

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
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## Sunday Morning Worship Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 8, 2017

Worship Theme: "... I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." —Philippians 3:8

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:** *Prelude on "Morning Has Broken"..... A. R. Eckhardt*  
*Shirley W. Wilson, Organist*

**Welcome and Announcements.....** Robert LeSuer

**Prelude:** *Jesus, Priceless Treasure..... Walther/Hopson*

Jesus, priceless Treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest friend to me.  
Ah, how long I've panted, and my heart has fainted, thirsting, Lord, for Thee.  
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb, nothing in the world can hide Thee,  
naught I ask beside Thee.

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

Liturgist: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies.

**Congregation:** **Your righteousness is like the mountains, Your wisdom as deep as the sea.**

Liturgist: How precious is your faithfulness to us, O God.

**Congregation:** **All may come to take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Let us worship our God!**

**\*Hymn No. 142:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!..... CORONATION*

**Psalter Reading:** Psalm 19..... Thomas Brooks

**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.

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O great and everlasting God, Who dwells in unapproachable light, Who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart; we confess that we have not loved You with all our heart, nor with all our soul, nor with all our mind, nor with all our strength; nor our neighbors as ourselves.

We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with Your provisions for us. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about Your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things which perish, rather than in You, the Everlasting God.

Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able for all time to save us who approach You through him, since He always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

—Written by Dr. T. David Gordon and based upon Deuteronomy 6 and Hebrews 7

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

**He has rescued us out of the darkness and gloom of Satan's kingdom and brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son, who bought our freedom with his blood and forgave us all our sins.**

—Colossians 1:13-14, TLB

**\*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 (debtors/debtors).....** Thomas Brooks

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 10:1-18..... Lisa Gordon

**Sermon:** "Look there. Go there."..... Jennifer Pontzer

**Sermon Text:** Philippians 3:4-14

**Offering:** *Be Thou My Vision*.....arr. Hopson

**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 so graciously bestow. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** *Knowing You*.....Graham Kendrick

All I once held dear, built my life up - on, all this  
Now my heart's de - sire is to know you more; to be  
Oh to know the Pow'r of your ri - sen life, and to  
world re - veres and wars to own, All I once tho't gain I have  
found in you and known as yours. To po - sess by faith what I  
know you in your suf - fer - ings. To be - come like you in your  
count - ed loss, spent and worth - less now, com - pared to this:  
could not earn: all sur - pass - ing gift of right - eous - ness.  
death, my Lord, so with you to live and ne - ver die!  
Know - ing you Je - sus, know - ing you. There is no great - er  
thing! You're my all, you're the best, you're my  
joy my right - eous - ness, and I love you Lord. Love you, Lord.

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

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

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us, individually and collectively, both now and until we meet again. Amen.

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

**Postlude:** *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* ..... arr. L. Smith

*\* 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 Joycel Parlor.

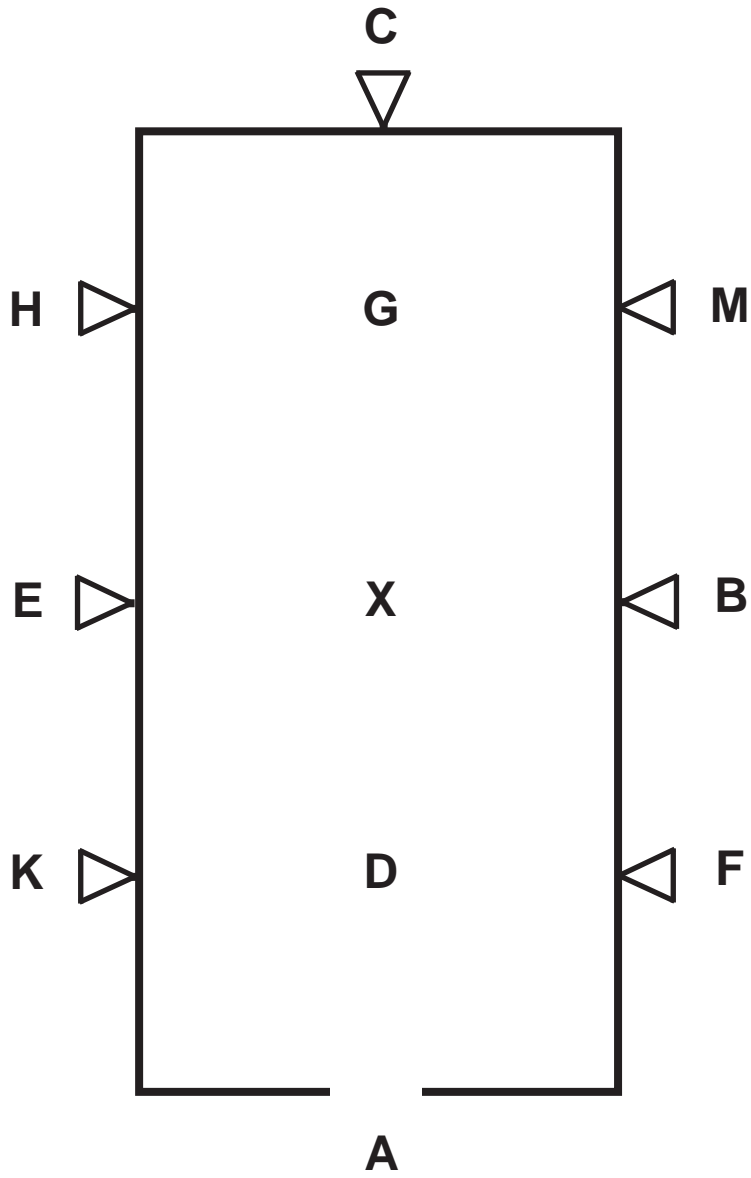
If you wish to have a time of personal prayer for any needs in your life, please speak to Bob LeSuer, Jennifer Pontzer, or Dean Wilson and they will arrange for someone to meet with you today and pray with you.

## Prayer Follow-up Network

Ruling Elder Jennifer Pontzer is forming a "Prayer Follow-up Network" within our church to ensure purposeful follow up for all who have expressed a desire for prayer support.

If you are a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church and are interested in being a part of group of individuals who will pray for those requesting it, and follow up on the prayer request, please contact Jennifer Pontzer at 814-572-0419.

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