

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Communion

January 14, 2018

Worship Theme: *“The Lord’s Supper, as a ritual meal, reaffirms our participation by grace in the new community of the Redeemed.”*

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 Us Talents and Tongues Employ*..... arr. Carter Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Robert LeSuer

Prelude: *Amazing Grace*.....arr. Hopson

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

Liturgist: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Congregation: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Liturgist: Know that the Lord is God.

Women: it is he who made us, and we are his;

Men: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Liturgist: Enter his gates with thanksgiving

Women: and his courts with praise;

Men: give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

—Psalm 100 NIV

***Hymn No. 361: How Firm a Foundation**..... FOUNDATION

(...continued over...)

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.

Holy Lord, we are guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to see You in our daily lives. Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences with a long list of accusations, but they shall not stand! For we lay them all now on Christ, our sacrifice and advocate.

Go on now, Lord, to subdue our weaknesses, granting us grace to live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but now rule over us in liberty and power. We praise and thank You for Your wisdom and love, for sometimes putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross.

Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in You, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Dr. T. David Gordon

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

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, not will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed out transgressions from us.

—Psalm 103: 8-12

Thanks be to our God.

***Response Hymn: Gloria Patri**..... GREATOR EX

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!

Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise..... Thomas Brooks
Prayers and Petitions of the People..... Thomas Brooks
Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10..... Susan Brooks
Sermon: “A Proper Ritual Meal”..... Chaplain Eric R. Dye
Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Offering: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*..... arr. Peeters
Prayer of Dedication for Our Offering (*unison*) Thomas Brooks

Generous Heavenly Father we give You thanks. We thank You for the provisions You have faithfully given to us and for giving us all that we need. Accept these offerings as a means of bringing You glory and praise in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. 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.

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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. 423:** *Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun*..... DUKE STREET

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***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: *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*.....arr. Manz

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

After the Worship Service

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.

Preaching Today and Celebrating Holy Communion

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

Chaplain Dye was called back to Active Duty as a Chaplain in 1987 and 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 V A Residency and came to Erie V A Medical Center in February, 2017 to serve as a Staff Chaplain.

Chaplain Dye was ordained in 1984 and currently holds his credentials with the Palmetto Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Chaplain Dye holds a BA, MA, MDIV, and THM degrees.

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