

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church



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Sunday Morning Worship Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Presentation of Jesus at the Temple

February 1, 2026

Worship Theme: *"In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives us a surprising glimpse into the Kingdom of God in action."*

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

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

Prelude: *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*..... arr. Halberg

My faith has found a resting place, not in device nor creed.
I trust the ever-living One; His wounds for me shall plead.
 I need no other argument; I need no other plea.
 It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood.

 I need no other argument; I need no other plea.
 It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.-

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Connection/Request for Prayer

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Phone/Email: _____

I'd like: Call from the pastor Prayer for:

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Call to Worship: (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Praise the Lord, O my soul; All my inmost
being, praise his holy name.

Congregation: Praise the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits—

Liturgist: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

Congregation: who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

Liturgist: who satisfies your desires with good things,

Congregation: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. —*Psalm 102:10*

—*Psalm 103:1-5*

***Hymn No. 164: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing.....AZMON**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 119:1-16 Jaye Moelk

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 Shirley Wilson

Hymn of Reflection: *What a Wonderful Savior*..... Hoffman

Christ has for sin atonement made, what a wonderful Savior!
We are redeemed! The price is paid! What a wonderful Savior!

What a wonderful Savior is Jesus, my Jesus!

What a wonderful Savior is Jesus, my Lord.

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I praise him for the cleansing blood, what a wonderful Savior!
That reconciled my soul to God; What a wonderful Savior!
What a wonderful Savior is Jesus, my Jesus!
What a wonderful Savior is Jesus, my Lord

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 know our hearts. You know that we struggle to be faithful to You. From moment to moment, and from decision to decision, we are inconsistent and fickle.

Please hear us as we confess our sins. Please forgive us for our unfaithfulness. Please forgive us even more when we justify our unfaithfulness with formulas for our lives that serve us and not You. We make this confession, as we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and King. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (responsively) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming:

Congregation: **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 it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**

—Romans 10:8-10

Thanks Be to God!

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!

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***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."

Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and The Lord's Prayer..... Rev. Giffone

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: Galatians 3:10-14 Jaye Moelk

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "There Oughta Be A Law!" Robert LeSuer

Sermon Text: Matthew 5:17-20

The Sacrament of Holy Communion *Remembrance · Communion · Hope*

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

Offering: *Wonderful Words of Life*..... arr. Wolaver

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life.
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty;
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

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.

***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.

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***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. 606: Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord** *CAMACHA*

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

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

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.

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 15, 2026**, 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 2026 Budget.

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Nominations for Office

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation the Nominating Committee will present the following Session-approved nominees for office:

Ruling Elder (Class of 2029): Robert LeSuer

Nominating Committee Members-at-Large (Class of 2027):

Nathaniel Heinrich, Jennifer Pontzer, and Joshua Stearns

Monthly Prayer Focus

During the month of February, the Session asks that you pray for the members of the Pastor Search Committee. They are tasked with finding a candidate to present to the Presbytery and eventually to the congregation as the next Pastor for Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

The members of the Pastor Search Committee include Joshua Stearns, who serves as the Chairman of the Committee, Matthew Steinkirchner, who serves as Secretary of the Committee, and Committee Members: Zachary Harvey, Robert LeSuer, Jaye Moelk, Marykay Stahl, and Dean Wilson.

Over the coming months, the Committee will prepare a *Church Information Form* (CIF)—an informational summary about Redeemer; receive *Pastor Information Forms* (PIFs) from individuals who respond to the CIF; listen to recordings of sermons from the candidates; and then finally meet and interview the candidates in person.

Please pray:

- That God will bring to light the candidate that He has already prepared to become our next Pastor, who will lead and grow Redeemer.
- For the Committee members to have a unity of spirit and purpose, as they go about their work.
- For the Committee members to have God-given discernment, so that they will understand the genuine needs of Redeemer.
- For the Holy Spirit's guidance in finding the right person to fill Redeemer's needs.
- For the families of Committee members to have patience because Committee work is time-consuming and requires time away from them.

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Minister of Music and Worship: Thomas Brooks

Accompanist: Shirley Wilson

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>

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