



Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

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for I know whom I have believed,
and I am convinced that he is able
to guard until that Day
what has been entrusted to me.
—2 Timothy 1:12b

The Lord's Service
October 4, 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.redeemertravercity.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 95:6-7

Rev. Walter Lorenz

†**Opening Hymn** #295 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

†**Invocation**

Psalm 145:1-3

Pastor: I will extol you, my God and King,

People: and bless Your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Every day I will bless You

People: and praise Your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

People: and His greatness is unsearchable.

Pastor: Let us pray.

†**The Greeting**

2 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

People: Amen.

†**Response** (*in song*) #283 “Alleluia! Alleluia!”

v. 3

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;

Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;

Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity;

Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

Confession of Sin

1 John 1:8-9

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us therefore draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

All: Mighty, merciful, and faithful God, we humbly approach Your throne to confess our many sins against You. We are amazed by the teachings, wisdom, and miracles of Jesus, but we do not follow His words, and we dishonor His Person by our disobedience, our stubborn pride, and our failure to apply those truths in our daily lives. Forgive our lack of faith and all our sins, in the name of Jesus, our Savior and example, whose wisdom and power come from You. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through 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** #186 “One There is above All Others”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dave Schafer

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:10-13

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading John 20:30-31

Fred Janke

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Walter Lorenz

Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering

Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at this time and also please indicate how many will be partaking in Wednesday’s family meal and study.

†**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** 2 Timothy 1:3-12

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “I Believe In...”

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.

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: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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*)

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** #301 “Join All the Glorious Names”
 #468 “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

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** #705 “I Know Whom I Have Believed” vv. 1-4

†**Benediction**

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



Sermon Text

2 Timothy 1:3-12 (ESV)

3 I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 11 for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, 12 which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.

Sermon Notes

Points to Ponder

Perseverance: God Keeps His People Safe

Let it first be said that in declaring the eternal security of God's people it is clearer to speak of their preservation than, as is commonly done, of their perseverance. Perseverance means persistence under discouragement and contrary pressure. The assertion that believers persevere in faith and obedience despite everything is true, but the reason is that Jesus Christ through the Spirit persists in preserving them.

Scripture emphasizes this. John tells us that Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, is under promise to his Father (John 6:37-40) and to his sheep directly (John 10:28-29) to keep them so that they never perish. In his high-priestly prayer before his passion Jesus asked that those whom the Father had given him (John 17:2, 6, 9, 24) would be preserved to glory, and it is inconceivable that his prayer, which still continues (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25), will go unanswered.

Paul sees the sovereign plan of God for the salvation of his elect as a unitary whole, of which the glorifying of the justified is part (Rom. 8:29-30). On this basis he builds the triumphant peroration of Romans 8:31-39, in which he celebrates the present and future security of the saints in the almighty love of God. Elsewhere he rejoices in the certainty that God will complete the "good work" that he began in the lives of those Paul addresses (Phil. 1:6; cf. 1 Cor. 1:8-9; 1 Thess. 5:23-24; 2 Thess. 3:3; 2 Tim. 1:12; 4:18).

Reformed theology echoes this emphasis. The Westminster Confession declares, "They, whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved." (XVII.1)

The doctrine declares that the regenerate are saved through persevering in faith and Christian living to the end (Heb. 3:6; 6:11; 10:35-39), and that it is God who keeps them persevering. That does not mean that all who ever professed conversion will be saved. False professions are made; short-term enthusiasts fall away (Matt. 13:20-22); many who say to Jesus, "Lord, Lord," will not be acknowledged (Matt. 7:21-23). Only those who show themselves to be regenerate by pursuing heart-holiness and true neighbor-love as they pass through this world are entitled to believe themselves secure in Christ. Persevering in faith and penitence, not just in Christian formalism, is the path to glory. To suppose that believing in perseverance leads to careless living and arrogant presumption is a total misconception.

Sometimes the regenerate backslide and fall into gross sin. But in this they act out of character, do violence to their own new nature, and make themselves deeply miserable, so that eventually they seek and find restoration to righteousness. In retrospect, their lapse seems to them to have been madness. When regenerate believers act in character, they manifest a humble, grateful desire to please the God who saved them; and the knowledge that he is pledged to keep them safe forever simply increases this desire.

—J. I. Packer, *Concise Theology*

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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

- 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...

- Northwest Presbyterian, Dublin, OH - families grieving the loss of children, steadfastness, faith and provision for many families seeking work.
- First Presbyterian Church, Bad Axe, MI - Praise for: four new members and their profession of faith, good turn out for the Church Education programs, volunteers working in painting the building exterior, a renewed sense of commitment among the members, and increasing attendance.
- Teaching Elder Charles Young - safe travel and a smooth transition as their children move them South for the winter to be near Charles' parents, and help & ability to deal with both Charles' and Debbie's ongoing health problems.
- Special Needs - Pastor Greg and Charity Blosser's 4 year old son Sam who has Juvenile dermatomyositis.

Serving Today

Guest Minister: Rev. Walter Lorenz

Elder: Dave Schafer

Reader: Fred Janke

Piano: Connie Van Til

Sound Board: David Peterson

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

Announcements

Congratulations! to Ryan and Christine Kron on the birth of their new baby girl, Rylen Renea Kron. Rylen was born at 6:07pm last Sunday evening, weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz., and was 19 in. long.

After Today's Service...

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment.

Next Sunday, October 11

Rev. Walter Lorenz will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 1:18-20.

Hymns: #302 "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

Insert "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#428 "Not Worthy Lord"

#188 "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

Insert "Now Thank We All Our God"

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

This Wednesday, October 7, 5:30pm - Family Night Meal and Study. Please RSVP on the fellowship pads or call the office by Tuesday morning. Help is needed in the kitchen to prepare the meal. If you are able to help please see Jennifer Nittolo. Elder Dirk Van Til will be teaching on "Use of the Lord's Day."

Thursday, October 15, 7:00pm – The **Ladies' Study** continues here at the church.

Sunday October 25, 6:00pm – **Next Generation** meets at the church. Please bring your Bible and \$5.00 for pizza.

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.

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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 103:1-22	2 Kings 20:1-21	Acts 12:1-17	Luke 7:11-17
Mon.	Psalm 5:1-12	2 Kings 21:1-18	1 Cor. 10:14-11:1	Matt. 8:28-34
Tue.	Psalm 42:1-11	2 Kings 22:1-13	1 Cor. 11:2-22	Matt. 9:1-8
Wed.	Psalm 89:1-18	2 Kings 22:14-23:3	1 Cor. 11:23-34	Matt. 9:9-17
Thu.	Psalm 97:1-12	2 Kings 23:4-25	1 Cor. 12:1-11	Matt. 9:18-26
Fri.	Psalm 51:1-12	2 Kings 23:36-24:17	1 Cor. 12:12-26	Matt. 9:27-34
Sat.	Psalm 104:1-35	Jeremiah 35:1-19	1 Cor. 12:27-13:3	Matt. 9:35-10:4

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