

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 27, 2017

Worship Theme: "God gives gifts to His children to enable them to give those gifts back to Him."

Families with very young children please note that, if you wish to use it, we offer Nursery Care during our Worship Service in the Joyce Parlor.

Gathering Music: *Praeludium XVII*..... J. S. Bach
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Robert LeSuer

Prelude: *God Whose giving Knows No Ending*.....arr. Wood

God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by You, we turn to You, off'ring up ourselves in praise:
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Praise the Lord, I will extol the Lord with all my heart.

Congregation: Great are the works of the Lord. They are pondered by all who delight in them.

Liturgist: Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

Congregation: He has caused His wonders to be remembered. The Lord is gracious and compassionate. He remembers His covenant forever.
—Psalm 111:5

***Hymn No. 487: When Morning Gilds the Skies** LAUDES DOMINI

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.

Our great and glorious God, You who know and judge the secrets of every human heart, we do acknowledge and confess that we have followed our father Adam in revolting against Your commandments. We have turned from Your ways and from Your blessed Presence, and have reaped the misery of turning away from You, the very Author of life.

None of us is righteous, no not one. None of us has understanding. None of us seeks God. Our throats are opened graves. We use our tongues to deceive. Our mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. Our feet are swift to shed blood. Ruin and misery are in our paths, and the way of peace we have not known. There is no fear of You before our eyes.

We appeal to You, O God, through Your great mercy made manifest in Jesus Christ Your obedient Son, that You would forgive our sins for His sake; that You would make many righteous through His one act of obedience; that where our sin has increased, Your grace would abound.

Just as Christ was raised from the dead by Your glory, so also may we walk in newness of life—In Christ and through Christ. Amen.
—based on Romans 3

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Response Hymn No. 485: To God Be the Glory** TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20..... Robert LeSuer

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

Prayers of Petitions of the

People, and The Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)..... Thomas Brooks

New Testament Reading: Acts 4:32 - 5:10..... Robert LeSuer

Sermon: "The Spiritually-Gifted Giver"..... Dean K. Wilson

Sermon Text: Romans 12:1-8

Offering: *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*..... J. C. Bach

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

Almighty God, with hands outstretched, You have poured out wonder, pleasure, delight, goodness, beauty, and bounty. By Your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

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

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

***Chorus:** *Spirit of the Living God*..... LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me;
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***Benediction** (*unison, spoken to each other*)..... Thomas Brooks

May God, who gives patience, steadiness, and encouragement, help us to live in complete harmony with one another, each with the attitude of Christ toward one another. Then, all of us can praise the Lord together with one voice, giving glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

—Romans 15:5-6 TLB

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

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Postlude: *Toccata in C Major*..... Zapoli/Hopson

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

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.

The Potter's House Picnic

We are all cordially invited to attend a picnic to celebrate the beginning of the school year at Edinboro University on Monday, August 28, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Potter's House
316 Meadville Street
Edinboro, Pa 16412

Natalie Harvey needs our help! She provides the hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. She is asking if we can please bring a side dish to pass and cookies.

Celebration of our Localization

On **Sunday afternoon, September 17, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**, we will hold a celebration of the Localization of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (EPC) at Capers Catering, 2743 East 38th Street at the Bayfront Highway, Erie, PA 16510.

Our celebration will include a buffet dinner. The cost for this event will be \$30.00 per person. Please make your check payable to "Redeemer Presbyterian Church" and indicate in the memo line of the check: "Localization Celebration." **Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, September 6, 2017**, by giving your check to our Treasurer, Marykay Stahl.