

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Sunday Morning Worship Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2018

Worship Theme: "God wants us to love Him, obey Him, and serve Him as we see His glory, power, and strength."

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:** *Processional of Joy*..... Hopson  
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

**Welcome and Announcements**..... Robert LeSuer

**Prelude:** *Dearest Jesus, We are Here*..... arr. Cherwien

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

Liturgist: Let us worship the name of our wonderful Lord.

**Congregation: The Lord Reigns over all creation.**

Liturgist: The voice of God creates all things.

**Congregation: Nothing exists without the creative power of the Lord.**

Liturgist: May God give strength to all who gather here today.

**Congregation: May the Lord bless us with peace.**

**\*Hymn No. 263:** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ..... St. DENIO

**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.

**Desiring to become holy, even as God is holy, we pray:**

**Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us our sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the**

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**sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not. Forgive them all because of Your great goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, and the new life has begun. We believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus the Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Response Hymn:** *Gloria Patri*..... GREATOREX

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!

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 2:41-52..... Sam Ruggiero

**Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise**..... Thomas Brooks

**Prayers and Petitions of the**

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

**Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 12:1-2, 5-6, 28-29 ..... Marti Ruggiero

**Sermon:** "Help! I'm afraid to fear the Lord!" ..... Susan Brooks

**Sermon Text:** Psalm 111

**Offering:** *A Charge to Keep I Have*..... arr. Young

A charge to keep I have,  
A God to glorify.  
A never-dying soul to save  
And fit it for the sky.

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

**Almighty God, we praise Your Holy name in our offering. You have blessed us with more than we need so we can help those in need, especially of the Gospel. We wish to**

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**honor You with our words, our deeds and our wealth  
and pray that You will be greatly honored as we have  
rededicated ourselves in communion in the power of Jesus.  
Amen.**

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

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

**\*Benediction** *(unison, spoken to each other)* ..... Thomas Brooks

**May the God who gives endurance and encouragement  
give us a spirit of unity as we follow Christ Jesus, so that  
with one heart and mouth we may glorify the God and  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*—adapted from Romans 15:5-6*

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

**Postlude:** *Little Fugue in F*..... *J. S. Bach*

*\* 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 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.

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

The Session has issued a call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation immediately following the 11:00 a.m. regular Worship Service on Sunday, February 11, 2018, for the purpose of conducting such business as required by the ByLaws of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (EPC), including the election of an Elder and the members-at-large of the Nominating Committee, and a presentation of the 2018 Budget.

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### **Nominees for Office**

At the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 11th, the Nominating Committee will present the following nominees for office:

Elder (Class of 2021): Laurel LeSuer

Nominating Committee members-at-large (Class of 2019):  
Susan Brooks, Eric Stockhoff, and  
Shirley Wilson

### **Souper Bowl of Caring—Sunday, February 4th**



On Sunday morning, February 4th, Redeemer Presbyterian Church (EPC) will collect monetary donations before and after the Worship Service to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania.

The money collected will benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank's mission to provide food to those in need within the eleven counties of northwest Pennsylvania, while creating awareness and educating the community on the realities of hunger. Each dollar you donate will be turned into \$17.00 worth of food.

If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Stahl at 864-8239.

### **Preaching Today**

We welcome our own Susan Brooks to the pulpit this week.

Susan has a long history of service to Christ and His Kingdom. She currently serves as chairperson of the Pastor Search Committee, is a member of the Nominating Committee, and greatly assists her husband in his duties as our Minister of Music and Worship.

Before moving to Erie, Susan served as a professor in the Music Department of Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts.