



# *Redeemer*

Presbyterian Church

This mystery is profound,  
and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.  
However, let each one of you love his wife as himself,  
and let the wife see that she respects her husband.  
-Ephesians 5:32-33

**The Lord's Service**  
**January 31, 2010**

## 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 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.

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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.redeemertraversecity.org](http://www.redeemertraversecity.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** Psalm 146:1, 10

Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** #57 “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

†**Invocation**

Psalm 145:17-21

Pastor: The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

**People: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

Pastor: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

**People: The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.**

Pastor: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,

**All: and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Pastor: Let us pray: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hears prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! We gather in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever, Amen.

Psalm 65:1-4

†**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*) #379 “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

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

**Confession of Sin**

Hebrews 4:12-13

Pastor: The Scriptures teach us that “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 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.” 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.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, Psalm 124:8

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, Psalm 32:5b

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**All: Almighty God, we open our hearts to you in sorrow for our sins. We have not loved you as we should. We have not dealt with others in the same kind and loving way you have dealt with us. We were born in sin and have continued to sin in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, and for our good, forgive our sins. Grant us your Holy Spirit to strengthen our resolve to live in accordance with your word. As we are in Christ, having been redeemed by his shed blood, help us to live for him in a spirit of humility, love and charity. Amen.**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Ephesians 1:5-8

Pastor: Listen now to the comforting assurance of the grace of God promised in the gospel to all who believe: “In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us.” For those who have repented of your sins and believe that you are fully pardoned through the merits of Jesus Christ alone, I declare according to the command of God, that you are released in heaven from all your sins, through the perfect satisfaction of the most holy passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #181 “We Come, O Christ, to You”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dirk Van Til

**Old Testament Reading** Genesis 2:18-25

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** John 15:9-17

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.*

### Benevolence Offering

#### †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 5:21-6:9

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

**Sermon** "Christ-like Submission"

### Prayer of Application

#### †Sermon Hymn #355 "We Are God's People"

*(Please be seated after singing the hymn.)*

## 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 Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord, Jesus Christ  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;**

by whom all things were made.  
Who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy \*catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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** #645 “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”  
#646 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

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

**Eternal God, you love us, have chosen us, and redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, whose body was broken and whose blood was shed for us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to serve you and others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Worship liturgy continues on the following page.)

†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 in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of text. The second system covers the third and fourth lines. The third system covers the fifth line. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of chords and single notes, providing a gentle accompaniment for the vocal melody.

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”



## Points to Ponder

### The Family

*Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

Ephesians 5:21

The family (i.e., the household, consisting of parents and children, with or without relatives, friends, and servants in addition) is the oldest and most basic of human institutions. The Bible stresses its importance as a spiritual unit and a training ground for mature adult character.

The family has a built-in authority structure whereby the husband is leader to the wife and the parents are leaders to the children. All leadership is a form of ministry rather than of tyranny, and these domestic leadership roles must be fulfilled in love (Eph. 5:22–6:4; Col. 3:18-21; 1 Pet. 3:1-7). The fourth commandment requires the head of the house to lead his whole family in sabbath-keeping; the fifth requires children to respect and submit to their parents (Exod. 20:8-12; Eph. 6:1-3). Jesus himself set an example in this (Luke 2:51). Later, he fiercely opposed supposed gestures of piety that were really evasions of responsibility toward parents (Mark 7:6-13), and his own last act before he died was to provide for his mother's future (John 19:25-27).

The family is to be a community of teaching and learning about God and godliness. Children must be instructed (Gen. 18:18-19; Deut. 4:9; 6:6-8; 11:18-21; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4) and must be encouraged to take the instruction seriously as a basis for their living (Prov. 1:8; 6:20). Discipline, which means directive and corrective training, is necessary to lead children beyond childish folly to self-controlled wisdom (Prov. 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15, 17). Just as there is purposeful, loving discipline in God's family (Prov. 3:11-12; Heb. 12:5-11), so there must be in the human family.

The family is meant to function as a spiritual unit. The Old Testament Passover was a family occasion (Exod. 12:3). Joshua was setting an example when he said, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15). Households became the units of Christian commitment in New Testament times (Acts 11:14; 16:15, 31-33; 1 Cor. 1:16). The fitness of candidates for church office was assessed by observing whether they had led their family well (1 Tim. 3:4-5, 12; Titus 1:6).

The building of strong family life must always be a priority in our service of God.

—J. I. Packer, *Concise Theology*

January 31, 2010

## Prayer Requests

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

#### **Health / Healing**

- Gayle Peterson - still in ICU at Munson.
- 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.

#### **Other Concerns**

- Pray for the earthquake victims in Haiti.

### *FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY...*

- First Presbyterian Church, Bad Axe, MI - Pray for: the economy to improve and support to be more consistent. Praise for: 7 at our new Kid's Paradise program, the efforts of the church revitalization committee, and congregational support of Session and our mission as a church.
- Providence Presbyterian, Lansing, MI - Pray for: Shawn Newsome's financial support and ordination exams (candidate for RUF at MSU), growing zeal for outreach, wisdom for means to best accomplish ministry, and for a steady stream of new visitors. Praise for: Excitement and focus of the congregation and GLP support for planting Providence.
- Teaching Elder Charles Young - Pray For: help & ability to deal with both Charles's ongoing health problems & Debbie's health problems.

*Today Pastor Millward 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 monthly covered-dish luncheon.

There will be a short choir rehearsal/meeting after the service.

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, February 7, 2010**

Pastor Millward will be preaching on Ephesians 6:10-24.

Hymns: #159 “O Savior, Precious Savior”  
#577 “Stand Up, My Soul; Shake Off Your Fears”  
Insert “O Church Arise”  
#719 “A Christian Home”  
#146 “Break Thou the Bread of Life”  
#480 “Come, for the Feast Is Spread”

**Sunday School** for all ages begins at 9:00am. Our **worship service** begins at 10:15am.

**Wednesday, February 3, 7:00pm – The Ladies Study** continues and we will meet at Espresso Bay downtown.

**Wednesday, February 10 & 24, 5:30pm – Family Night Meal & Study.**

**Thursday Mornings, 7:30am to 8:30am - Men’s Bible Study.**

**Elder/Deacon Home Visits** – Each member has had an elder and deacon assigned to them. The goal is for your elder and deacon to do a home visit with you and your family each year to discuss what is happening in your lives, and how we can better serve you and pray for and with you. Please expect a call from them sometime this year.

Beginning this week, the **daily lectionary readings** will no longer be printed the back page of the bulletin. Sheets containing the lectionary reading for an entire month will be available monthly in the narthex.

**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
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