

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Morning Worship Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost *Christ the King Sunday*

November 24, 2024

Worship Theme: *“God prepares His people to stand firm in the face of hostility and adversity. He demands total allegiance, but rewards our faith with immense blessings.”*

We welcome children of all ages in our Worship Service. At the Information Center in the rear of the Sanctuary, we offer children a “Book Bucket” with books and activities for their use. Parents, please do not be concerned if your young child cries. We believe that the cries of young children signal that the church is alive, well, and destined to continue for generations to come.

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

Prelude: *Now Thank We All Our God*.....arr. Weston

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices.
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices.
Who, from our mothers’ arms, has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Let us come to worship Jesus Christ,
Alpha and Omega, the one who is, and
was and is to come.

Congregation: **We come to worship the one who rules
justly.**

Liturgist: We come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth!

Congregation: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords! To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

—Revelation 1:8; 2 Samuel 23:34;
Revelation 1:5; 19:16; and 1:6

Note: The Congregation should please stand, if able to do so.

***Hymn No. 310: Rejoice the Lord is King..... DARWALL**

Note: The Congregation may please be seated and remain seated for the reading of the Scripture.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 136.....Marykay Stahl
(Read responsively—please see the Bulltin Insert)

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 Pastor Giffone

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated for the following Hymn.

Hymn of Reflection: For the Beauty of the Earth..... Pierpont

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies.
For the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely giv'n.
Graces human and divine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n.
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

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.

Almighty God, You are rich in mercy to all those who call upon Your Name. Please hear us as we come to You, humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring You to grant us Your mercy and forgiveness.

We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds, by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow men.

Please have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. And of Your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter serve You and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Based on an adaptation from the
Book of Common Worship
by Dr. T David Gordon

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: God offers to each one of us the gift of forgiveness and the power of His grace. This is not of our own doing, but comes from the very center of God's being.

Congregation: As we receive these gifts of God's grace, we are shaped into the image of God: forgiven and whole. Thanks be to God!

Note: The Congregation should please stand for the Hymn, if able to do so.

***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!

Note: If able, the Congregation should please remain standing following the Hymn

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

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

And the answer of response: "And, also with you."

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and

The Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)..... Amy Stearns

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated for the reading of Scripture.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20..... Marykay Stahl

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Sermon: "This Land Shall Be Your Possession

Before YHWH"..... Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: Numbers 32 - 35

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Remembrance · Communion · Hope

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

Offering: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* arr. Leavitt

Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to nought all he has done.
Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your holy Church,
that we may sing your praise triumphantly.

Note: If able, the Congregation should please stand for the Offertory Hymn.

***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.

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing, if able to do so.

***Offertory Prayer** Rev. Giffone

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

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.

**Communion Opening Prayer
and Words of Institution** Rev. Giffone

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

As you pass the bread, 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.*

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

Note: If able, the Congregation should please stand for the Hymn.

***Hymn No. 715:**

Come, Ye Thankful People Come *ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR*

Note: If able, the Congregation should please remain standing following the Hymn

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

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

Postlude: *Let All Things Now Living a
Song of Thanksgiving*..... *arr. Carter*

** Congregation should 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 rear of the sanctuary.

If you have any special needs in your life and you wish to have a time of personal prayer, please speak to Pastor Benj or to one of our Ruling Elders— Robert LeSuer, James Stahl, or Amy Stearns—and he or she will arrange for someone to meet with you today and pray with you.

Monthly Prayer Focus for November

At the September Meeting of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, missionary Patricia Premick made a presentation about her work in Taiwan and her move to Thailand. Pat was previously the subject of the Redeemer Monthly Prayer Focus for September, 2023. Her circumstances have changed in Taiwan, and she is moving the location of her ministry to Thailand.

Pat hails from the Presbytery of the Alleghenies' North Park Church in Wexford, PA. She is associated with the EPC World Outreach and Mesa Global. Her goal is to minister to the Thai people she encounters and to the large number of Taiwanese who are emigrating to Thailand.

She asks for our prayers and notes the following requests:

- A positive transition into the Thai culture and into her new country of ministry.
- Her ability and perseverance, in order to learn the Thai language.
- Her seeking God for direction and for what her ministry will look like.
- That her home and table will be a place of respite and peace for all who enter.
- That she may be able to build a community with her Mesa Global team and others.

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Minister of Music and Worship: Thomas Brooks
Accompanist: Shirley Wilson

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Responsive Reading: Psalm 136

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: Give thanks to the God of gods,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: to him who alone does great wonders,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: to him who by understanding made the heavens,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: to him who spread out the earth above the waters,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: to him who made the great lights,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: the sun to rule over the day,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: the moon and stars to rule over the night,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: and brought Israel out from among them,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: to him who divided the Red Sea in two,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Continued over ...

Liturgist: and made Israel pass through the midst of it,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: but overthrew[a] Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: to him who led his people through the wilderness,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: to him who struck down great kings,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: and killed mighty kings,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: Sihon, king of the Amorites,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: and Og, king of Bashan,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: and gave their land as a heritage,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: a heritage to Israel his servant,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: and rescued us from our foes,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: he who gives food to all flesh,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*

Liturgist: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

Congregation: *kiy le'olam chasdo*