

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost —All Saints Sunday—

November 5, 2017

Worship Theme: *“God is sovereign and faithful. For those who put their trust in Him, every story ends well, but it may not be in this life.”*

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: *Saints Bound For Heaven*..... arr. S. Scott
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Robert LeSuer

Prelude: *God is My Strong Salvation*arr. Held

Call to Worship: (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

Left Side: *God’s ways are just and merciful.*

Right Side: **Those who follow God’s ways are continually nourished in faith.**

Left Side: *In all that they do, they prosper.*

Right Side: **Come, let us open our hearts to God’s compassionate Love.**

All: **Let us celebrate God’s mercy and justice.
Amen**

***Hymn No. 526:** *For All the Saints*..... SINE NOMINE

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.

We have sinned against You, O Lord, our Maker, our Defender, and our Redeemer. Our natures are corrupt and sinful, prone to fall away from You, sluggish to do good and swift to do evil.

Vain thoughts have come upon us and found lodging within us, defiling and disquieting our minds, and keeping out good thoughts. We have burdened ourselves with that care which You have commanded us to cast upon You.

We have failed in our duties one to another and have provoked one another as much to folly and anger as to love and good works. We have been cold in our love toward You, weak in our desires toward You, unsteady in our walking with You, and are even at this time poorly prepared to serve You.

We beseech You, O Lord, forgive all our sins, for Christ’s sake, and be at peace with us in Him Who died to make peace and lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

—Adapted from Mathew Henry).

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

God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be it’s Savior. We can trust God’s Word. We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

***Response Hymn: 466:** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

Psalter Reading: Psalm 107:1-16Marykay Stahl

Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise Thomas Brooks

Prayers and Petitions of the

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

Old Testament Reading: Job 1:1-12Patrick Pontzer

Sermon: “Why me, Lord?” Rev. Jim Moelk

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Offering: *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*..... Scottish Hymn

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

God our Redeemer and God our Provider, we offer these gifts as a testimony of our faith. Use them so that others may experience Your love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn No. 171:** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* St. COLUMBA

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

***Benediction** Rev. Jim Moelk

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

Postlude: *For All the Saints*..... arr. C. Hamlin

** 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.

Women's Discipleship Group

The Women's Discipleship Group will meet for study and fellowship at Noon until 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays, November 9, and 16, 2017, to cover the first section of Sam VanEman's book, *Disruptive Discipleship*.

Meetings will be held at various homes. Interested women should see Laurie LeSuer at church today for any questions, or to purchase a book.

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Preaching Today at Redeemer

We welcome **Rev. Jim Moelk** to our pulpit this Sunday.

Jim and his wife, Jaye Moelk, are both originally from the Pittsburgh area and have been married for 43 years. They have four children (including a Haitian daughter) and eight grandchildren with one more on the way.

Jim was one of the founding co-pastors, now retired, of Church of the Cross Presbyterian Church in West Millcreek, after serving as the Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Before attending seminary at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, he and Jaye did campus ministry at Waynesburg University through the Coalition for Christian Outreach.

We look forward to hearing the message that God has laid on Rev. Moelk's heart for us today.

Today is All Saints Sunday

In our Reformed tradition, All Saints Sunday is the Sunday immediately following the celebration of All Saints Day, which is marked on November 1st of each year.

The Christian celebration of All Saints' Day, also known as All Souls' Day, stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those Christians in heaven—the "Church triumphant"—and those Christians currently living—the "Church militant."

In Reformed theology, All Saints Day revolves around giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of all of his saints, whether famous or obscure. As such, individuals throughout the Church Universal are honored, such as Paul the Apostle, Augustine of Hippo, and John Wesley, in addition to individuals who have personally led one to faith in Jesus, such as one's grandmother or friend..