



Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

And coming up at that very hour
she began to give thanks to God and to
speak of him to all who were waiting
for the redemption of Jerusalem.

—Luke 2:38

The Lord's Service
January 3, 2010

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 sermon hymn.

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 Nehemiah 9:5b Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** 115 “All Creatures of Our God and King” vv. 1-4

†**Invocation** Psalm 62:5-8

Pastor: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

People : for my hope is from him.

Pastor: He only is my rock and my salvation,

People: my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Pastor: On God rests my salvation and my glory;

People: my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Pastor: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

People: God is a refuge for us.

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*) “All Creatures of Our God and King” v. 5

Let all things their Creator bless,

and worship him in humbleness,

O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

and praise the Spirit, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Confession of Sin (*in song*) Psalm 60:1-5 Bulletin, p. 8

Declaration of Forgiveness Colossians 1:13-14

Pastor: “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, for the forgiveness of sins.” Do you 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.

Receiving of New Members

Reaffirmation of faith: Roger and Sarah Racine

Holy Baptism

Baptism of Leah, Anna, Ellen

daughters of Roger and Sarah Racine
Baptismal Scripture: Psalm 121

†**Hymn of Assurance** #521 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Sean Doran

Old Testament Reading Zechariah 10:6-9

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading Hebrews 9:11-15

David Peterson

Reader: This is the Word of the 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** Luke 2:36-38

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon A Word to the Waiting, Part 2: “The Redemption”

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn** “By Faith”

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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 set apart

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** #379 “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”
 #457 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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. So strengthen us in your service, to be faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of Your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Nunc Dimittis “Song of Simeon”

Now may your ser - vant, Lord, ac - cord - ing to your word,
de - part in ex - ul - ta - tion. My peace shall be se - rene,
for now my eyes have seen your won - der - ful sal - va - tion.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final line of lyrics and ends with a double bar line. There are some performance markings above the vocal line in the third system, including a fermata over the word 'sal' and a fermata over the word 'va'.

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”



Prayer of Confession

Psalm 60



O God, Thou hast re - ject - ed us, Hast bro - ken us once more.



As Thou with us hast an - gry been, O once a - gain re - store.



- 2 For Thou hast made the earth to
quake
Hast torn it fearfully.
O heal its gaping cracks, for, lo
It shakes in agony!
- 3 For Thou hast made the people see
The hardness of distress,
And Thou hast made them drink
the wine
Of reeling drunkenness.

- 4 But those that fear Thee Thou
didst give
A banner in their site,
That they might rally and be firm,
Made strong by truth and right.
- 5 O grant that Thy be-lov-ed ones
May safe delivered be.
O save them with Thy strong
right hand,
And do Thou answer me.

Points to Ponder

The Redemptive Work of Christ

A survey of the passages referring to the work of Christ . . . shows clearly the idea of a redemption that was accomplished by the payment of a price, namely, the bloodshed of our Savior.

In Mt. 20:28; Mk. 10:45, Christ refers to his own work in terms of coming to give his life a ransom for many. Note three ideas: First, the work he came to do was that of ransom. Second, the price of the ransom was the giving of his own life. Third, this ransom price was substitutionary in character. B. B. Warfield points out that with this description of his own work given to the disciples, it is no wonder that we find the same idea repeated in the words of his followers. Paul echoes these words in 1 Tim. 2:6. Again in Titus 2:14 the giving of Christ is represented as having a two-fold design, namely, of ransom from iniquity, and of sanctifying the ransomed possession. In Rom. 3:24, Paul speaks of being justified through the redemption in Christ, and immediately relates this to the blood shed. The idea of a ransom price is implicit. In Gal. 3:13; 4:5 Paul uses different terms, and yet the notion of a purchase from bondage is present. The bondage to the ceremonial law is in view in 4:5, and the price paid in 3:13 is his being made a curse for us and being made under the law in 4:5. The effect of his price paid was deliverance from both kinds of bondage. In 1 Cor. 6:20 and 7:23, the idea of a purchase price is present, without any mention of the price itself. The writer of the epistle to the Hebrews also associates the blood of Christ with the securing of redemption. John in Revelation 5:9 expressly names the blood of Christ in connection with redemption.

From this brief survey, it is clear that the New Testament presents the concept of redemption as that of a ransom payment for the deliverance of the lost. The price paid is the shedding of the blood of Christ. Luke 1:68; 2:38 see the deliverance as from bondage to the oppression of an alien power. This, as we noted in the earlier section, was one of the prominent ideas in the Old Testament usage of the term redemption. Remembering the stress in the Old Testament on the mighty arm of the Lord being the means of deliverance, and consequently the victory over Egypt, it is not surprising to find a note of triumph associated with redemption in the New Testament, John 12:31–33; Heb. 2:14–15.

—Morton H. Smith, *Systematic Theology*

January 3, 2010

Prayer Requests

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Gayle Peterson - still in ICU in critical condition. Please continue to pray.
- Monica Scott - for a safe, healthy pregnancy.

Other Concerns

- Ron Chalfant

FOR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS...

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 at MSU.

FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY...

- Reformed Heritage Community, Holland, MI, - Pray for: the blessing in this coming year to be more and more a people committed to knowing the Lord Jesus and making Him known, and our congregation's health as we have are a number of folks with serious illnesses.
- Providence Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, IN - Pray for: church finances, unity and strong sense of "family" within the congregation, guidance in outreach, and a focus on Our Lord's service.
- Teaching Elder Don Remillard - Pray for: encouragement for several elderly people I visit in the community and in a nursing home, wisdom in a Bible study I lead, and some people I am mentoring.

Serving Today

Elder: Sean Doran

Reader: David Peterson

Piano: Connie Van Til

Sound Board: Meagan Van Til

Announcements

Today Pastor Millward is wearing a white stole. White represents purity and reminds us of the sinless righteousness of Christ in which all believers are robed. This color is typically worn for Christmas Eve/Day, Epiphany, Easter Sunday, Easter season, and weddings. White is also commonly worn at funerals where it symbolizes the hope of the resurrection.

After Today's Service...

Please join us for some light refreshments 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, January 10, 2010

Pastor Millward will be preaching on Ephesians 4:17-32.

Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:00am. Our **Worship Service** will begin at 10:15am.

There will also be a **congregational meeting** following our worship service.

Wednesday, January 13, 5:30pm - Family Night Meal and Study. If you would like to plan and prepare a meal for one of our Family Night Studies please see Laura.

Tuesday, January 19, 7:00pm - Ladies Study.

Sunday, January 31 - Immediately following the service, we will have our regular monthly **covered-dish luncheon**. Please plan to attend and bring a dish to pass.

Church Financial Update

YTD through December 31, 2009

Budget	\$131,500
Actual Expenses	\$133,540
Actual Income.....	\$119,633
Last Week's General Fund Giving	\$2,751

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 (on sabbatical until May).....	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 150	1 Kings 19:9-18	Eph. 4:17-32	John 6:15-27
Mon.	Psalm 145	Joshua 3:14-4:7	Eph. 5:1-20	John 9:1-38
Tue.	Psalm 146	Jonah 2:2-9	Eph. 6:10-20	John 11:17-44
Wed.	Psalm 147:1-11	Isaiah 49:1-7	Rev. 21:22-27	Matt. 12:14-21
Thu.	Psalm 147:12-20	Deut. 8:1-3	Col. 1:1-14	John 6:30-51
Fri.	Psalm 148	Exodus 17:1-7	Col. 1:15-23	John 7:37-52
Sat.	Psalm 149	Isaiah 45:14-19	Col. 1:24-2:7	John 8:12-19

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Sunday School: Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Worship: Sundays 10:15 a.m.