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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 remain standing for the Hymn.

***Hymn No. 654:** *O Jesus, I have Promised* ANGEL'S STORY

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

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

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

Postlude: *The Solid Rock*.....arr. Berry

** 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.

Pastor:Rev. Benjamin D. Giffone, PhD

Minister of Music and Worship: Thomas Brooks

Accompanist:Shirley Wilson

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Or, please call or text him at: **724-221-2595**

Monthly Prayer Focus

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.
—Psalm 62:1

The children of Redeemer have been working on the Scripture passage above as a memory verse in Sunday school. It seemed like a good topic for prayer during the month of January, 2025. The start of the new year feels like a good time to step back and take stock of how God is at work in our lives and how much we do, or do not, depend on Him. During this month of January, in prayer, let's ask God:

- How much do we depend on Him daily? Is God someone we give focus to just on Sundays? How can we bring God to mind more often throughout each day?
- In what other things do we place our trust, in order to sustain us and to give us comfort? Do they truly provide rest and peace?
- Do we truly trust and believe that our faith in the existence of God, and the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross, will assure us of eternal life? How often do we try to "earn" our salvation through good behavior and good works?
- To what extent do we trust in the salvation that God has given us?
- For the assurance of God's protection and care, what will we do today to show our love and gratitude to Him?
- To receive our thanks for His constant presence in our lives.
- To help us in our unbelief.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Session has issued a call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation immediately following the 11:15 a.m. regular Worship Service on **Sunday, February 16, 2025**, for the purpose of conducting such business as required by the ByLaws of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (EPC), including the election of a Ruling Elder, election of the Members-at-Large of the Nominating Committee, and a presentation of the Session-approved 2025 Budget.

Nominations for Office

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, scheduled for Sunday, February 16, 2025, the Nominating Committee will present the following Session-approved nominees for office:

Ruling Elder (Class of 2028): Zachary Harvey

Nominating Committee Members-at-Large (Class of 2026):

Jennifer Pontzer, Joshua Stearns, and Matthew Steinkirchner

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**Sunday Morning Worship
Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

January 19, 2025

Worship Theme: *"Jesus's divine identity is recognized through a display of power and provision. When Peter's sin and shame are exposed and acknowledged, Jesus calms his fears and gives him a holy commission."*

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: *It is Well With My Soul*.....arr. Helvey

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Let us worship the name of our wonderful Lord

Congregation: The Lord reigns over all creation.

Liturgist: The voice of God creates all things.

Congregation: Nothing exists without the creative power of the Lord.

Liturgist: May God give strength to all who gather here today.

Congregation: May the Lord bless us with peace.

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

***Hymn No. 94: How Firm a Foundation.....FOUNDATION**
(Verses 1 through 4, and 6 only)

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

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 16:14-21 ...Joshua Stearns

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

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

Hymn of Reflection: Take My Life and Let it Be..... Havergal

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

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.

Father, we know that contentment with godliness is of great benefit. It brings about a lasting peace and grateful heart that only You can give us.

We confess our sins and ask for Your forgiveness. Help us not to focus so much on the material possessions that we lose sight of that which is of vital importance.

We ask You for Your help, that the character of our souls and the fruit of our actions may become of much greater importance than the perishable goods that capture our attention. We look to You for proper balance in the things with which You have blessed us, and for proper balance in the attitude we display, as we receive these good things from Your hands. We offer You this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

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

The Scripture declares that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation—the old life has gone, and the new life has begun. We believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus the Christ we are forgiven. 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) Robert LeSuer

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

Psalter Reading: Psalm 15.....Amy Stearns

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Sermon:

“Their Ways Are Not Hidden From Me” Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: Luke 5:1-11

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Remembrance · Communion · Hope

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

Offering: O Master, Let Me Walk With Theearr. Berry

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret;
Help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

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.

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

***Offertory 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.

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

***Offertory Prayer..... Rev. Giffone**

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Communion Opening Prayer and Words of Institution Rev. Giffone