

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

More than that,
we rejoice in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces endurance,
and endurance produces character,
and character produces hope,
—Romans 5:3-4

The Lord's Service
March 21, 2010

Welcome!

If you are **visiting our church** today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please be sure to fill out the fellowship pad with your name and contact information when it is passed to you. This will help us serve you better. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Please join us in the fellowship hall in the lower level for coffee and refreshments after the service. Note: Since many of our families with small children sit near the back of the church, visitors may wish to sit closer to the front to avoid any possible distractions during the worship service. Any mothers who would like assistance with young children may take them to the nursery during the Hymn of Assurance and pick them up during the sermon hymn.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with the pastor or one of the elders. We would be glad to help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. In the narthex, we have a booklet available that provides an introduction to our church. You may also visit our website for other helpful information: www.redeemertraversecity.org.

The **Lord's Supper** is observed every Sunday as the culmination of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Non-communing children are welcome to come forward with their parents and will be acknowledged by the pastor. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. Note: The inner ring of cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the outer rings contain wine.

Silent Preparation for Worship
Prelude

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 100:1-3a

Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** #30 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

vv. 1-4

†**Invocation**

Psalm 90:1-2

Pastor: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

All: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Pastor: Let us pray.

†**The Greeting**

2 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

†**Response** (*in song*) “Gloria Patri”

**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.**

Confession of Sin

1 John 1:8-9

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us humbly bow our heads before the Lord and confess our sins.

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, and by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 10:4, 8-10

Pastor: “For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of faith we proclaim, because if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” Do you believe that Jesus Christ, by His perfect life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection, has atoned for your sins and satisfied the wrath of God toward you?

People: We do.

Pastor: In the name of Christ and by the authority of His Word I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #463 “A Debtor to Mercy Alone”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dave Schafer

Old Testament Reading Lamentations 3:1, 16-24

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 21:10-19

Ron Gentry

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Dan Millward

Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering

Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at this time.

†**Doxology** (*in song*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†**Sermon Text Reading** Romans 5:1-5

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Suffering’s Perfect Result, Part 4: “Endurance”

Prayer of Application

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

All who are communicant members in good standing in any evangelical Christian church, or those who have been approved by the Session, may participate in the Lord’s Supper. (Note about Communion wine: the outer rings contain wine; the inner rings contain non-alcoholic wine.)

Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism #1

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I, with body and soul,
both in life and death,
am not my own,
but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,
who with his precious blood
has fully satisfied for all my sins,
and delivered me from all the power of the devil,
and so preserves me
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, that everything must fit his purpose
for my salvation,
therefore by his Holy Spirit,
He also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready,
always, to live for him.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

Lamentations 3:41

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

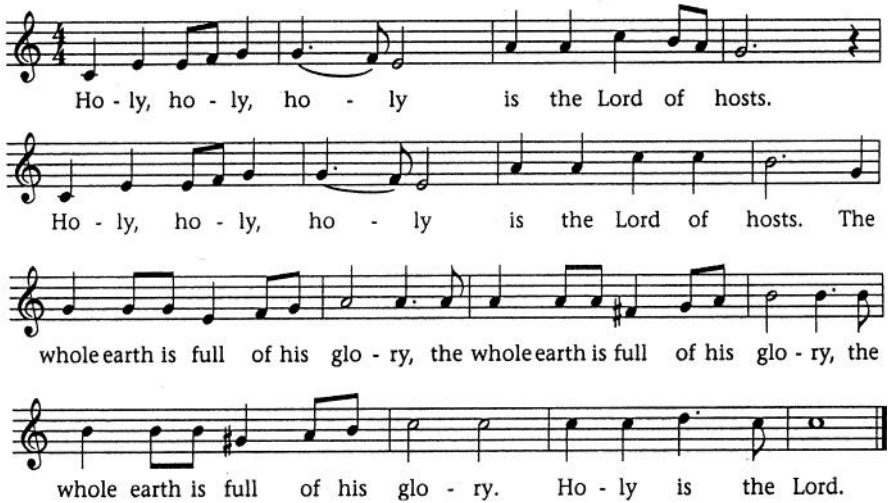
Psalms 118:1

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. As we set apart these common elements of bread and wine for holy use, we ask You to bless them and use them to strengthen and edify Your people. For by water and the Holy Spirit You have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth Your glory in all the world. Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices

with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Sanctus (*in song*)

Isaiah 6:3



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The

whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the

whole earth is full of his glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord.

Words of Institution & Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymns #168 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"
#457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Prayer after Communion (*in unison*)

We give you most hearty thanks, O Lord, for all the mercies you have shown us, your people. We especially praise you for the Supper of your Son. We thank You for the spiritual food of our Lord's body and blood, and ask that you sustain and protect us throughout this troubled life, until the veil of this present age is lifted, and we see you face to face. We pray, O Father, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

†Nunc Dimittis “Song of Simeon”

Luke 2:29-30

Now may your ser - vant, Lord, ac - cord - ing to your word,
de - part in ex - ul - ta - tion. My peace shall be se - rene,
for now my eyes have seen your won - der - ful sal - va - tion.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of text. The second system covers the third and fourth lines. The third system covers the fifth line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”



Sermon Hymn
When Trials Come

Moderately, with hope (♩ = 88)

B^{b7} E^b A^{b6} E^{b/B^b} E^b A^b B^b E^{b/G}

1. When tri - als come, no long - er fear, for in the pain, our God draws near to
 in the night, I know Your peace; The Breath of God brings strength to me and
 turn to wis - dom not my own, for ev - 'ry bat - tle You have known. My
 I am wear - y with the cost, I see the tri - umph of the cross. So
 day all things will be made new; I'll see the hope you've called me to and

5 A^b E^{b/G} (N.C.) Cm⁷ E^{b/G} A^bma⁷ B^b

fire a faith worth more than gold And there His faith - ful - ness is
 new each morn - ing mer - cies flow, as trea - sures of the dark - ness
 con - fi - dence will rest in You; Your love en - dures, Your ways are
 in it's sha - dow I shall run, 'til He comp - letes the work be
 in Your King - dom paved with gold, I'll praise Your faith - ful - ness

9 Cm⁷ E^{b/G} A^bma⁷ B^{b7} 11. - 4. E^b A^badd⁹ B^b 5. E^b

told; And there His faith - ful - ness is told. 2. With - old.
 grow; As trea - sures of the dark - ness grow. 3. I
 good; Your love en - dures, Your ways are good. 4. When
 gun; 'Til He comp - letes the work be - gun. 5. One
 old; I'll praise Your faith - ful - ness of

March 21, 2010

Prayer Requests

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Bob Israel - knee surgery; everything is going perfectly at this point.
- Brett Schut - healing of broken elbow.
- Gayle Peterson - new, serious complications have arisen and she remains in the ICU.
- Monica Scott - for a safe, healthy pregnancy.

Other Concerns

- For Guidance and clear direction from God for the elders as they discern the possibility of bringing on a ministry intern.
- Whims family - praise that the adoption is official and that Rob's trip to bring the boys here from Ethiopia would go smoothly.
- Jim and Linda Candea - mourning the passing of their daughter Tanya.
- Ealy family - passing of Lynn's father.
- Ron Chalfant, Jr. and Lynn Ealy

FOR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS...

Health / Healing

- Dennis Pearsall's mother – passed away on Thursday after taking a terrible fall earlier in the week.

Our Country and Armed Forces

- Men and women in the military and their families.
- President Obama, his advisors, and other national, state, and local leaders.

Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches

- Jon and Susanna Cummings and their amazing mission work in Guadalajara.
- Hershbergers (Bulgaria); Thorntons (Ukraine); Nellie Vos (France); and the mission work in Burma.
- Shawn Newsome and the potential RUF work at MSU.

Other Concerns

- Strang family (Kimberly Whims' brother), encountering difficulties in trying to adopt two children.
- Relief, comfort, and strength for the hundreds of thousands of earthquake victims in Haiti.

FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY...

- Michiana Covenant, South Bend, IN - Several unemployed families, continuing productive sabbatical at The Library of Congress for Peter Wallace, Rev Tom Tyson as he ministers to us for the next three weeks, and up coming Seminars on " The Christian Life and Music."
- Trinity Presbyterian Church, DeMotte, IN - For the men of the church invited to participate in Elder Training beginning in April, and new member candidates who will be examined by Session March 27.
- TE Paul Engle - Safety in upcoming international travel, and progress in updating seminary lecture sessions.

Serving Today:

Elder: David Schafer

Reader: Ron Gentry

Piano: Connie Van Til

Sound Board: Kyle Peterson

Today Pastor Millward is wearing a purple stole. Purple represents royalty and reminds us of the kingship and sovereignty of Christ. Purple is also associated with repentance from sin. This color is displayed during the seasons of Advent and Lent, which are times of preparation and penitence.

Announcements

After Today's Service...

- Please join us in the fellowship hall for some light refreshments.
- If you would like the elders to pray for you, they are available after the service in the Library (the small room next to the chancel).

Next Sunday, March 28

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on John 12:12-19, "The Triumphal Entry."

Hymns: Insert "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Insert "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

#235 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

#421 "Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

We will have our monthly **covered dish lunch** following the Worship Service. Plan to stay and please bring a hearty dish to share.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:00am. Our **worship service** begins at 10:15am.

Monday, March 22, 7:00pm – The third **membership class** will be held at Pastor Millward’s home.

Thursday, April 1, 5:30-7:45pm - Maundy Thursday Fellowship Meal and Communion Service. The buffet meal will take place from 5:30-6:30pm, and the Special Communion service will begin at 6:45.

Friday, April 2, 7:30pm - Good Friday Tenebrae Service. "Tenebrae" (meaning darkness) impresses upon the minds and hearts of believers the awful consequence of sin and the magnitude of the Savior's sacrifice.

Thursday Mornings, 7:30am to 8:30am - Men’s Bible Study.

Resources for your spiritual growth - You will find in the narthex, for the month of March, the Daily Lectionary Readings, Calendars, and Table Talk magazine.

Church Financial Update

YTD through February 28, 2010

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| Budget..... | \$23,200 |
| Actual Expenses..... | \$23,414 |
| Actual Income | \$27,700 |
| Last Week’s General Fund Giving..... | \$2184 |

The Session (Pastor and Elders)

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| Rev. Daniel Millward, Pastor | 922-7270 |
| Sean Doran | 267-5632 |
| David Schafer | 946-5501 |
| Dirk Van Til..... | 223-8962 |
| Fred Weber (on sabbatical until May)..... | 947-0426 |

The Deacons

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| Jerry DeVries | 938-2317 |
| Forbes Husted..... | 929-7291 |
| C. J. Weber..... | 357-9553 |

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Worship: Sundays 10:15 a.m.