

***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. 585: Take My Life, and Let It Be..... HENDON**
(Verses 1, 4, and 6 only)

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

Postlude: To God Be the Glory..... arr. Weston

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.

Prayer Focus for November

Redeemer Presbyterian Church helps support four missionaries. During the month of November, Session asks that you pray for Sandie Starr-Everhart, Sam Van Eman, Ray Wiesen, and Pastor Giffone. Sandie, Sam, and Ray are with the *Coalition for Christian Outreach* (CCO) and minister to college students. Pastor Benj is with the *EPC World Outreach* and teaches graduate level courses at various mission seminaries around the world. Please pray that God will:

- Bless their ministries and that those ministries will be fruitful.
- Provide abundant opportunities for them to exhibit God's love and to speak the Gospel.
- Open hearts to receive that message.
- Watch over them as they minister, protect them, and keep them safe and in good health.
- Give them energy, endurance, and perseverance.
- Provide patience to know that the seeds they plant will take root after they leave an encounter or conversation.

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Ruling Elders: Robert LeSuer, Amy Stearns, Zachary Harvey

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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Sunday Morning Worship

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

Worship Theme: *"God searches and knows our hearts. When we give cheerfully from our resources and our labor, to advance God's Kingdom, we receive the satisfaction of fellowship with God, and the joy of partnership with others, whose hearts are turned toward Him."*

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

Welcome, Announcements, and

Introduction to Worship Thomas Brooks

Prelude: *Prelude on Old Hundredth* Carter

(This tune by Bourgeois is thought to be the oldest hymn in the English collection.)

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

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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: How shall we cleanse our ways?

Congregation: By keeping Your word, O Lord.

Liturgist: With our whole heart we seek You;

Congregation: Let us not stray from Your commandments.

Liturgist: We treasure Your promises within us, that we may not sin against You.

Congregation: Blessed are You, O Lord; Instruct us in Your ways.

All: Our delight is in You, O Lord, we will not forget Your Word.

—based on Psalm 119:9-16

***Hymn No. 165:**

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim LYONS

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21 Amy 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

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Hymn of Reflection: *Come, Holy Spirit* Gaither

Come, Holy Spirit, we need You,
Come, sweet Spirit, we pray;
Come in your strength and your power,
Come in your own gentle way.

Come as a rest to the weary,
Come as a balm for the sore,
Come as a dew to my dryness:
Fill me with joy evermore.

Come, Holy Spirit, we need You,
Come, sweet Spirit, we pray;
Come in your strength and your power,
Come in your own gentle way.

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.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We pray that in Your mercy, You will forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be, that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives transgressions? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

Congregation: **You will again have compassion on us; You will tread our sins under foot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.**

—Micah 7:18-19

Thanks be to God!

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***Response Hymn:** *Gloria Patri* GREATEOREX

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.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 50:7-15; 51:15-19 Amy Stearns

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Offering Freely and Joyously" Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: 1 Chronicles 28 - 29

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Remembrance · Communion · Hope

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Giffone

Offering: *Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart* arr. Sanborn

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

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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