

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church



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## Sunday Morning Worship Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

Worship Theme: "God has graciously chosen His people, in order to make them holy, not based on anything we do to deserve it. God rewards obedience and devotion with immeasurable blessings."

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

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

**Prelude:** *Chorale and Prelude on Psalm 92* ..... Haydn/Wilson

It is good to sing your praises and to thank you, O Most High,  
Showing forth your lovingkindness when the morning lights the sky.  
It is good when night is falling of your faithfulness to tell,  
While with sweet melodious praises songs of adoration swell.

And the good shall live before you, planted in your dwelling place,  
Fruitful trees and ever verdant, nourished by your boundless grace.  
In his goodness to the righteous God his righteousness displays;  
God, my Rock, my strength and refuge, just and true are all your ways.

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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: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

**Congregation: He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Liturgist: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

**Congregation: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

—from Psalm 23

**\*Hymn No. 30:** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*..... ST. ANNE  
*(Verses 1 through 5, and 7)*

**Psalter Reading:** Psalm 98..... 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

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**Hymn of Reflection:**

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* ..... Bernard of Clairvaux

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts  
we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
thou savest those that on thee call;  
To them that seek thee thou art good,  
to them that find thee all in all.

**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.

**God, our Father, we confess that we have sinned against you: some of our sins we know, and some are known only to You. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**Please have mercy on us and forgive us, through the name of your Son, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, that we may walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

*Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.*

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

**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins, and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

—1 John 1:9

**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!

**\*Apostles' Creed** ..... Thomas Brooks

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son,**

(...continued over...)

**our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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** ..... 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.

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 4:13-25 ..... Jaye Moelk

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** "Chosen for Holiness" ..... Rev. Giffone

**Sermon Text:** Deuteronomy 7:1-16

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Remembrance · Communion · Hope*

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

**Offering:** *Take Time to Be Holy* ..... arr. Fettke

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;

Abide in him always, and feed on his word.

Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,

Forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

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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.)

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.

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Please use the baskets we have provided in alternate  
rows for disposal of the used communion cups

**Prayer following Communion** ..... Rev. Giffone

**\*Hymn No. 334: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*..... TRENTHAM**

**\*Benediction** ..... Rev. Giffone

**Postlude: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*.....arr. Berry**

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## 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.

## 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.

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**Accompanist:** ..... Shirley Wilson

**Ruling Elders:** ..... Robert LeSuer, Amy Stearns, Zachary Harvey

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