

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church



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Sunday Morning Worship Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

Worship Theme: *“All of us as sinners fall short of God’s glory. But He has given us mercy and grace that makes His Law attainable for us, by the Holy Spirit’s power”*

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

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

Prelude: *God is My Strong Salvation*arr. Ritter

God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation my light, my help is near.
Though hosts encamp around me, firm to the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance, my soul, with courage wait;
His truth be your affiance, when faint and desolate,
His might your heart shall strengthen; his love your joy increase;
Mercy your days shall lengthen; the Lord will give you peace.

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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: By grace we have been saved through faith.

Congregation: And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.

Liturgist: For we are God’s handiwork, redeemed in Christ Jesus for good works,

Congregation: works that God has prepared for us, that we should walk in them.

Liturgist: Praise the Lord!

Congregation: The Lord’s name be praised.

—from Ephesians 2:8-10

***Hymn No. 604:** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

Psalter Reading: Psalm 26..... Marykay Stahl

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

A Moment for Children Rev. Giffone

Hymn of Reflection: *Christ Beside Me* *St. Patrick’s Breastplate*

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me—
King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me—never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me—shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising—light of my life.

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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.

Great God of All, as we confess our many sins, we come into Your presence humbled by Your majesty and ashamed of the many ways we fall short of Your desires for our lives. You create us to live in community, yet we distance ourselves from one another. You call us to follow You, yet we shirk our responsibilities. We expect much from You, yet we want to give little of ourselves.

With Your help may we turn away from sin and turn toward You. Please strengthen our faith and our obedience, that our lives may show forth Your praise. In Christ’s name we ask it. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you; God is light; in Him is no darkness at all.

Congregation: **If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.** —1 John 1: 5-7 (NIV)

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.”*

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**Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and
The Lord's Prayer**..... Robert LeSuer

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 6:1-14 Marykay Stahl

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon:

“This Law Is Not Too Difficult for You” Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 30:1-14

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Remembrance · Communion · Hope

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

Offering: *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* arr. Leavitt

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me:
On the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
On the Cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

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

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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. 575: Soldiers of Christ, Arise** *DIADEMATA*

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

Postlude: O God, Our Help In Ages Past.....*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.

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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Special Worship Service on July 5th

Next Sunday, July 5, 2026, we will meet at 10:30 a.m. at Glenwood Park for a combined Worship Service with St. Paul's/The Cross. A picnic luncheon will follow the Worship Service. Please bring a dish to share. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

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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