

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

Worship Theme: *“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God.”*

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: *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring*..... J. S. Bach
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Robert LeSuer

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

Prelude: *O Lamb of God, I Come*..... Broughton

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

Liturgist: God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

Congregation: Your glory is sung by all your creation!

Liturgist: When we look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars, we wonder—Who are we that you care for us and for this world?

Congregation: You are the God of life, crowning us with glory and honor to serve you all our days. O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

***Hymn No. 145:** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*..... MARION

Psalter Reading: Psalm 25:1-9 Sam Ruggiero

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.

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Gracious God, Creator and Father, we confess that we often rebel against Your will for us. We have denied Your intentions. We have preferred our way to Christ’s way. We have disobeyed Your commandments. We have worshipped ourselves and the possessions we have acquired.

Forgive us, restore in us the knowledge that we are Yours, and make us alive to serve You in faith, obedience, and joy—through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade- kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the day of salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. —1 Peter 1: 3-5, NIV

***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.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8-17 Marti 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: 1 Peter 3:18-22 Marti Ruggiero

Sermon: “Whiter Than Snow” Lisa Gordon

Sermon Text: Mark 1:9-15

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Offering: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*..... arr. Bouman

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, My Prophet, Priest and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Accept the praise I bring.

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

Heavenly Father, every good gift comes from You. You give generously without refusing or reproaching anyone. May our gifts assist the preaching of the gospel, so that all can experience Your divine grace and mercy. Amen.

***Hymn No. 316:** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*..... TRENTHAM

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

***Benediction** (*unison, spoken to each other*) Susan Brooks

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

—from Numbers 6:24-26

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

Postlude: *You Shall Go Out With Joy!*..... D. Wagner

** 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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Preaching Today

We welcome our own Lisa Gordon to our pulpit this week.

Lisa is an Ordained Elder of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (EPC). She has a long history of service to Christ and His Kingdom, both within the church and in the larger community. We look forward to the message that God has laid on her heart to share with us.

Praying For Each Other

Please also pray for one another. Simply pick someone sitting near you and pray for that one all through the week ahead.

“God Hunt” Sightings

When we first began meeting together in September of 2011, we studied the concept of going on a daily “God Hunt”—looking for God’s Presence in our daily lives. We sincerely hope you are still going on that daily “God Hunt.”

Every day please look for one or more of the following:

- Any obvious answer to prayer, or...
- Any special evidence of God’s care, or...
- Any help to do God’s work in the world, or...
- Any unusual linkage or timing

Then, please write your “God Hunt Sightings” down in a journal or notebook.

You may also wish to share with someone how you have seen God’s hand in the normal conduct of your life. This word of testimony will certainly honor God and help spread the good news of His Kingdom.

