

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

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—Acts 1:

The Lord’s Service
December 27, 2015

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 Visitor Pad with your name and contact information when it is passed to you. This will help us serve you better. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall in the lower level for coffee and refreshments after the service. Our facility is equipped with a **hearing assistance system**. Please ask one of the Deacons for a receiver.

Staffed Nursery Available - for infant to 4 years old. Please see a Deacon or Greeters for directions to the Nursery.

The order of service we use at Redeemer is both biblical and gospel orientated. Every week through our liturgy we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel in what can be summarized as the 5 C's - Call, Cleansing, Consecration, Communion, Commission.

God Calls us into His Presence: Worship begins with God's invitation to worship. As sinners, we can only come as the result of his gracious invitation. We respond to his call by entering his presence with singing (Psalm 100)!

God Cleanses us from our Sin: Having entered his majestic presence, we are confronted with our own sinfulness and unworthiness. We confess our sin together, and receive God's assurance of forgiveness because of Christ.

God Consecrates us to His Service: God consecrates us through the reading of Scripture and the preaching of the Word. We offer prayer, offerings, and songs of praise.

God Communes with us: God affirms his relationship with us by inviting us to commune with him at his table.

God Commissions us into the World: God sends us out into the world with his blessing that we might be salt and light, living for his glory in a watching world.

**More information about our church can be found on our website:
“www.redeemertraversecity.org”**

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Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 68:4

Pastor Scott Korljan

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the LORD;
exult before him!

†**Opening Hymn** #295 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Bulletin Pg. 11

†**Invocation** Psalm 68:18-20

You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train
and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious,
that the LORD God may dwell there.

**Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation.**

Our God is a God of salvation,
and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

Let us pray.

†**The Greeting** 2 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

Amen

†**Response** #208 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (**Verse 2 Only**)

**God of God,
Light of Light;
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created;
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord**

Confession of Sin 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us humbly bow our heads before the Lord and confess our sins.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Declaration of Forgiveness 1 Peter 2:24

Hear the good news!

Now lift up your heads and hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ Jesus. “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.” In the name of our resurrected Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and by the authority of his Word, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #308 “Jesus Paid It All” Bulletin Pg. 12

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer Elder Dennis Conant

Old Testament Reading Zechariah 3:1-5

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Giving God Our Offerings

If you are seated on the center aisle, please pass the red Visitor Pad for all visitors to sign.

†**Doxology**

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** Acts 1:1-11

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Sermon “He Ascended Into Heaven”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn #289** “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” **Vs. 1 & 4 only**
Please be seated after singing the hymn Bulletin Pg. 13

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized and have publicly professed their faith as members of any evangelical Christian church. We encourage families to come forward together, but ask that young children not partake of the elements until they have met with their Elders to make a profession of their faith. We encourage those not participating to spend this time reflecting on the prayers printed on Page 10. We hope these prayers will be helpful to you as you consider your relationship to Jesus Christ and His people, the church. ***Please note that the inner rings of cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the outer rings contain wine.***

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic* church,

(*universal)

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

Lamentations 3:41

We lift them up to the Lord!

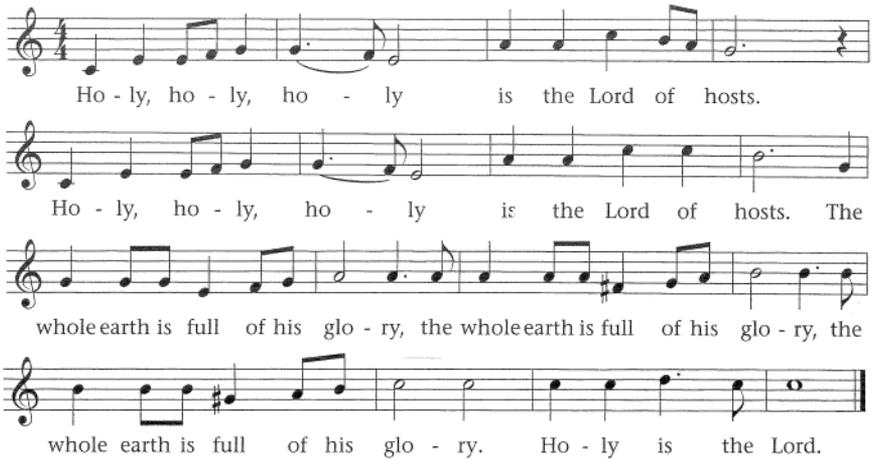
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 118:1

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give you thanks and praise, eternal and ever blessed God, Lord 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. Your wisdom is seen in all your works; your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son; your power and presence are given to us through your Holy Spirit. Therefore, with angels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus



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

Communion Hymns

#296 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Vs. 1-3 & 6 only

“Before the Throne”

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“All I Have is Christ”

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#4 “All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Vs. 1-3, & 6 only

Prayer after Communion

We give thanks to you 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.

†Dismissal “May The Peace” (Verse 1 only)

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†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



Sermon Text
Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me;⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

NOTES

Individual Prayers for Communion

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I repent of my sins of self-ruling and self-saving. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Thank you that my sin and rebellion are Yours, and Your righteous, perfect, and obedient life is mine through faith in You. Knowing that you died on the cross and have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive and rest upon you alone as my Savior and Lord. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit and through the power of the gospel graciously working in my life to walk in manner pleasing to You. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Opening Hymn

#295 Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty,
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet,
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Hymn of Assurance

#308 "Jesus Paid it All"

D G D A Bm A D

1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,
 2. Lord, now in - deed I find your power, and yours a - lone,
 3. For noth - ing good have I where - by your grace to claim—
 4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,

G D G D/A A⁷ D

child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."
 can change the lep - er's spots, and melt the heart of stone.
 I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
 "Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.

REFRAIN
 G D G D A

Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;

D G D D⁷ G E⁷ D/A A⁷ D 7

sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

Sermon Hymn (Vs. 1 & 4 only)

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A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus ... will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven. Acts 1:11

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1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing; new songs thro' - out the world shall
 2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3. To whom the an - gels, draw - ing nigh: "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4. "A - gain shall ye be - hold him so as ye to - day have seen him

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ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his fol - low - ers they
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
 go, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! in glo - rious pomp as - cend - ing

trod, as - cend - eth to the throne of God.
 see Je - sus' re - splen - dent maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 say, "this is his no - ble tri - umph day." high, up to the por - tals of the sky."

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lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Venerable Bede, 673-735
 Tr. by Benjamin Webb, 1854; alt.
 Tune from the English Hymnal by permission of Oxford University Press.

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 Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

Communion Hymn

“Before the Throne”

D G/D D

1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me
3 Be - hold him there! The ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect,

F#m D/F# G D/F# A

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him
spot - less righ - teous - ness; the great un - chang - e - able I

Bm G6 Em7 G/A D F#m7

Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the
AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

G D/F# D A D/F# F#m7 G D/F# G A

gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by his

Bm Bm/A G D/F# A Bm2 Bm Bm/A

heart; I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can
 free; for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

G6 Em7 G/A Bm Bm/A G6 Em7 G/A D

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Communion Hymn

“All I Have is Christ”

Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin

$\text{♩} = 76$

D A D G A D

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that
2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - dif - ferent to the cost, You looked up -
3. Now Lord I would be Yours a - lone, and live so all might see the strength to

A Em G A D A

prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would
on my help - less state and led me to the cross. And I be-held God's love dis -
fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from me. O Fath - er, use my ran - somed

Bm G D Em7 Bm

own a reb - el to Your will. And if You had not loved me first, I would re -
played, You suf - fered in my place. You bore the wrath re - served for me, now all I
life in an - y way You choose, and let my song for - ev - er be my on - ly

1. 2.3.

G A A D G D

fuse You still. grace. Hal - le - lu - jah! All I
know is is You. You. You.

A Bm G Bm A (Repeat chorus after 3rd verse)

have is Christ. Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life.



Dismissal

“May The Peace” (Verse 1 only)

1. May the peace of God our Heav'nly Fa - ther, and the grace of Christ the ris - en
 peace which pass - es un - der - stand - ing, and this grace which makes us what we

4 F Gm7 F/A F7 B^badd9 B^b/D E^b B^badd9/D Gm7 Cm7

Son, and the fel - low-ship of God the Spi - rit keep our hearts and minds with-in His
 are, and this fel - low-ship of His com - mun - ion make us one in spi - rit and in

Chorus

8 F/A Gm7 F B^b/D F Gm7 F/A E^badd9/B^b B^badd9 F/A Gm7 F/A

love. And to Him be — praise for His glo - rious reign, from the depths of — earth to the
 heart.

12 E^b B^badd9/D F Gm7 F/A Gm7 F Cm7/E^b B^b/F Cm7/F

heights of Heav'n; We de - clare the — name of the Lamb once slain - Christ e - ter - nal the King of

16 1. B^b B^b/D E^b F/A B^b E^badd9/G F/A F7 2. B^b

Kings. 2. May this Kings!

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Homebound: Dale Millward, June Rusch
- For Tony Pintcke's sister, Jackie and 13 year old niece Sarah whose husband and father passed away this past week.
- For Bob Zimmer; pray for wisdom for the doctors as they determine the next course of treatment to alleviate the fluid in his lungs.
- For the Peacock family as they are expecting another child, pray for a full term of nurture and the blessing of God's love

Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches

- Etiennes (Haiti), Millwards (New City church plant), Reverend Brent Meyers (Spain) and all missionaries and their families.

For Churches in our Presbytery

- Christ Covenant Church, Midland, Michigan: "Praise that we have now signed a contract to purchase our own building. Pray for us as we raise funds for this purchase and for wisdom to prioritize repairs & upgrades."
- Reverend Tom Vanden Heuval: "Pray for faithfulness as Seventh Reformed Church's minister of visitation. Praise for good health and all God's blessings."

Serving Today:

Communion Set Up: Barb Weber / Kate Empie

Elder: Dennis Conant

Greeter: Ochampaugh Family

Nursery Volunteer: Carey Peacock

Pianist: Rick Harkert

Refreshments: Volunteers; everyone help clean up afterwards!

Sound Board: Max Wolfe

Serving Next Sunday, January 3rd, 2016:

Communion Set Up: Dennis & Joyce Weise

Elder: Fred Weber

Greeter: Brian & Michonne Palmer

Nursery Volunteer: Nikki Millward

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Refreshments: Barb Weber

Sound Board: Max Wolfe

Announcements

Staffed Nursery Available - for infant to 4 years old. Please see a Deacon or Greeters for directions to the Nursery.

Next Sunday - Mr. Rob Whims is preaching from Luke 24

Sunday School - Next Sunday Reverend Dan Millward will be speaking on his work in Detroit.

Congregational Meeting - Immediately following our worship on Sunday, January 24th

January 2016 Calendar - available in the Narthex; please pick up a copy

Resources for your spiritual growth - visit the 'Book Table' in the Narthex; take home a copy of the January daily lectionary and Table Talk magazine.

More information about Redeemer? - Visit our website (see below) and pick up our 'Welcome to Redeemer' and 'Why We Do Why We Do' on the book table in the Narthex.

This week at Redeemer:

Prayer Gathering - Cancelled; resumes on January 5th, at Noon

Catechism Class - Cancelled; resumes on January 6th at 10:45 AM

Men's Study - Cancelled; resumes on January 7th at 7:30 AM

Financials Through November 31st, 2015

Budgeted Expenses: \$225,621

Actual Expenses: \$207,115

*Giving & Rentals: \$223,521

(*Includes \$19,275 in Rental Income)

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