

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church



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Sunday Morning Worship Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

Worship Theme: "God's chosen ones must stay on
their guard against evil."

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

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

Prelude: *I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes* arr. Rodriguez
(Based on Psalm 121)

I to the hills will lift my eyes;
From whence shall come my aid?
My help is from the Lord alone,
who heaven and earth has made.

From evil God will keep you safe,
provide for all you need;
Your going out, your coming in,
God will forever lead.

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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: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Congregation: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Liturgist: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Congregation: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Liturgist: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

Congregation: his faithfulness continues through all generations.

—Psalm 100

***Hymn No. 94:** *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION
(Verses 1, 2, 4, and 6 only)

Psalter Reading: Psalm 121 Madeline Groenendaal

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: Psalm 51 *arr. Wilson*

Oh, God be merciful to me,
and wash me wholly from my sin.
Create in me, Oh, Lord my God,
a heart that's clean and pure within.

Oh make me whiter than the snow,
and teach me all that pleases you,
Grant me the joy salvation brings,
a willing spirit evermore.

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 and merciful God, You are eternal,
gracious, loving, and faithful. We come into Your
presence confessing our many sins and knowing
that Your mercy is beyond our deserving. None of
us is worthy of Your tender care.**

**We confess before You our sins of self-
righteousness, pride, and possessiveness. Please
remove the blinders to our faults and increase our
sensitivity to those around us. Please guard out
hearts from sin and the influence of the evil one.
Please renew Your peace within us, that we may
approach You with confidence and serve You with
joy. We ask these requests through Your Son, our
risen Lord Jesus Christ. 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!

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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**..... 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: 1 Peter 5:1-11 Madeline Groenendaal

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Stay Alert" Dean K. Wilson

Sermon Text: Jude 1-25

Offering: *Fight the Good Fight* *?rr. Tornquist*

Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

***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** (*unison*) Thomas Brooks

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the abundance of Your provision. Please grant us the wisdom to use these offerings to the glory of Your Holy Name. Please strengthen us to continue to give generously out of all that we are and all that You have entrusted to our care. We dedicate this offering with thanksgiving, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn No. 32:** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*..... FAITHFULNESS

***Benediction** (*in unison to each other*) Thomas Brooks

We go in peace, in the knowledge of God's power. We go in confidence, in the knowledge of God's loving faithfulness that sustains us each day and each hour. We go in the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, who leads us and guides us. We go in the praise and glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Postlude: *Rejoice, the Lord is King*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.

Call for two Meetings of the Congregation

The Session has issued a call for a Meeting of the Congregation immediately following the 10:45 a.m. regular Worship Service on Sunday, July 26, 2026, and again on Sunday, August 16, 2026, for the purpose of conducting such business as recommended by the Session.

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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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Ways to Give to Redeemer:

- *Offering Plate*
- *Mail:* RPC Treasurer, c/o 115 W Lakeview Blvd., Erie, PA 16508
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