

Redeemer
Presbyterian Church

**“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the author and perfecter of our faith”**

**The Lord’s Service
January 15, 2017**

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 135:1-3

Reverend Jim vonDrehle

Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD,

give praise, O servants of the LORD,

who stand in the house of the LORD,

in the courts of the house of our God!

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

†**Opening Hymn** #12 “Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim” (Psalm 135)

†**Invocation** Psalm 124:8

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

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** #57 “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul” (**Verse 4 only**)

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;

I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.

Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King;

unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

Confession of Sin Romans 3:20; James 2:8, 10

The Scriptures teach that “through the law comes the knowledge of sin.”

Hear the Law of the Lord: “If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing well.” But

“whoever fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.” Let us

humbly bow our heads before the Lord and confess our sins.

† = Stand, if able

Bold Words = Congregation

Almighty God, we confess to you that we are, apart from your grace, sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed. We have not followed your commandments nor loved our neighbor as ourselves. You have given your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and obedience to your Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Ephesians 2:8-10

Hear the good News!

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Brothers and sisters in the name of Christ and by the authority of his Word I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #524 “Thy Works, No Mine, O Christ”

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer Elder Fred Weber

Scripture Reading Psalm 25:12-15; Hebrews 12:1-3

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** Matthew 14:22-33

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Sermon “Keep Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Reverend Jim vonDrehle

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn** #481 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus!” (Vs. 1 & 3 only)

Please be seated after singing the hymn

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 (Page 13). 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 ‘purple’ cups in each communion tray contain non-alcoholic wine; the ‘clear’ cups contain wine.***

Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer #1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil, and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation, therefore by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready, always, to live for him.

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.


Psalms 118:1

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Gracious God, as we come to your table, we ask that you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread that we break and the cup that we bless would be used to strengthen and edify your people. And now, with the 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 and Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymns

“Before the Throne of God Above” Bulletin Pg. 10

“My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone” Bulletin Pg. 12

#310 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” (Vs. 1, 3 & 5 only)

#44 “How Great Thou Art” (Vs. 1, 3 & 4 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 #122 “God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory” (Verse 4 only)

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
we, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
with our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



Sermon Text
Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

NOTES

Communion Hymn

“Before the Throne of God Above”

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

“My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone”



1. My soul finds rest in God a lone, my rock and my sal - va - tion, a___
2. Find rest my soul in God a lone, a - mid the world's temp - ta - tions. When
3. I'll set my gaze on God a lone, and trust in Him com - plete - ly, with



for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be shak - en. Though
e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal - va - tion. Though
ev - ery day pour out my soul; and He will prove His mer - cy. Though



lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me. I'll
rich - es come and rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them. The
life is but a fleet - ing breath, a sight too deep to mea - sure, my



fix my heart on right - eous - ness; I'll look to Him who hears me.
fields of hope in which I sow are har - vest - ed in heav - en.
King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His for - ev - er.



O praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, my De - light and my re - ward; ev - er -



last - ing, nev - er fail - ing; my Re - deem - er, my God.

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.

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Homebound: Dale Millward, June Rusch and Reva Sharp
- For the Isaac Canfield family (neighbors of the Weber's). Isaac died suddenly in his early 30's leaving behind his wife Mary and their four young children. Pray for comfort, peace, strength and wisdom for this families future.
- Bobbie Van Til (sister-in-law to Ethan & Dirk) who was diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep Bobbie, Seth & their three daughters in your prayers.
- Kimberly Close, sister of Katina Gibson, who is struggling with physical, emotional and spiritual difficulties. Pray that God's love and comfort would meet her in this season of need.
- For Alyssa Strong and her family as they mourn the sudden loss of her grandmother Sandra. Pray that God would sustain them in this time of loss, and comfort them with the hope of the gospel.

Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches:

Etiennes (Haiti), Millwards (Redeemer Detroit church plant), Reverend Brent Meyers (Spain) and all missionaries and their families.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Christ Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan: We are praising God and praying for our new pastoral intern, Addison Hawkins.

Christ Covenant Church, Midland, Michigan: Praise for several new members and for a strong financial end to 2016. Pray for wisdom and fruitfulness as we reach out to our community with the Gospel.

Reverend Tom Vanden Heuvel: Praise that I have resumed my work and minister of visitation for the Seventh Reformed Church in Grand Rapids.

Reverend Tom Vanden Heuvel's brother, Reverend Henry Vanden Heuvel, passed away this past week. Please pray for comfort and peace for the Vanden Heuvel family.

Want to receive Redeemer email notifications & reminders?

Contact the Church office at:

email: redemertc@gmail.com

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Website: www.redeemertraversecity.org

Announcements

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

Next Sunday - Reverend Walter Lorenz will preach

Cancelled - Studies in Theology for January

Congregation Meeting - There will be a Congregation Meeting on Sunday, January 29th immediately following our worship service.

Ladies Spring Bible Study - Genesis Part 1 (February 2 - April 27); Thursdays at 10 AM and 7 PM, with childcare in the morning. Sign Up sheets are located in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

Paul Tripp Parenting Conference: Save the Date! Redeemer is co-sponsoring a parenting conference with Paul Tripp on March 17th & 18th at New Hope Community Church. The conference gets to the heart of parenting with practical, Gospel-centered insight. Come and be equipped to be an instrument of heart-changing grace in the lives of your children. Registration will be open this week on the New Hope website. Cost is \$15 for an individual, \$30 for a couple. Scholarships are available, see Pastor Scott for more information.

This week at Redeemer:

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 AM

For anyone interested in "Life Skill Classes" from Love In The Name of Christ, please see the flyer on the Bulletin Board.

Serving Today:

Communion Set Up: Ralph & Teresa Kott

Elder: Fred Weber

Greeting: Buzz & Cathy Bauers, Vern & McKinzie Robinson, Carol DeVries

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til, Miquel Fuentes

Nursery: Nikki Millward

Refreshments: Jerry & Carol DeVries

Sound Board: Max Wolfe

Serving Next Sunday, January 22, 2017:

Communion Set Up: Chris & Nikki Millward

Elder: Fred Janke

Greeting: Buzz & Cathy Bauers, Vern & McKinzie Robinson, Carol DeVries

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til, Miquel Fuentes, Sua Lee

Refreshments: Barb Husted

Sound Board: Dave Smith

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Sunday School: 9 AM
 Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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