

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Sunday Morning Worship Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017

Worship Theme: "Christ lovingly guides us through the blessings and difficulties of life."

10:40 a.m.: Hymn Sing ..... Thomas Brooks

Shirley W. Wilson, Organist/Pianist

Welcome and Announcements.....Dean Wilson

Introduction of Today's Worship..... Susan Brooks

Prelude: *He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him*..... J. S. Bach

Call to Worship: (responsively) ..... Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless his holy name!

**Congregation: Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits,**

Liturgist: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**Congregation: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Liturgist: who satisfies you with good as long as you live

**Congregation: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

—adapted from Psalm 103

\*Hymn No. 356: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*..... NETTLETON

Prayers of Confession..... Thomas Brooks

We will begin by praying silently, confessing our personal sins.  
Then, we will join in a unison prayer of corporate confession.

God, You know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and You know our deepest desires, fears, and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of Your presence in our lives. Save us from our temptations, so that we may freely follow you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsively) ..... Thomas Brooks

**I write to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense— Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.**

—1 John 2:1-2 NIV

\*Response Hymn: *Gloria Patri*..... GREATORIX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

World without end, Amen, Amen!

Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise ..... Thomas Brooks

Petitions of the People, and

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) ..... Thomas Brooks

Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:9-10 and

James 1:5.....Matthew Steinkirchner

Sermon: "To Everything There is a Season:

Discerning the Right Things at

the Right Times" ..... David J. Ayers, Ph.D.

Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Offering: *O God, What You Ordain is Right* ..... arr. Cherwien

O God, what You ordain is right,  
Your holy will abiding;

I shall be still, whate'er You do,  
And follow where You're guiding.

You are my God; Though dark my road,  
You hold me that I shall not fall;  
Wherefore to You I leave it all.

**Prayer of Dedication for Our Offering** (*unison*) ..... Thomas Brooks

**Dear Lord, our desire is to share the resources with which You have blessed us. With gratitude, we give this offering as a fulfillment of our responsibility to give back a portion of what You have so graciously bestowed. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 316:** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*..... Trentham

**\*Benediction** (*unison*) ..... Thomas Brooks

**May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give us a spirit of unity as we follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth we may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

—adapted from Romans 15:5-6

*At the conclusion of the Benediction, the Congregation is dismissed.*

**Postlude:** *Toccata on “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”* ..... G. Young

*\* Congregation please stand, if you are able to do so.*

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**Nursery Available**

We offer Nursery Care during our Worship Service. You will find the caregivers in the Joyce Parlor.

**After the Worship Service**

We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies after the worship service in the Joyce Parlor.

If you wish to have a time of personal prayer for any needs in your life, please speak to Bob LeSuer and he will arrange for someone to meet with you today and pray with you.

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**Special Congregational Meeting**

The Board of Directors has issued a call for a Special Meeting of the Congregation immediately following the 11:00 a.m. regular worship service on **Sunday, April 2, 2017**, for the purpose of conducting such business as required by the ByLaws of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (EPC), including the election of Elders to assume office upon the localization of Redeemer Presbyterian Church and the election of members to serve on the Pastor Search Committee, as follows:

Elder (Class of 2018): ..... Robert LeSuer

Elder (Class of 2019): ..... Jennifer Pontzer

Elder (Class of 2020): ..... Dean Wilson

Pastor Search Committee:..... Judy Bloeser, Susan Brooks,  
Dillon Gearing, Lisa Gordon,  
Bob LeSuer (Elder), Pat Pontzer,  
Dean Wilson (Elder)

**Our Guest Preacher for Today**

We welcome **David J. Ayers, Ph.D.**, Dean of the Alva J. Calderwood School of Arts and Letters, Grove City College, as our guest speaker this week. Dr. Ayers has been at Grove City College since 1996.

He completed his Ph.D. at New York University, his M.A. at American University, and his B.A. at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. His graduate degrees are in Sociology, but his undergraduate degree is in Psychology.

As a boy he lived in both Athens, Greece, and Frankfurt, Germany, as his father served in covert operations for the Central Intelligence Agency.

More than anything else, Ayers is happy to be blessed with a wonderful family that includes his wife Kathy, six children, three sons-in-law, two granddaughters and a grandson on the way, and two dogs. He resides in Grove City.