

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church



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Sunday Morning Worship Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

Worship Theme: "God's Law provides us with a map for discipleship, and also promotes the mission of the church in the world."

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

Welcome, Announcements, and

Introduction to Worship Thomas Brooks

Prelude: God is Here! arr. Howell

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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Connection/Request for Prayer

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

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

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Prayer..... Rev. Giffone

O Lord God, almighty and most merciful, whom the heaven, even the heaven of heavens, cannot contain, much less temples built with hands, but who also dwell with men, and delight Yourself in the assembly of Your people: Cleanse our hearts, we pray, from all evil thought and desire, and assure us of Your divine presence and blessing, that those things may please You which we do at this present, and also that we may at length obtain Your favor with everlasting life in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 119:41-48 Jennifer Pontzer

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

A Moment for ChildrenShirley Wilson

Hymn of Reflection: *Day by Day*.....*St. Richard of Chichester*

Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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 holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good. We confess all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned—in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, we who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased You. Please teach us to hate our errors. Please cleanse us

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from our secret faults. Please forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son.

And, O most holy and loving Father, please help us, we beseech You, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways—according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—based upon The Book of Common Worship, first order

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Congregation: **and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the day of salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

—1 Peter 1:3-5

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!

***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.

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Epistle Reading: Romans 2:12-16 Jennifer Pontzer

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “So That It May Go Well With You” Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 4:5-13

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Remembrance · Communion · Hope

Invitation to the Lord’s Table Rev. Giffone

Offering: *The Solid Rock* arr. Helvey

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
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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.

***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.)

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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 *By Faith..... *Getty/Townend*
(Please see Bulletin Insert)

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

Postlude: *Lead On, O King Eternal* *arr. Larson*

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.



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Monthly Prayer Focus for June

So often in our prayer life, we make petitions and requests and give thanks for God's attentive ear. During June, our Monthly Prayer Focus will be on *listening*. What is God saying to each one of us? Let's put away our list of topics and people for whom we routinely pray and just *listen*. We are so used to agendas and activity that this could take some practice.

During our regular prayer times, let's set aside a block of time to quiet our mental activity and allow God to speak to our hearts, instilling a new thought in our minds. There is no direction to guide this time, no topic on which to meditate. We should simply ask the question: "Lord, what do You want to say to me?" Then, let God take the lead and *listen* for what He is saying.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 13, 2026. See Joshua Stearns for location and details..



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By Faith

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1. By faith we see the hand of God in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the power of His pro - mise in their hearts, of a



lives of those who prove His faith ful ness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
ho - ly ci - ty built by God's own hand, a place where peace and jus - tice _____



reign. We will stand as chil - dren of the pro - mise. We will fix our eyes on Him, our



souls' Re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

3. By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed for Messiah would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

4. By faith the church was called to go in the power of the spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news, in every corner of the earth.

Refrain

5. By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

Refrain