

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### Welcome

Welcome to Redeemer Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you have joined with us to worship God. Please stay after the service and get to know others in our community who are calling Redeemer Presbyterian Church "home." If you have any questions about our church, feel free to contact us using the information on the back of the bulletin.

When you arrive for worship, please observe silence as you prepare to enter into God's Divine Service. Silence your cell phone, listen to the prelude, read the Words of Preparation and the Scripture lessons in the back of the bulletin, and join others in prayer and meditation.

#### **Our Worship**

Our service is intentionally structured to reflect our belief that worship is God's service to us, his people. By design, there are three parts to our worship: the Service of Entrance, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Table.

The Service of Entrance begins when the choir sings the Introit, followed by our Hymn of Entrance, Call to Worship, and Prayer of Adoration. We will then join in a Corporate Confession of Sin, hear God's Declaration of Absolution, and respond with the Gloria and Hymn of Gratitude or Psalm.

The Service of the Word will include readings from the Lectionary (a calendar-based system for reading through the Bible) along with corporate responses of song and prayer. The sermon is God's Word to us and we ask that you listen attentively, asking the Holy Spirit to apply his Word to you in a particular way.

The Service of the Table begins with a Corporate Confession of Faith, followed by the Passing of the Peace, and the Collection of Tithes and Offerings. Our service concludes with the Lord's Supper and Benediction. Our church partakes of the Lord's Supper every week. We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, have made public profession of their faith, and are part of a local church. We offer both wine and grape juice (located in the center rings) in the communion tray. If you have any questions, please speak with a pastor.

#### Your Children

We love kids! And we try to make them feel welcome during our worship service. You can help your children profit from the service by working through the bulletin with them. If your child needs a break from the service, please feel free to sit in the Narthex where you can still hear the service. You can also take young children to the Nursery. A private space is provided in the Nursery for nursing mothers.

#### **Between Services**

Please join us in the courtyard for a time of fellowship with coffee and breakfast snacks. At 10:15 a.m., we offer School of Discipleship classes for all ages in Calvin Hall, with nursery through Kindergarten downstairs, and first grade through adults meeting on the second floor.

Liturgical Color: Green – symbolizes our growth in Christ.

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### THE DIVINE SERVICE

February 16, 2025

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

# In Preparation



Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE Stephen Burnaman

Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott, BWV 721 — Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

O God, be merciful to me,
According to thy great pity;
Wash and make clean my iniquity:
I acknowledge my sin, and it grieves me
Against thee, against thee only
Have I sinned, which is before mine eye:
Though thou be judged in man's sight,
Yet are thy words found to be true and right.

(Based on Psalm 51, Erhart Hegenwalt, 1524)

#### WORDS OF PREPARATION

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by your goodness to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## The Service of Entrance

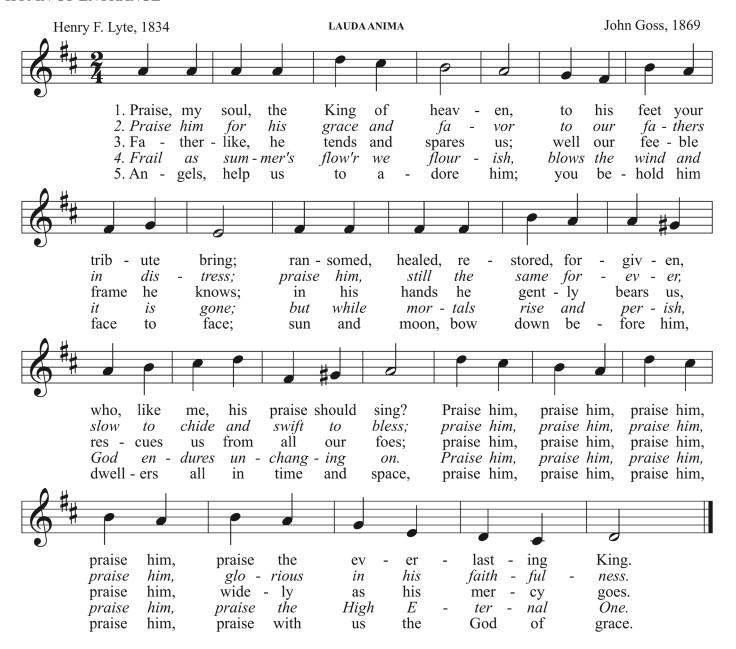


CHORAL INTROIT Isaiah 40:21

Have Ye Not Known? — Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

#### HYMN OF ENTRANCE



Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shone.

Minister: You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; **People:** They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest.

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

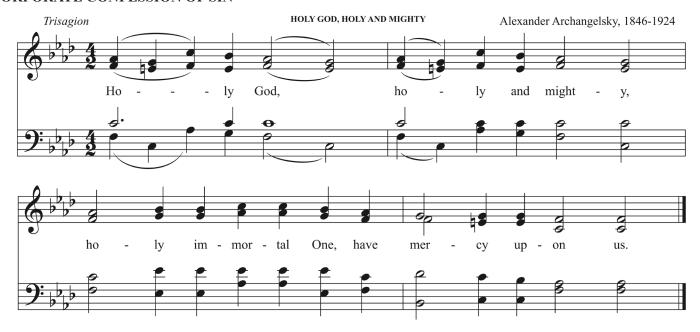
**People:** Amen.

Minister: Let us pray.

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. Amen.

#### **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**



Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;

I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what

we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and

walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### **DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION**

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: "Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification." All you

who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy

Spirit.

People: Amen.

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

#### **❖ THE GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE**



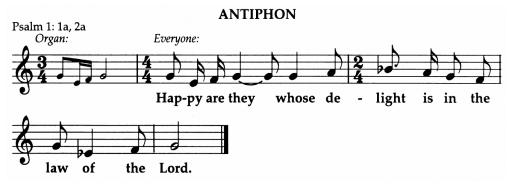
# The Service of the Word

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise be to you, O Christ!** 

THE PSALTER Psalm 1



Choir: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.

#### All: Antiphon

Choir: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,

with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

#### All: Antiphon

Choir: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

#### All: Antiphon

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

#### OUR RESPONSE



Congregation stands as able

#### WELCOME

At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.

#### **CHORAL PRAYER**

O Lord God — Paul Tschesnokoff (1877-1944)

O Lord God, hear thou my prayer, Help thou me, and give ear to my prayer.

Daily do I worship thy great name and thy power. Thou alone canst help me; O send me thy peace and love, O protect me, my God.

Let me never stray, O my Savior. Leave me not, O God of my salvation.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live, And praise thy great name while I have my being.

Hear my prayer, hear thou my prayer; Help thou me, and give ear to my prayer. Glory to thee, glory to thee.

#### PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Andrew Waller

Unison: 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.

#### **INTERLUDE**

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-15

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!** 

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**MORNING SERMON** 

Rev. Paul Hahn Redeemer Founding Pastor, 1994-2003

An End and a Beginning
2 Kings 2:1-15



#### **\*** CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, 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 rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

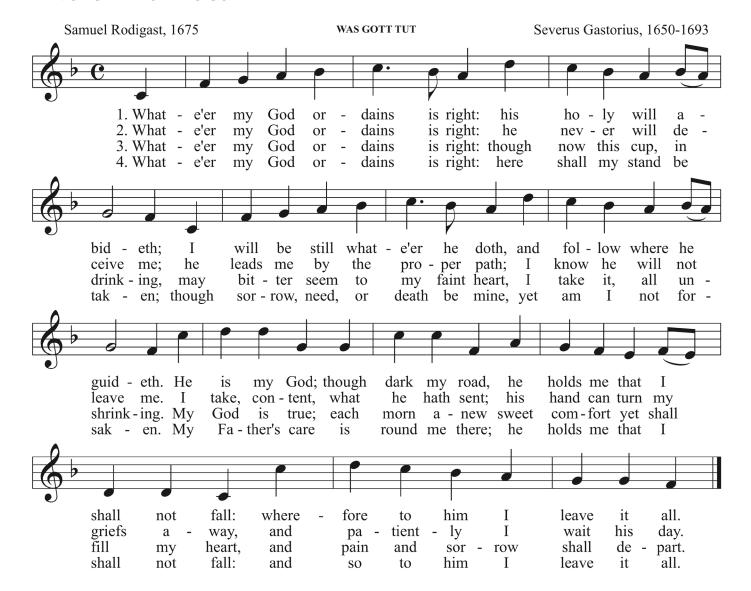
Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

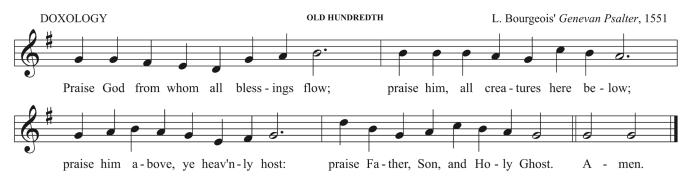
Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: the world, and they that dwell therein.

#### **HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD**



❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.



#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Minister: Our gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of all good gifts, receive these offerings

as our worship properly given to you for the glory due your name. Use them to strengthen your church,

expand your kingdom, and show mercy to our neighbors. In the name of your Son we pray.

People: Amen.

#### **❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you! **People:** And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

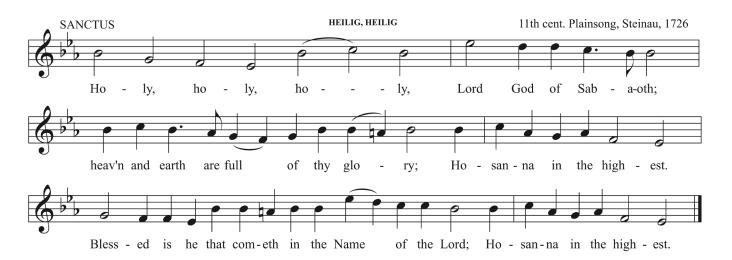
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: It is good and right to do so!

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we do praise you who sent your only begotten Son, and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, you did reveal the fullness of your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and

magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

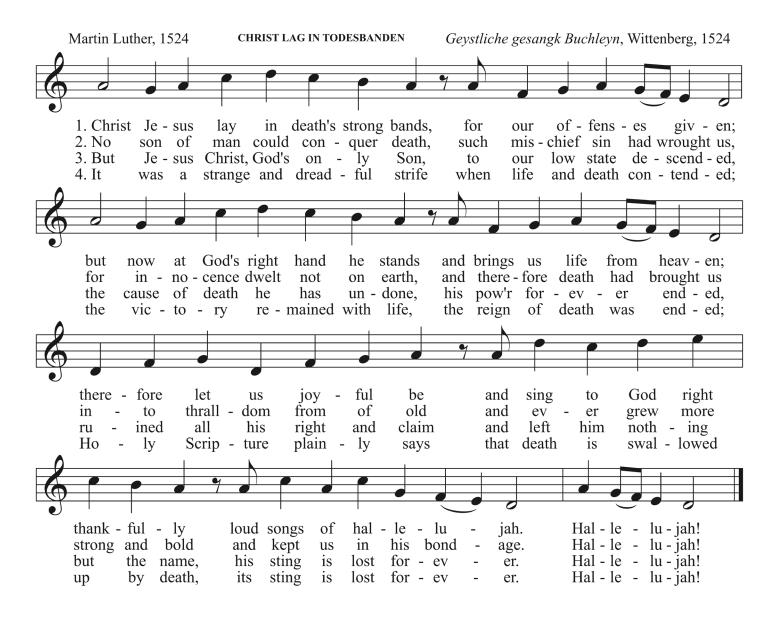


#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

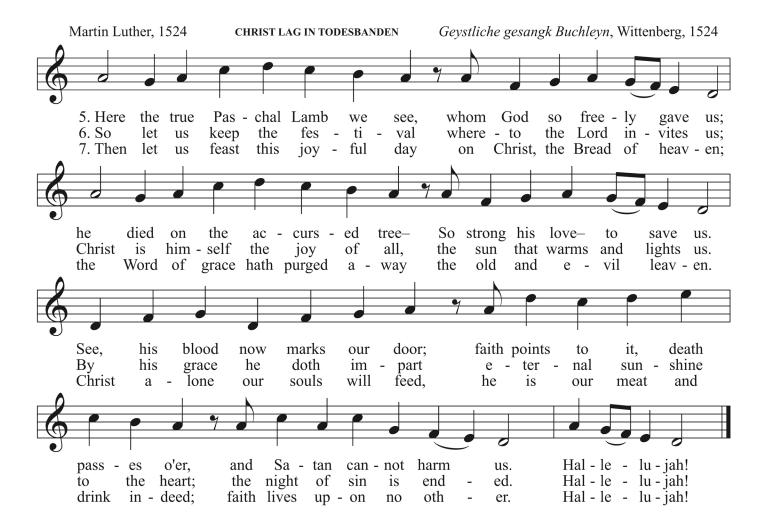
#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)



#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:25)



E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come — Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

#### **\* BENEDICTION**

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

Nunc Dimittis



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#### **LESSONS**

#### Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat of the scornful;

<sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

and on his law will he meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup>And he shall be like a tree planted by the waterside,

that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither;

and look, whatever he does, it shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>As for the ungodly, it is not so with them;

but they are like the chaff, which the wind scatters away from the face of the earth.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment,

neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

#### **Luke 6:17-26**

<sup>17</sup>Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. <sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. <sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup> "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

#### 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 
<sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

#### Sermon Text — 2 Kings 2:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." <sup>10</sup> And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." <sup>11</sup> And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup> And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup> Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

<sup>15</sup> Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.



#### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sun, Feb 16	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Paul Hahn preaching		
	10:15 a.m.	School of Discipleship, Classses for all ages in Calvin Hall		
	5:30 p.m.	Celebration of Ministry Dinner: George Dupere		
Tue, Feb 18	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy: New Testament, Contact Marcus Serven		
Thu, Feb 20	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Contact Marcus Serven		
Fri, Feb 21	7:00 p.m.	Friday Night Ladies Night, Contact Zoie Duncan		
Feb 21-23	•	Ranchopalooza High School Retreat, Contact Nate Esbenshade		
Sat, Feb 22	7:30 a.m.	North Men's Breakfast, Contact Mark Nelsen		
	8:00 a.m.	Women's Pray for One Another Breakfast, Contact Rebecca Loomis		
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY				
Sun, Feb 23	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching		
	10:15 a.m.	School of Discipleship, Classes for all ages in Calvin Hall		
	6:00 p.m.	Evening at Redeemer, Adult Study, Youth Group, Children's Choirs, with		
	_	nursery care available		
Tue, Feb 25	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy: New Testament, Contact Marcus Serven		
Thu, Feb 27	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Contact Marcus Serven		
	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood, Library, child care provided		
Sat, Mar 1	8:00 a.m.	Redeemer Men's Workout, Redeemer Parking Lot		
Tue, Mar 4	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting		
Wed, Mar 5	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service		
Sun, Mar 9	_	Daylight Saving Time Begins		

#### **Pursuing Peace**

At our most recent congregational update meeting, we shared how you all can be part of the ongoing leadership reconciliation process and support the work of the Session by joining us in prayer. Below is a congregational assignment inviting you to pray, meditate on scripture, and "pursue peace with everyone" (Hebrews 12:14). Scan the link below to view the document or grab a handout in the narthex. We are asking for all of our members to engage in this work together, that no one among us would "fail to obtain the grace of God" (v. 15).



#### **Redeemer Arts Camp Dates Set**

Please mark your calendar and watch for a registration email to come later this month for Arts Camp 2025! Our annual summer camp, scheduled for June 9-12, will focus on exploring God's creation with the arts with a new twist this year — adding some science-oriented activities. As usual, we will offer early registration to Redeemer families, then later to the wider community.

Children age four through fourth grade (completed) are invited to attend, June 9-12 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### Ranchopalooza - High School Retreat

High school students from the RPC Youth Group will be attending the annual retreat on February 21. Contact Nate Esbenshade for details on getting your student signed up. nesbenshade@redeemerpres.org

#### **Lenten Service**

Lenten Service this year will take place on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. Be on the lookout for more details coming soon via email and bulletin announcements!

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