

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Holy Communion

February 4, 2018

Worship Theme: "God provides just what we need."

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 Break Bread Together*..... arr. Carter Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Robert LeSuer

Prelude: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Frank

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

Congregation: We worship the God who has conquered sin and death, Who is raised to eternal life, and who claims us each one as brothers and sisters with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

***Hymn No. 281:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

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, You know our hearts. You know that we struggle to be faithful to You. From moment to moment,
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and from decision to decision, we are inconsistent and fickle. Forgive us for our unfaithfulness. Forgive us even more when we justify our unfaithfulness with formulas for our lives that serve us and not You. We pray in the name of Your Son, our Redeemer and King, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

I write to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense— Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.
—1 John 2:1-2 NIV

***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!

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:27-31 Laurie LeSuer

Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise Thomas Brooks

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

Gospel Reading: John 6:23-40..... Robert LeSuer

Sermon: "What We Eat and Drink" Chaplain Eric R. Dye

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Offering: *Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee* arr. Casner

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee,
Who at this blessed feast art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail,
Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.

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

Holy God, cheerfully and joyously, we lift up these offerings to You. You have poured out Your generosity upon us without restraint. Thank You for enabling us to make a difference in the church and in the world by the

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offering of our time, talent, gifts, and service. 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.

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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. 276:** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

***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: *Trumpet Tune in F* M. Sobaje

** 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.

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.

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

Today, 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.