

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

November 19, 2017

Worship Theme: *“From this rebuke to the indolent, we discover the necessity and importance of work in Christ’s Kingdom.”*

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: *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*arr. Burkhardt
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Robert LeSuer

Prelude: *Awake, Awake to Love and Work*.....arr. Held

Call to Worship: (responsively)..... Susan Brooks

Liturgist: The Lord is our light and our salvation,

Congregation: Whom shall we fear?

Liturgist: The Lord is the strength of our life,

Congregation: Of whom shall we be afraid? We shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

Liturgist: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage. —Psalm 27:1, 14

***Hymn No. 555:** *Now Thank We All our God*.....NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Psalter Reading: Psalm 8..... Susan Brooks

Prayers of Confession..... Susan Brooks

We will begin by praying silently, confessing our personal sins. Then, we will join in a unison prayer of corporate confession.

Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners;

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conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, because of our depravity, transgress without end Your holy commandments.

Therefore we have drawn upon ourselves, by Your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offences! We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence beseeching that Your grace may relieve our distress.

Be pleased then to have compassion upon us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. And, in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit; that, acknowledging from our inmost hearts our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance; and that Your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well-pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Adapted from Calvin’s Form of Church Prayers at Geneva by Dr. T. David Gordon.

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

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. —John 3:16

***Response Hymn:** *Gloria Patri*..... GRETOREX

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!

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:8-17 Sam Ruggiero

Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise Susan Brooks

Prayers and Petitions of the

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

Epistle Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:6-15Marti Ruggiero

Sermon: “Go to the Ant”Pastor Jerry Dodds

Sermon Text: Proverbs 6:6-11

Offering: *Now Thank We All Our God*.....arr. Burkhardt

Prayer of Dedication for Our Offering (*unison*) Susan 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. Amen.

***Hymn No. 388:** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*..... ANGEL’S STORY

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

***Benediction**Pastor Jerry Dodds

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

Postlude: *Work, For the Night is Coming*.....arr. S. E. Rogers

** 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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Our Guest Preacher for Today

We welcome to our pulpit this Sunday **Pastor Jerry Dodds.**

Pastor Dodds was born and raised in a Christian home in the greater Cleveland area. He graduated from John Carroll University with a degree in Elementary Education.

In 1987 he completed his studies for a Masters of Divinity degree at The Reformed Presbyterian Seminary. After seminary, he served several congregations both in western Michigan and western Pennsylvania. Currently, he pastors Grace EPC in Oscoda, Michigan.

Throughout the years of pastoral ministry, Pastor Jerry has worked extensively with college students, helping crisis pregnancy centers, and preaching in State Prisons.

Pastor Jerry and his wife, Marci, have been married for twenty-nine years. They have four grown children. Lydia, who is fifteen, still lives at home. In November of 2016, Pastor Jerry and Marci welcomed their first granddaughter, Ingrid, into the family. She lives with her parents in Bogota, Columbia.



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Meeting at: St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church
950 West 7th Street, Erie, PA

COMMUNITY CAROL SING
Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

We invite you to bring your family and join us for a time of singing Advent and Christmas Carols to celebrate this blessed season of Christ’s birth.

