That is why it is called “spiritual understanding” (spiritual means “Spirit-given,” Col. 1:9; cf. Luke 24:25; 1 John 5:20). Those who, along with sound verbal instruction, “have an anointing from the Holy One . . . know the truth” (1 John 2:20).

The work of the Spirit in imparting this knowledge is called “illumination,” or enlightening. It is not a giving of new revelation, but a work within us that enables us to grasp and to love the revelation that is there before us in the biblical text as heard and read, and as explained by teachers and writers. Sin in our mental and moral system clouds our minds and wills so that we miss and resist the force of Scripture. God seems to us remote to the point of unreality, and in the face of God’s truth we are dull and apathetic. The Spirit, however, opens and unveils our minds and attunes our hearts so that we understand (Eph. 1:17-18; 3:18-19; 2 Cor. 3:14-16; 4:6). As by inspiration he provided Scripture truth for us, so now by illumination he interprets it to us. Illumination is thus the applying of God’s revealed truth to our hearts, so that we grasp as reality for ourselves what the sacred text sets forth.

Illumination, which is a lifelong ministry of the Holy Spirit to Christians, starts before conversion with a growing grasp of the truth about Jesus and a growing sense of being measured and exposed by it. Jesus said that the Spirit would “convict the world” of the sin of not believing in him, of the fact that he was in the right with God the Father (as his welcome back to heaven proved), and of the reality of judgment both here and hereafter (John 16:8-11). This threefold conviction is still God’s means of making sin repulsive and Christ adorable in the eyes of persons who previously loved sin and cared nothing for the divine Savior.

The way to benefit fully from the Spirit’s ministry of illumination is by serious Bible study, serious prayer, and serious response in obedience to whatever truths one has been shown already. This corresponds to Luther’s dictum that three things make a theologian: oratio (prayer), meditatio (thinking in God’s presence about the text), and tentatio (trial, the struggle for biblical fidelity in the face of pressure to disregard what Scripture says).

—J. I. Packer, *Concise Theology*

September 27 2009  
**Prayer Requests**

***FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...***

**Health / Healing**

- Katina Gibson - pray for a safe, healthy pregnancy.
- Mary Leone - pinched nerve in her neck causing pain in her arm.
- Christine Kron - pray for a healthy pregnancy and delivery (due Sept. 27th).

***FOR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS...***

**Health / Healing**

- Steve and Bonnie Opper are both suffering from cancer.

**Our Country and Armed Forces**

- Men and women in the military and their families.
- 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...***

- Trinity Presbyterian Church, DeMotte, IN - our ministries, faithful attendance, giving and service, growth of the church, the Pastoral Search Committee, for the Lord to bring the right pastor, for Glen who has recently been diagnosed with cancer, and for Miriam being treated for cancer.
- Harvest Presbyterian, Medina, OH - the pastoral search committee for a new Associate Pastor, and Pastor Ames's relocation to the St. Louis area.
- TE Paul Engle - effective teaching of six adult class sessions on Acts in September so the truth of Scripture will equip believers, and wisdom selecting text and preparing for upcoming preaching assignment.
- Special Needs - Pastor Greg and Charity Blosser's 4 year old son Sam who has Juvenile dermatomyositis.

## Serving Today

Elder: Dirk Van Til

Reader: Ron Gentry

Piano: Connie Van Til

Sound Board: Kyle Doran

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

## Announcements

### After Today's Service...

Please join us in the fellowship hall for our covered dish lunch.

### Next Sunday, October 4

Rev. Walter Lorenz will be preaching on 2 Timothy 1:3-12.

Hymns: #295 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

#186 "One There is Above All Others"

#301 "Join All the Glorious Names"

#468 "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

#705 "I Know Whom I Have Believed" vv. 1-4

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

### Wednesday, October 7, 5:30pm - Family Night Meal and Study.

### Thursday Mornings – 7:30am to 8:30am - Men's Bible Study.

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

The deacons are still looking for a few good men 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! Please contact any one of the deacons for further details.

## The Session (Pastor and Elders)

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David Schafer .....	946-5501
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## The Deacons

Jerry DeVries .....	938-2317
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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 108:1-13	2 Kings 17:1-18	Acts 9:36-43	Luke 5:1-11
Mon.	Psalm 62:1-12	2 Kings 17:24-41	1 Cor. 7:25-31	Matt. 6:25-34
Tue.	Psalm 12:1-8	2 Chron. 30:1-27	1 Cor. 7:32-40	Matt. 7:1-12
Wed.	Psalm 96:1-13	2 Kings 18:9-25	1 Cor. 8:1-13	Matt. 7:13-21
Thu.	Psalm 116:1-19	2 Kings 18:28-37	1 Cor. 9:1-15	Matt. 7:22-29
Fri.	Psalm 84:1-12	2 Kings 19:1-20	1 Cor. 9:16-27	Matt. 8:1-17
Sat.	Psalm 63:1-11	2 Kings 19:21-36	1 Cor. 10:1-13	Matt. 8:18-27

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