

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church



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## Sunday Morning Worship Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

Worship Theme: *“Ruth’s faith in the God of Israel foreshadows the ingathering of individuals from every nation, tribe, and tongue, who are incorporated into God’s family by faith in Jesus the Messiah.”*

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

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

**Prelude:** *The God of Abraham Praise* ..... arr. McKibben

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above.  
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.  
Jehovah! Great I AM! By earth and heav’n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

He has eternal life implanted in the soul;  
His love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.  
Praise to the living God! All praise be to his name,  
Who was, and is, and is to be, fore’er the same!

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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: Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

**Congregation:** **“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!”**

Liturgist: “For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.”

**Congregation:** **Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”**

—Revelation 19:6-9

**All:** **Come! Let us worship our God!**

**\*Hymn No. 101:** *Come, Thou Almighty King* ..... TRINITY

**Psalter Reading:** Psalm 60..... Mark Kmecik

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:** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*..... Lemmel

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
look full in his wonderful face;  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.

His Word shall not fail you—he promised;  
believe him and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
his perfect salvation to tell!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
look full in his wonderful face;  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.

**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.

**Eternal God, You have called us into a covenant with You, and yet our commitment is often shallow and our love for You is weak. We place lesser concerns high on our list of priorities and give You whatever time and energy are left.**

**Please forgive our sins, O God, and help us to turn toward Your purposes with renewed determination. By the power of Your indwelling Holy Spirit, please give us a new sense of our calling, a new zeal in our faithfulness, a new compassion toward those in need, and a renewed love for Jesus Christ our Lord. May we always be open to the reforming and refreshing movement in our lives by Your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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

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

**Liturgist:** God demonstrated his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Congregation:** **Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!**

—Romans 5:8-9

**Thanks be to God!**

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**\*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**..... Amy Stearns

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 4:1-12 ..... Mark Kmecik

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Congregation:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** "The Mother of All Who Believe" ..... Rev. Giffone

**Sermon Text:** Ruth 1:11-18; 2:2-3, 12; 3:1-13

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Remembrance · Communion · Hope*

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

**Offering:** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ..... *Melody from India*

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back.

*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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**\*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. 55: *To God Be the Glory***.....*TO GOD BE THE GLORY*

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

**Postlude: *Jesus Shall Reign Wher'er the Sun*** .....*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

During July, our Monthly Prayer Focus will center on the act of praying. A recent magazine article likened every scroll on our smartphones to a prayer—not a religious prayer, but an act seeking truth. A scroll on our smartphones offers this plea: “Please show me what is real. Please show me what I should care about.”

As we pray this month:

- Ask, do we concentrate on our prayer lives with the same intensity that we concentrate on our smartphones?
- To make our prayer lives more meaningful, what changes do we need to make?
- If on our smartphones we pay attention to dozens of things that have nothing to do with the quality of our actual daily lives, shouldn't we pay more attention to things, such as prayer, that will affect our eternal lives?
- As we pray throughout the month of July, let's focus on giving concentrated attention to the nature and quality of our prayers.

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

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

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**Ways to Give to Redeemer:**

- *Offering Plate*
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