

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church



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Sunday Morning Worship Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

Worship Theme: *"The Holy Spirit provides us with
power in the face of fear."*

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

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

Prelude: *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* arr. Funderburk

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the
heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies.

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Connection/Request for Prayer

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

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

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Congregation: Your righteousness is like the mountains,
Your wisdom as deep as the sea.

Liturgist: How precious is your faithfulness to us,
O God.

Congregation: All may come to take refuge in the
shadow of Your wings. Let us worship our
God!

***Hymn No. 100:** *Holy, Holy, Holy!*.....NICEA

Psalter Reading: Psalm 56:1-4Laurel LeSuer

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

A Moment for ChildrenShirley Wilson

Hymn of Reflection: *Come, Holy Spirit*..... Gaither

Come, Holy Spirit, we need you,
Come, sweet Spirit, we pray;
Come in your strength and your power,
Come in your own gentle way.

Come as a wisdom to children,
Come as new sight to the blind,
Come, Lord, as strength to my weakness,
Take me: soul, body and mind.

Come, Holy Spirit, we need you,
Come, sweet Spirit, we pray;

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Come in your strength and your power,
Come in your own gentle way.

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 God, You are eternal, gracious, loving, and steadfast. We come into Your presence 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 renew Your peace within us, that we may approach You with confidence and serve You with joy. We ask these things through Your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Who is like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression?

Congregation: **You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins under foot and hurl our iniquities into the depths of the sea.**

—Micah 7:18-19

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, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was

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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."*

Note: The children (K through 5th grade) attending Children's Church may go to their classroom.

**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.

New Testament Reading: Acts 1:4-8Laurel LeSuer

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Our Heritage of Power, Love,
and a Sound Mind"Rev. Timothy Slager

Sermon Text: 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Offering: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*arr. Ham

Breathe on me, Breath of God,

Fill me with life anew,

That I may love what thou dost love,

And do what thou wouldst do.

***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

Holy God, cheerfully and joyously, we lift up these offerings to You. You have poured out your generosity upon us without restraint. Thank You for our being able to make a difference in the church and in the world by the offering of our time, talent, gifts, and service. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion *Remembrance · Communion · Hope*

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

Communion Opening Prayer
and Words of Institution Rev. Slager

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. Slager

***Hymn No. 457:**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.....NETTLETON

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***Benediction** Rev. Slager

Postlude: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*.....arr. Tornquist

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 October, let us pause our prayer petitions and give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us personally and on Redeemer. As we pray, let us give thanks to God for:

- Being able to know God through His written Word and through the life of Jesus Christ here on earth.
- The love of Jesus Christ and His redeeming work on the cross, and for the gift of faith, that He has called us to be included in His Kingdom.
- Placing us in a country where the standard of living grants us plenty of opportunities for food, water, and physical comfort. All that we have comes from God. Let us ask ourselves: “Could I return a greater portion of that wealth, in a tithe or offering, to do God’s work?”
- Our families, including our Redeemer family. At Redeemer, we are blessed with many leaders to continue the ministry and growth of this congregation.

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Ruling Elders: Robert LeSuer, Amy Stearns, Zachary Harvey

Ways to Give to Redeemer:

- *Offering Plate*
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