

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church



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Sunday Morning Worship Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

Worship Theme: “God’s bequest to Solomon (“Peace”) of wisdom, long life, riches, and protection are a foreshadowing of the glorious kingship granted to Messiah Jesus for his humble obedience to the Father. Because of the cross and the indwelling Holy Spirit, we receive wisdom for living in a broken world, and eternal life in the age to come.”

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

**Welcome, Announcements, and
Introduction to Worship** Thomas Brooks

Prelude: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God arr. Wolaver

After posting his Ninety-five Theses on the door of
Wittenberg’s Castle Church in October of 1517,
Martin Luther faced many years of trials and persecution.
During these difficult years, Luther found the inspiration
to write this hymn, based on the text of Psalm 46.
This hymn then became the “Battle Cry of the Reformation.”

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Connection/Request for Prayer

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

I’d like: ☐ Call from the pastor ☐ Prayer for:

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Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: With the Reformers, we declare that truth is found in the person and work of Jesus Christ, revealed to us in the pages of God's enduring Word. God's truth is unchanging. His promises are sure. His Word is eternal. His Kingdom is unshakable.

Congregation: **Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.**

—Hebrews 12:28, 29

***Hymn No. 92:** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.....EIN FESTE BURG*

Old Testament Reading:

Proverbs 3:1-12Matthew Steinkirchner

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: We will have A Moment for Children only if two or more children are present in the Worship Service.

A Moment for Children Rev. Giffone

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Hymn of Reflection: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us.... Young*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In his pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Prayers of Confession..... Thomas Brooks

We will begin by praying a unison prayer of corporate confession.
Then, we will join in silently, confessing our personal sins.

**Eternal God, please hear us as we humbly confess
our sins. You have called us into covenant, yet our
commitment is shallow and our love is weak. We place
lesser concerns high on our list of priorities and give You
whatever time and energy are left.**

**Please forgive our sins, O God, and turn us again toward
your purposes. Please reform our lives by renewing our
dedication to You. By your Holy Spirit, please give us a
new sense of our calling, a new zeal in our faithfulness,
a new compassion toward those in need, and a new
appreciation for Your love for us, in Jesus Christ our
Lord. May we always be open to the reforming and
refreshing wind of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: If we confess our sins to him, he can be
depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us
from every wrong.

Congregation: **So there is now no condemnation awaiting
those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the
power of the life-giving Spirit (and this
power is mine through Christ Jesus) has
freed me from the vicious circle of sin and
death. Amen.**

—1 John 1:9 and Romans 8:1-2

Thanks be to God!

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***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!

***Passing of the Peace**..... Thomas Brooks

*Note: The Congregation will please turn to each other and speak these words of common greeting: "May the peace of Christ be with you."
And the reply: "And, also with you."*

Note: The children attending Children's Church may be go to their classroom.

**Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and
The Lord's Prayer**..... Zachary Harvey

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading:

James 1:5-8; 3:13-18.....Matthew Steinkirchner

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Length of Days, and Peace"..... Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: 2 Chronicles 1

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Remembrance · Communion · Hope

Invitation to the Lord's Table..... Rev. Giffone

Offering: *Be Thou My Vision*..... arr. Carter

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou by best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Note: We welcome the families with children sitting in the rear of the sanctuary to come forward and find seating in the front of the church, so that the children may observe the Celebration of Holy Communion.

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***Offertory Hymn:** *Doxology*..... OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

***Offertory Prayer** Rev. Giffone

Communion Opening Prayer
and Words of Institution Rev. Giffone

Distribution of the Bread: *The body of Christ, broken for you.*

(Please note that for Communion we use both
gluten-free and dairy-free bread or crackers.)

As you pass the bread/crackers, please say to the next person:
"The body of Christ, broken for you."

Upon receipt of the bread, please hold it until all have been served,
so that we can partake of the bread together, as a sign of our oneness
in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Distribution of the Cup: *The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

(Please note that for Communion the juice
we use is non-alcoholic grape juice.)

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 Rev. Giffone

***Hymn No. 667:** *God is My Strong Salvation*..... MEIN LEBEN

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

Postlude: *Faith of Our Fathers*arr. Berry

Standard Time Resumes

Please don't forget that Standard Time resumes at
2:00 a.m. on **Sunday morning, November 2, 2025.**
Please be certain to set your clocks back one hour
before retiring on Saturday night, November 1, 2025.

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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 rear of the sanctuary.

If you wish to have a time of personal prayer, please speak to Pastor Benj or to one of our Ruling Elders—Zachary Harvey, Robert LeSuer, or Amy Stearns—and he or she will arrange for someone to meet with you today and pray with you.

Prayer Focus for October

The Prayer Focus for October deals with various aspects of patience. Our society has become so fast-paced, rewarding quick responses over quality service, instant gratification, and no tolerance for values or opinions that are different. In your prayers this month, please take time and wait patiently for the Lord and then begin your conversation with Him:

- Have you been praying for a family member or friend? Wait in a prayerful attitude for the Lord to arrive and then pray for that individual again.
- Is there an older or younger person in your family, who is trying your patience? The young can be too quick and the old too slow to suit us sometimes. Ask the Lord for an extra measure of grace.
- If you are drawn into a political argument, ask the Lord for patience. Then, listen to the other person and hear that one out. Don't try to score your points or change the other person's mind. Listening and tolerating his or her viewpoint does not mean you agree that he or she is right, but perhaps a bit of understanding will result from listening.
- When you give to the church, does your neighbor seem more prosperous? Over time, the Lord will bless you abundantly in other ways. Be patient and watch for those blessings.
- In past months, we have listened to what the Lord may be trying to say to us. It takes practice and patience to allow the Lord to break through the noise, "hectivity," and busyness of daily life.

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Ways to Give to Redeemer:

- *Offering Plate*
- *Mail:* RPC Treasurer, c/o 115 W Lakeview Blvd., Erie, PA 16508
- *Online:* <https://www.rpcerie.org/give.html>

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