

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 6, 2017

Worship Theme: "God's message of the cross may seem foolish to the perishing. But, to those who believe, it has the power to save."

Gathering Music: *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* Pachelbel
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Thomas Brooks

Prelude: *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*arr. Burkhardt

Call to Worship: (responsively) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos.

Congregation: Our songs of joy join the anthems of the universe.

Liturgist: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice.

Congregation: We bring the songs which are in our hearts.

Liturgist: We gather as the children of God.

Congregation: Let our joy resound through singing, teaching and reflecting on God's word.

***Hymn No. 371:** *Lift High the Cross*CRUCIFER

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.

O God, You are the giver of every good gift. Forgive us for our lack of gratitude. We confess we always want more. We resent what we lack and are jealous of those who seem to have more.

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Forgive us for not taking pleasure in all the goodness You have showered on our lives. In Jesus, You have shown us how to live in humility and service. Renew our spirit that we might be His faithful disciples, giving praise and thanksgiving always. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

**Therefore having been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. —Romans 5:1
Amen.**

***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

Prayers of Petitions of the People, and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)..... Thomas Brooks

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 29:9-14 and

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:21-24 Jennifer Pontzer

Sermon: "The Word of the Cross is Foolishness" Dr. T. David Gordon

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 1:10-25

Offering: *O Word of God Incarnate* Mendelssohn

O make Your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations Your true light as of old.
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims by this our path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended, we see You face to face.

Prayer of Dedication for Our Offering (unison) Thomas Brooks

We thank You, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. We offer them and ourselves to Your service and

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dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that
You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for
us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn No. 150:** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*.....MADRID

***Passing of the Peace** (*to one another*)..... Thomas Brooks

***Benediction** Dr. T. David Gordon

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

Postlude: *How Firm a Foundation*.....arr. Held

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

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, Jennifer Pontzer, or Dean Wilson and they will arrange for someone to meet with you today and pray with you.

Preparing for Sunday

We encourage you to get a head start each week on preparing for Sunday worship. You will find the Scripture Readings and the Sermon title listed on the homepage of our church's website by mid-afternoon each Sunday for the following Sunday:

<http://www.rpcerie.org/home.html>

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Today's Guest Preacher

We welcome to our pulpit this week **Dr. T. David Gordon**. Dr. Gordon is Professor of Religion and Greek at Grove City College, where since 1999 he has taught courses in Religion, Greek, Humanities, and Media Ecology. Prior to that, he taught for thirteen years at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, MA. And, for nine years, he was pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashua, NH.

He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Dr. Gordon has contributed to a number of books and study Bibles. His notes on John's gospel appear in the *New Geneva Study Bible* and the *Reformation Study Bible*. He has published scholarly reviews and articles in journals such as *New Testament Studies*, *The Westminster Theological Journal*, *Interpretation*, and *Journal for the Evangelical Theological Society*.

His popular articles have appeared in periodicals such as *Modern Reformation*, *Tabletalk*, *Decision*, and *Lay Leadership*. He has written *Why Johnny Can't Preach: The Media Have Shaped the Messengers* and *Why Johnny Can't Sing Hymns: How Pop Culture Re-Wrote the Hymnal*. He maintains a website at

www.tdgordon.net.

Dr. Gordon is a graduate of Roanoke College (B.L.A.), Westminster Theological Seminary (M.A.R., Th.M.), and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (Ph.D.). He lives in Grove City, PA, with his wife Dianne (and innumerable cats). The Gordons attend Grace Anglican Fellowship in Slippery Rock, PA.

