

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost Christ the King Sunday/Thanksgiving Sunday

November 26, 2017

Worship Theme: *“Christ our King is the principal reason
for our heartfelt thanksgiving.”*

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. Held
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Thomas Brooks

Introduction to Today’s Worship..... Susan Brooks

Prelude: *At the Name of Jesus*arr. Burkhardt

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father’s pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: O Lord, open our eyes,

Congregation: That we may see the beauty of Your goodness.

Liturgist: O Lord, open our ears,

Congregation: That we may hear Your truth.

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: That we may show forth Your praise.

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

Note: The Congregation should remain standing following the Hymn

***The Apostle’s Creed:** *(unison)* Thomas Brooks

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 106..... 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.

Almighty God, who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; Hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness.

We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow men.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; And of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Adapted from the Book of Common Worship by Dr. T David Gordon

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

God offers to each one of us the gift of forgiveness and the power of grace. This is not of our own doing, but comes from the very center of God’s being. As we receive these gifts, we are shaped into the image of God, forgiven and whole. Thanks be to God

***Response Hymn: Doxology**..... *OLD HUNDRETH*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise Thomas Brooks

Prayers and Petitions of the

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

Thanksgiving Hymn Sing..... Thomas Brooks

Hymn No. 551: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come .. St. GEORGE’S WINDSOR*

Hymn No. 559: *We Gather Together*..... *KREMSE*

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46 Susan Brooks

Reflections on Giving Thanks..... Susan and Thomas Brooks

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

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

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.
Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***Hymn No. 155:** *Rejoice the Lord is King*..... *DARWALL’S 148TH*

(...continued over...)

***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 all, individually and collectively, both now and until we meet again. Amen.

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

Postlude: Jesus Shall Reign..... *arr. Kelly*

** 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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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.

