

# *Redeemer*

Presbyterian Church

**“I come in order that they may have life and have it abundantly.”**

**John 10:10b**

**The Lord's Service**  
**November 26, 2017**

## Welcome To Redeemer!

We are a church that exists to glorify God by making disciples, living in community, and doing good to all. 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 so we can 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.

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More information about our church can be found on our website:  
"[www.redeemertraversecity.org](http://www.redeemertraversecity.org)"

# The Lords Service

November 26, 2017

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

## Silent Prayer of Preparation

*The Silent Prayer of Preparation is an opportunity to prepare our minds and hearts for worship as the Prelude is being played.*

## Call to Worship

Mr. Chris Stevens

*Psalm 95:1-3*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

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# † Opening Hymn “The Lord is My Salvation”

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,  
Nathan Nockles and Jonas Myrin

Steadily (♩ = 69)

F#m D Esus E F#m D Esus E

1. The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the rag - ing sea.  
2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.  
3. My hope is hid - den in the Lord, He flow'rs each pro - mise of His Word.  
4. In times of wait - ing, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak.

4 D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E 1.3. D/A E/A

And I am safe on this sol - id ground: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.  
I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.  
When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.  
I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

8 2.4. Refrain D/A E/A A E D A/C# E D A/C#

tion. Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

13 F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E 1. [to verse] 2. D/A E/A D/A E/A

debt is paid and the vic - tory won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. tion.

## † 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 John 3*

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from  
Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

**Amen**

## † Response

#97 "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator (**Verse 1 only**)

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;**

**in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;**

**we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

## Confession of Sin

*1 Thessalonians 5:14-18*

And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**Incomprehensible, Immortal, and Infinite Triune God! We adore and praise you even when your perfection magnifies our sinfulness. In the light of your radiant glory we recognize our wickedness and darkness. Forgive our slothfulness and failure to encourage and build one another up as you have instructed. Equip us to lovingly admonish and gently help one another to the degree befit your covenant community. Forgive our struggle with grumbling rather than rejoicing. Have mercy on our silence in the place of unceasing prayer. Teach us to enjoy you and share your beauty with all those around, especially those in the household of faith. Amen**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

*Psalms 103:10-13*

Hear the good News!

He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

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# † Hymn of Assurance “Before the Throne of God Above”

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,

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

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 -

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

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

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.

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## Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Mr. Chris Stevens

### Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 34 (Portions)*

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.**

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## † Sermon Text Reading

*John 10:1-15, 27-30*

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

"Our Shepherd-King

Mr. Chris Stevens

## Prayer of Application

† **Sermon Hymn** #87 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (Vs. 1 & 5 only)

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me down to lie in pastures green;  
he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me:  
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.**

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# Holy Communion

Reverend Jim vonDrehle

## 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 Individual Prayers for Communion. We hope these prayers will be helpful to you as you consider your relationship to Jesus Christ and His people, the church.

## 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.**

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## 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 and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise for you are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. As we come now to the supper which he gave to us, we ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that the bread that we break and the cup that we bless would be a participation in the body and blood of our Lord. And now, with the angels, and all the company of heaven, 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

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# 1st Communion Hymn "Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"



1. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, in the dawn-ing of the King.
2. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, He the per - fect Son of Man.
3. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, Christ the Lord up - on the tree.
4. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, slain by death the God of life.



He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.  
In His liv - ing, in His suf - fering, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.  
In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.  
But no grave could e'er re - strain Him; praise the Lord; He is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come!  
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man.  
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold.  
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope.



Look to Christ Who con-de-scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.  
Bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un-meas - ured, love un - told.  
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as we will be when He comes.

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**2nd Communion Hymn** #455 “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” (**Vs. 1, 3-5 only**)

**3rd Communion Hymn** #691 “It Is Well with My Soul”

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## Prayer after Communion

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.

## † Dismissal “My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness” (Verse 1 only)

**My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow’r upon my heart.**

## † Benediction

## † Benediction Response

Amen, Amen, Amen

## Postlude

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## **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 and Reva Sharp
- Kathy Van Til and her family. Pray for physical, emotional, and spiritual strength
- Joyce Weise and ongoing health issues.
- 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.
- Paul Mann (Maggie's son-in-law) as he undergoes chemotherapy for advanced cancer. Pray for physical strength, recovery and for God to reveal himself to him.

### Churches in our Presbytery:

**University Reformed, East Lansing, Michigan - Pastor Jason (Leah) Helopoulous:** Pray for the beginnings of the Kalamazoo Church plant, Neil Quinn and his family as they begin the challenging work of planting a church and the continued peace and purity of our church.

**Christ the King, Hastings, Michigan - Pastor Peter (Karen) Adams:** We are rejoicing in the Lord's goodness this Thanksgiving season. We are praying to be effective witnesses and servants here in Barry County. We are asking God to add several new families to our church this year.

**Reverend Walter (Mynda) Lorenz (Pastor at Large)** - Please pray that God will greatly bless our efforts to form pastor to pastor discipling groups in our Presbytery. Our effort is to encourage and assist our pastors in taking 'pastoral care' for one another so that we will walk with God in holiness, encouragement, and goodness in our lives and ministries. Our goal is to have these groups up and running at the beginning of 2018. If anyone in our congregations or sessions would like more information on this effort please jot me an email and I will most gladly respond. Again, we earnestly ask for your prayers and thank you for caring for us in this way.

## **Announcements**

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

**Next Sunday** - Pastor Scott continues preaching through the book of Amos.

**Candy Catechism** - Catechism question of the month:

Question 21, Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

**Sundays in December** - We hope to include our children in a special way as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Our opening hymns will be well-known Christmas carols from our hymnal. We invite all ages 14 and younger to the front of the sanctuary during the prelude; older youth should bring a hymnal with them. We will have the **children only** sing the chorus of the hymn with everyone singing the final chorus in unison. Let us rejoice together as we praise our Savior and King!

**Redeemer Choir** - Will be meeting after church to practice an anthem for the Advent season. All enthusiastic singers are welcome . . . and we'd love to have more men!

**Messiah Sing** - The annual Messiah Sing (open to all who enjoy singing or hearing Handel's beautiful "The Messiah" oratorio) will take place on Sunday, December 3rd, at Central United Methodist Church. A number of our Redeemer family attend every year. If you would like to meet up and join in, please email Connie Van Til (cgvantil@gmail.com). Singers need to arrive by 2:45 pm for an hour-long rehearsal. The oratorio begins at 4 pm. Scores are available for those who do not have their own. Please join us!

### **This week at Redeemer:**

**Leadership Meeting** - Wednesday, 5:30 pm  
(No Men's Group, attend Leadership Meeting)

**Men's Study** - Thursday, 7:30 am  
(The Hole in Our Holiness by Kevin DeYoung)

**Ladies Bible Study** - Thursday, 9:30 am & 7 pm

**Prayer Gathering** - Thursday, 12 noon

**Missions Meeting** - Thursday, 3:30 pm

**Serving Today:**

Communion Set Up: Chris & Nikki Millward  
Greeting: Dennis & Joyce Weise, Barb Weber, Kit Hinz  
Music Ministry: Connie Van Til  
Nursery: Heidi Van Til  
Refreshments: Teresa Kott  
Sound Board: Gavin Weber

**Serving on Sunday, December 3rd:**

Communion Set Up: Kit Hinz  
Elder: Bill Morrison  
Greeting: Dennis & Joyce Weise, Barb Weber, Kit Hinz  
Music Ministry: Connie Van Til  
Nursery: Berneice Gonder  
Refreshments: Jenny Morrison  
Sound Board: Ralph Kott

<b>Financials</b>	<b><u>October 31, 2017</u></b>	<b><u>October 31, 2016</u></b>
General Giving + Rentals:	\$226,534	\$234,568
General Expenses:	\$221,006	\$219,250
Budgeted General Giving + Rentals:	\$249,630	

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## **The Session (Pastor and Elders)**

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David Schafer (Emeritus)

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