

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

March 11, 2018

Worship Theme: *“The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.”*

—Westminster Shorter Catechism Answer No. 1

Families with very young children please note that, if you wish to use it, we offer Nursery Care during our Worship Service in Room 116.

Gathering Music: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Carter Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Thomas Brooks

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

Prelude: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*.....arr. Burkhardt

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Lord, as we gather together, we acknowledge that we are a forgiven people.

Congregation: **May we, like You, be generous in offering forgiveness to others.**

Liturgist: You forgive us each day for the many ways we fall short of your mercy.

Congregation: **Teach us to embody Your grace, Your love, Your mercy, and Your forgiveness to all those we encounter this day.**

***Hymn No. 464:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Psalter Reading: Psalm 27.....Susan and Thomas Brooks

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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.

O Lord, be gracious to us today, for we are in need of Your mercy. We are often quick to doubt and slow to pray. We are tempted to let go of faith when we need to hang on to it. We are discouraged by wrong when we need to be encouraged by Your Spirit.

O God, we are thankful for the strength You give us to trust in You—and in Your forgiving grace—all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Liturgist: God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the His Son and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

—based on Romans 5:8, NIV

***Hymn No. 98:** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*..... PASSION CHORALE
(We will sing the third verse only.)

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.

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Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise and Prayers and Petitions of the People..... Thomas Brooks

Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 2:4-12..... Shirley Wilson

Sermon: “What God Seeks” Chaplain Eric R. Dye

Sermon Text: John 4:1-26

Offering: Amazing Grace.....arr. Held

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

Generous Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for the provisions You have faithfully given to us and for giving us all that we need. Please 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.

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: God of Grace and God of Glory.....arr. Manz

** 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.

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.