# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*An Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

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## Sunday Morning Worship

# Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*November 8, 2026*

Worship Theme: *"God shows believers how to start experiencing the Kingdom of Heaven now."*

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

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

**Prelude:** *Come, Thou Almighty King* ..... *arr. Helvey*

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise. Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see
And to eternity love and adore.

**Call to Worship:** *(responsively)* ..... Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Happy are the people whose God is the Lord.

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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:** **Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

Liturgist: Every day I will bless you, Loving God, and praise your name forever and ever.

**Congregation:** **We worship the God who has conquered sin and death, and claims us as brothers and sisters with our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

***Hymn No. 296:**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* .....*Coronation*

*(Verses 1, 3, 5, and 6)*

**Psalter Reading:** Psalm 1:1-3 ..... Will Crosby

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**A Moment for Children** .....Shirley Wilson

**Hymn of Reflection:** *Day by Day*.....*St. Richard of Chichester*

Day by day, day by day,
O dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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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.

**Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good. We confess all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love.**

**O Lord, please have mercy upon us, we who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased You. Please teach us to hate our errors. Please cleanse us from our secret faults. Please forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son.**

**And O most holy and loving Father, please help us, we beseech You, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*—based upon Dr. T. David Gordon's adaptation of*
The Book of Common Worship, *first order*

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

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

Liturgist: When the time came for the kindness and love of God our Savior to appear, then he saved us (not because we were good enough to be saved, but because of His kindness and pity)

**Congregation: by washing away our sins and giving us the new joy of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who He poured out upon us with wonderful fullness—and all because of what Jesus Christ our Savior did so that he could declare us good in God's eyes.**

*—Titus 3:4-7a*

**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!

***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 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**..... 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.

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 3:1-3; 4:12-17 ..... Will Crosby

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

**Sermon:** "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit" ...Rev. Timothy Slager

**Sermon Text:** Matthew 5:1-3

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**Offering:** *Rejoice! The Lord is King*..... *arr. Schwarz*

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

***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**..... Thomas Brooks

**Our gracious Lord, we offer these gifts to You. Please use these gifts and our service to further Your Kingdom, so that others may experience Your divine mercy, grace, and love. We pray in the name of 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.

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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. Slager

***Hymn No. 353:** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*..... *St. Thomas*
*(Verses 1, 2, 4, and 6)*

***Benediction** ..... Rev. Slager

**Postlude:** *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* ..... *arr. Sanborn*

## 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 one of our Ruling Elders—Zachary Harvey, Robert LeSuer, or Amy Stearns.

## Monthly Prayer Focus

On October 18th, Pastor Benj announced that an agreement-in-principal had been reached on the sale of Weis Library United Methodist Church to West Erie PCA. When that purchase closes, Redeemer can begin negotiations to purchase the West Erie property at 621 West Second Street. As you pray during November, please ask God:

- To continue to open doors to move the property closing along and facilitate Redeemer's purchase of the West Second Street property.
- To reveal how we can bring glory to His name through Redeemer's purchase and use of this property.
- What special purpose does He have in mind by leading Redeemer to the West Second Street property?

***Minister of Music and Worship:*** ..... Thomas Brooks
***Accompanist:*** ..... Shirley Wilson
***Ruling Elders:*** ..... Robert LeSuer, Amy Stearns, Zachary Harvey

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