

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Morning Worship Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2017

Worship Theme: *“The God of truth, through the power of the Holy Spirit, emboldens us to proclaim the Gospel with our whole lives.”*

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: *Ein’ Feste Burg* Pachelbel
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Robert LeSuer

Introduction of Today’s Worship..... Thomas Brooks

Prelude: *Faith of Our Fathers*.....arr. Burkhardt

Call to Worship: (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Sing to the Lord a new song. Praise the assembly of the faithful.

Congregation: Let all God’s children rejoice in their King.

Liturgist: Rejoice in our God! Give glory to God’s Holy Name.

Congregation: Praise to the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

***Hymn No. 260:** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*..... EIN’ FESTE BURG

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:1-12..... Susan 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.

Almighty and Most Merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. And, we have done those things which we ought not to have done. There is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life—to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

—Based upon The Book of Common Worship, second order by Dr. T. David Gordon

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

If we confess our sins to him, he can be depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. So there is now no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of the life-giving Spirit (and this power is mine through Christ Jesus) has freed me from the vicious circle of sin and death. Amen.

—1 John 1:9 and Romans 8:1-2 TLB

***Response Hymn:** *Gloria Patri*..... GREATOREX

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!

Psalter Reading: Psalm 16:5-11 Thomas Brooks

Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise Thomas Brooks

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

Gospel Reading: John 16:1-16.....Robert LeSuer

Sermon: “The Christian’s Primary Call” Jeremy McNeill

Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Offering: *Episode on “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”* Paxton

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

O God, You do not need to be enriched by any of the gifts we may bring to you, and yet You love a cheerful giver. Please accept our gifts and offerings, which we present to You along with ourselves, our souls, and our bodies. May they be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn No. 179:** *God Is My Strong Salvation... Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben*

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

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

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.

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Preaching Today at Redeemer

We welcome **Jeremy McNeill** to our pulpit this Sunday. Jeremy is a campus minister with the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) at Covenant Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Sharon, PA.

Before attending seminary, he served in youth ministry in Huntsville, AL for three years. Jeremy earned his M.Div. from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, in 2014 while serving as a chaplain in a nursing home.

He is now entering into his fourth year with the CCO: the first two years were in Camden, NJ at Rutgers University, while the most recent two years have been at Penn State Shenango and Thiel College.

Jeremy is under care of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, and just passed his written exams for ordination. He is married to his wife, Mary, and they have two children: Elijah James and Davi Willow.

We look forward to hearing the message God has laid on Jeremy’s heart for us.

Today is Reformation Sunday

This year Evangelical Presbyterians and many other denominations of the Reformed Christian Faith, celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s 95 Theses. The theses, which criticized the sale of indulgences by Roman Catholic church officials, are considered the opening salvo in the Protestant Reformation—a movement that emphasized individual relationships with God and salvation through faith alone by grace alone.

Luther is also celebrated for a second piece of writing: his translation of the Bible into German. After Pope Leo X excommunicated Luther in 1521, the reformer took refuge inside Wartburg Castle. There he completed his translation of the New Testament, based on Erasmus’s 1516 Bible text. First printed in September 1522, the “September Testament” does not include Luther’s name on the title page, an elision meant to limit church reprisals.