

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship
Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

November 12, 2017

Worship Theme: "The Wise Servant prepares for the future."

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: *Let All Things Now Living* arr. L. Larson
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Robert LeSuer

Prelude: *Ye Servants of God* arr. Cherwien

Call to Worship: (responsively) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Happy are the people whose God is the Lord.

Congregation: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Liturgist: Every day I will bless you, Loving God, and
praise your name forever and ever.

**Congregation: We worship the God who has conquered sin
and death, and claims us as brothers and
sisters with our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

***Hymn No. 477:** *Ye Servant of God, Your Master Proclaim*..... HANOVER

Psalter Reading: Psalm 78:1-7 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.

**Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess
before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in**

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good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know
how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in
wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love.

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for
everything in which we have displeased You. Teach us to hate
our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. And, forgive
our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.**

**And, O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech
You, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways according to
the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

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

**When the time came for the kindness and love of God our
Savior to appear, then he saved us (not because we were good
enough to be saved, but because of His kindness and pity)
by washing away our sins and giving us the new joy of the
indwelling of the Holy Spirit who He poured out upon us
with wonderful fullness- and all because of what Jesus Christ
our Savior did so that he could declare us good in God's eyes.**

—Titus 3:4-7a, TLB

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

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Rebecca Rugh

Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise Thomas Brooks

Prayers and Petitions of the People..... Thomas Brooks

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18..... Austin Moose

Sermon: "The Wise Servant" Chaplain Eric R. Dye

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:1-13

Offering: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*arr. DeCou

Prayer of Dedication for Our Offering (unison) Thomas Brooks

**All knowing God and Father, You look not only upon
our deeds, but also upon our hearts. It is in a spirit of**

reconciliation with You and one another that we bring our offering this day, remembering this to be Your command. By the power of the Holy Spirit, use these gifts to strengthen the mission of this church and to serve those in need. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table..... Chaplain Eric R. Dye

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread: *The body of Christ, given for you.*

As you pass the bread, please say to the next person:
"The body of Christ, given for you."

Upon receipt of the bread, please eat it without waiting, as a sign of your individual and personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Distribution of the Cup: *The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

As you pass the cup, please say to the next person:
"The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Upon receipt of the cup, please hold it until all have been served so that we can partake of the cup together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Please use the baskets we have provided in alternate rows for disposal of the used communion cups

Prayer following Communion Chaplain Eric R. Dye

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

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

***Benediction** Chaplain Eric R. Dye

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

Postlude: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* *arr. D. Johnson*

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

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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.

Guest Preacher and Celebrant

We welcome **Chaplain Eric R. Dye** to our pulpit this Sunday and to celebrate Holy Communion.

Chaplain Dye committed his heart and life to Jesus Christ through a campus ministry at Purdue University, then left Purdue to graduate from Central Bible College in Springfield, MO.

He served in the U.S. Army as a German linguist. While serving at Ft. Meade, MD, he sensed God's calling to pastoral ministry. Chaplain Dye left the Active Duty in 1980 to attend Seminary. During seminary he worked with a Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) minister to plant a congregation where he was ordained as an Associate Pastor. He holds a BA, MA, MDIV, and THM degrees.

Chaplain Dye was called back to Active Duty as a Chaplain in 1987. He served in various assignments until he retired from military service in 2004. He then accepted a call as Senior Pastor of Covenant PCA in Columbia, SC. In 2015, he enrolled in a Veterans Administration Residency and came to Erie Veterans Administration Medical Center in February 2017 in response to a call to serve as a Staff Chaplain.

Chaplain Dye married his wife Margaret while in St. Louis. They celebrated their 31st anniversary in October and have three adult children.

We look forward to hearing the message that God has laid on Chaplain Dye's heart for us.