

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

This grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles
the unsearchable riches of Christ . . .
according to the eternal purpose that he has
realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,
in whom we have boldness and access
with confidence through our faith in him.
—Ephesians 3:8, 11-12

The Lord's Service
November 8, 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 fellowship hall in the lower level 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 84:1-2

Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** “Creation Sings the Father’s Song”

Insert

†**Invocation**

Psalm 111:2-4

Pastor: Great are the works of the Lord;

People: They are studied by all who delight in them.

Pastor: Splendid and majestic is His work,

People: And His righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: He has made His wonders to be remembered;

People: The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

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*) #98 “Now Thank We All Our God”

v. 3

**All praise and thanks to God, The Father, now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns, With them in highest heaven,
The One Eternal God, Whom earth and heav’n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.**

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.

Holy Baptism

Baptism of Rylen Renea Kron

daughter of Ryan and Christine Kron

Baptismal verse: Psalm 111:10

†**Baptismal Hymn** #415 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dirk Van Til

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 46:8-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading John 12:44-50

Forbes Husted

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 3:1-13

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “God’s Eternal Purpose Realized in Christ”

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.

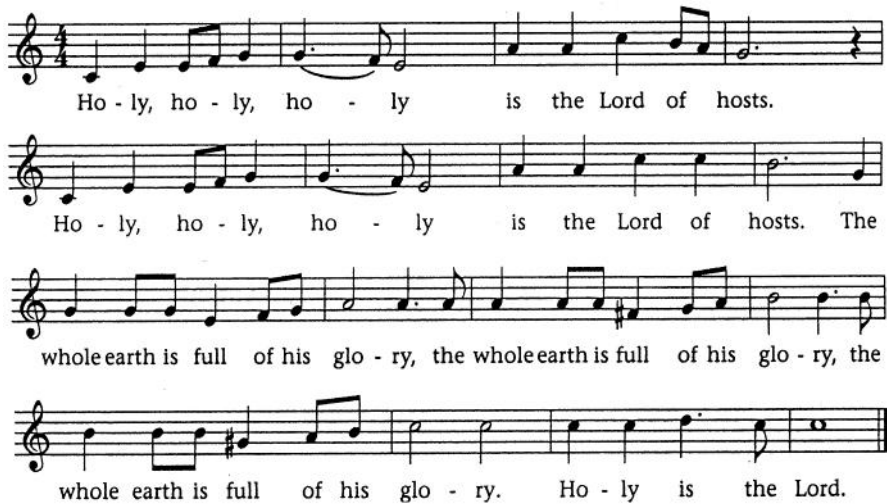
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 #430 “I Hunger and I Thirst”

#378 “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

Prayer after Communion (*in unison*)

We give You most hearty thanks, O Lord, for all the mercies You have shown us, Your people. We especially praise You for the Supper of Your Son. We thank You for the spiritual food of our Lord’s body and blood, and ask that You sustain us on throughout this troubled life, until the veil of this present age is lifted, and we see You face to face. We pray, O Father, in the power of Your Spirit and in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

†**Closing Hymn** #453 “All Authority and Power”

†**Benediction**

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

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Sermon Text

Ephesians 3:1-21 (ESV)

1 For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— 2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. 13 So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

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Sermon Notes

Points to Ponder

Through Christ We Have Boldness

The honor of reconciling the Father to the whole world must be given to Christ. From the effects of this grace its excellence is demonstrated; for faith, which is possessed by Gentiles in common with Jews, admits them into the presence of God. When the words, through Christ and by the faith of him, are used by Paul, in connection with the name of God, there is always an implied contrast, which shuts up every other approach, which excludes every other method of obtaining Divine fellowship. Most important and valuable instruction is here conveyed. The true nature and power of faith, and the confidence which is necessary for calling upon God, are beautifully expressed. [...]

First, Paul denominates it the faith of Christ; by which he indicates, that everything which faith ought to contemplate is exhibited to us in Christ. Hence it follows, that an empty and confused knowledge of Christ must not be mistaken for Faith, but that knowledge which is directed to Christ, in order to seek God in Christ; and this can only be done when the power and offices of Christ are understood. Faith produces confidence, which again, in its turn, produces boldness. There are three stages in our progress. First, we believe the promises of God; next, by relying on them, we obtain that confidence, which is accompanied by holiness and peace of mind; and, last of all, comes boldness, which enables us to banish fear, and to come with firmness and steadiness into the presence of God. [...]

Observe the expression, access with confidence. Wicked men seek rest in forgetfulness of God, and are never at ease but when they remove to the greatest possible distance from God. His own children differ from them in this respect, that they “have peace with God,” (Romans 5:1,) and approach to him with cheerfulness and delight. We infer, likewise, from this passage, that, in order to call on God in a proper manner, confidence is necessary, and thus becomes the key that opens to us the gate of heaven. Those who doubt and hesitate will never be heard.

“Let him ask in faith,” says James, “nothing wavering: for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord” (James 1:6, 7).

—John Calvin, *Commentary on Ephesians*

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Prayer Requests

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Kyle Doran - for a speedy healing of his broken leg.
- Monica Scott - for a safe, healthy pregnancy.

Other Concerns

- Ron Chalfant.

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...

- Pathway Community Church, Brighton, MI - Pray for: a strong last 2 months of ministry for 2009, continued job security for Pathway members, and outreach and special programs for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Praise for: the Lord's faithfulness in extending Pathway's ministry.
- Grace Presbyterian Church, Hudson, OH - Pray for: our Pastoral search, former Hudson member Nate Bower with Reformed University Fellowship at Belhaven College, the Lord's will resolving the adoption process for the Tebbano family and adopted daughter, Hannah, Mike Waldo's safety in Iraq, and major health needs including cancer & dementia.
- Teaching Elder Terry Lodico - Pray For: God's work and wisdom as therapists for my wife and I, and jobs for my two daughters and son-in-law.
- Special Needs: Pastor Greg Blosser and Charity Blosser's 5 year old son Sam with Juvenile dermatomyositis.

Announcements

After Today's Service...

Before we leave the sanctuary we will rehearse hymn #620 "O Lord, I Love You, My Shield, My Tower," and the "Song of Simeon" (see insert). Both will be sung at next Sunday's worship service.

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment in the fellowship hall.

If you would like the elders to pray for you, they are available after the service in the Library (the small room next to the chancel).

Next Sunday, November 15

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on Ephesians 4:1-16.

Hymns: #620 "O Lord, I Love You, My Shield, My Tower"

Insert "Power of the Cross"

Insert "Come Share the Lord"

Insert "Come Thou Savior, Spread Thy Table"

#359 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Insert "Song of Simeon"

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

Karl Eichberger will direct the **Redeemer Children's Christmas Program** again this year. The program will be Wednesday, December 16th at 6:30 PM with a Fellowship Dessert immediately following. Please note, there will be no meal that night. Rehearsals will be on Sundays immediately following the worship service, beginning **today, Nov. 8th**.

Tonight, 6:00pm to 8:00pm – Next Generation meets at the church. Students, please bring your Bibles and \$5.00 for Pizza.

Thursday, November 12, 7:00pm - Ladies' Study continues. Please join us!

Wednesday, December 16th, 6:30pm - Children's Christmas Program with a Fellowship Dessert immediately following.

Operation Christmas Child - For those who would like to participate in this outreach ministry, empty gift boxes are available today in the narthex. All filled boxes must be returned to the church no later than **Sunday, November 15th**.

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

We are still looking for a couple more volunteers to help **clean the church**. Please see Beverly McSauby.

Reaching Out - Anyone interested in helping distribute Redeemer door-hangers around the neighborhood, please see Pastor Millward. We would like to distribute one thousand over the course of the next 5 weeks.

Choir will *not* meet until Spring. Please return all music to Gloria Janke.

The Session (Pastor and Elders)

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Dirk Van Til.....	223-8962
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 19:1-14	Ezra 10:1-17	Acts 24:10-21	Luke 14:12-24
Mon.	Psalm 135:1-21	Neh. 9:1-25	Rev. 18:1-8	Matt. 15:1-20
Tue.	Psalm 123:1-4	Neh. 9:26-38	Rev. 18:9-20	Matt. 15:21-28
Wed.	Psalm 15:1-5	Neh. 7:73b-8:18	Rev. 18:21-24	Matt. 15:29-39
Thu.	Psalm 36:1-12	Neh. 6:1-19	Rev. 19:1-10	Matt. 16:1-12
Fri.	Psalm 130:1-8	Neh. 12:27-47	Rev. 19:11-16	Matt. 16:13-20
Sat.	Psalm 56:1-13	Neh. 13:4-22	Rev. 20:1-6	Matt. 16:21-28

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Worship: Sundays 10:00 a.m.