

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 Invocation, 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: Purple – symbolizes preparation and penitence

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THE DIVINE SERVICE

February 25, 2024

The Second Sunday in Lent

In Preparation

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

PRELUDE Michael Phillips

Prelude in C Minor, BWV 546 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you see that of ourselves we have no strength. By your mighty power, defend us from all adversaries that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

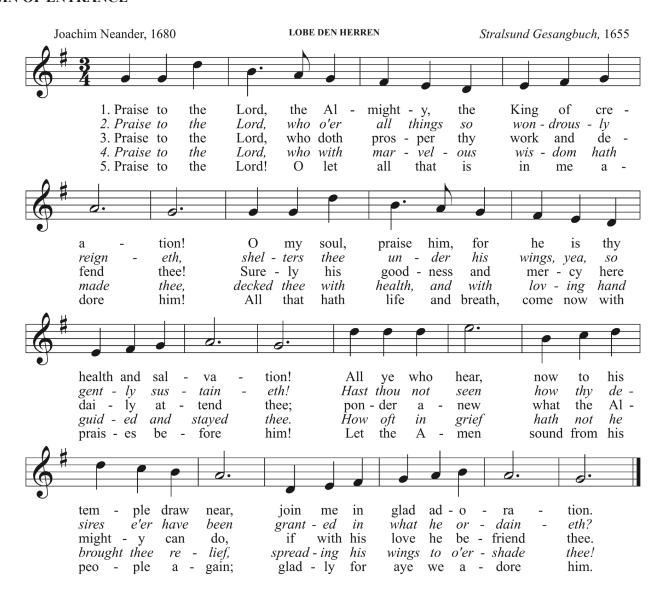
CHORAL INTROIT

O Christ, You Walked the Road – William Daman (1540-1591)

O Christ, you walked the road our wandering feet must go. You faced with us temptation's power and fought our ancient foe.

(Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.)

HYMN OF ENTRANCE



Minister: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

People: The founder and perfecter of our faith,

Minister: Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

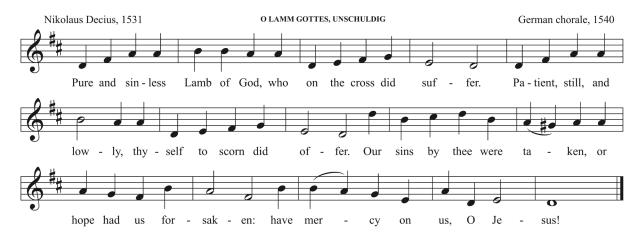
People: And is seated on the right hand of the throne of God. Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. Amen.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN



Minister: Hear what the LORD our God says, "The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD

your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

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

People: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We

have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober

life, to the glory of thy holy 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.

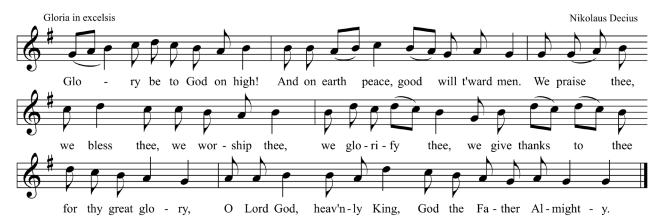
Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

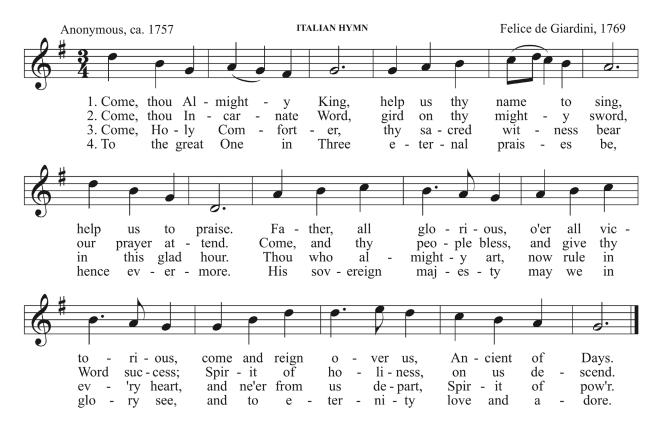
Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

THE GLORIA



***** HYMN OF GRATITUDE



The Service of the Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER Psalm 22:22-30

Antiphon:



Those who seek the Lord shall praise him.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

All: Antiphon

Choir: Praise the Lord, you that fear him;

Stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;

All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

Neither does he hide his face from them; But when they cry to him he hears them.

All: Antiphon

Choir: The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

"May your heart live forever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall now before him.

All: Antiphon

Choir: For kingship belongs to the Lord;

He rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;

All who go down to the dust fall before him.

All: Antiphon

Choir: My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;

They shall be known as the Lord's forever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

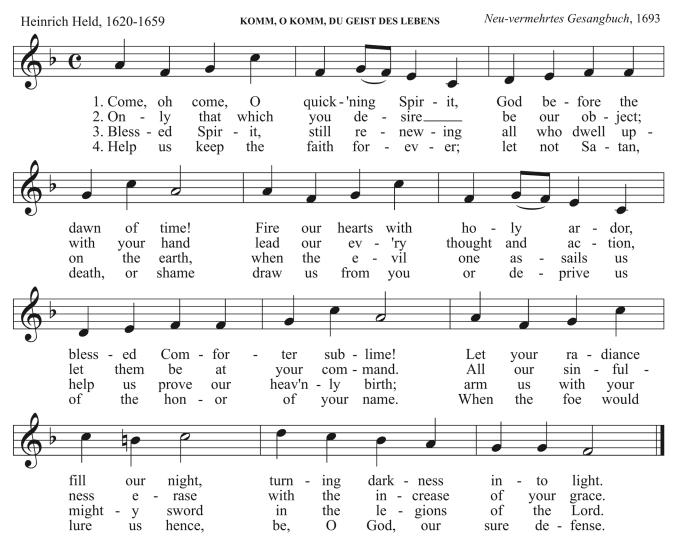
the saving deeds that he has done.

All: Antiphon

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***** OUR RESPONSE



WELCOME

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

CHORAL PRAYER Psalm 51:11, 12, 17, 8

Cast Me Not Away from Thy Presence – Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Cast me not away from thy presence, And take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;, And uphold me with thy free spirit.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

A broken and a contrite heart, Thou wilt not despise, O God. Make me to hear joy and gladness,

That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Joel Pafford

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 SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON Rev. Eric Landry

The Kingdom of God Mark 4:26-34

The Service of the Table

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Unison: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

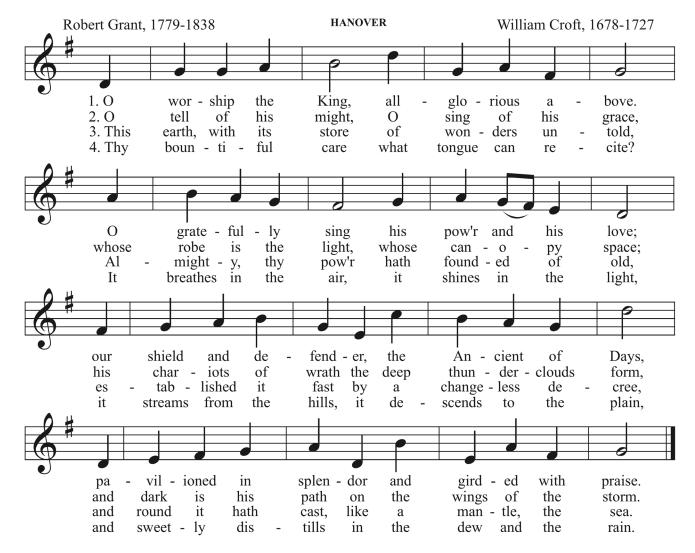
Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

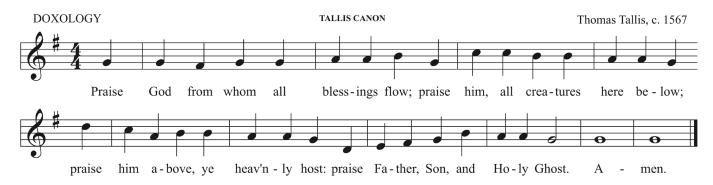
People: the world, and they that dwell therein.

HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD



- 5. Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!
- 6. O measureless Might, ineffable Love, While angels delight to hymn thee above, Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

❖ 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: We love you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. We present you with these gifts, which came first from

your hand, as part of our sacrifice of praise. Use them, O God, for your glory and our good. In the name

of Jesus, 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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:



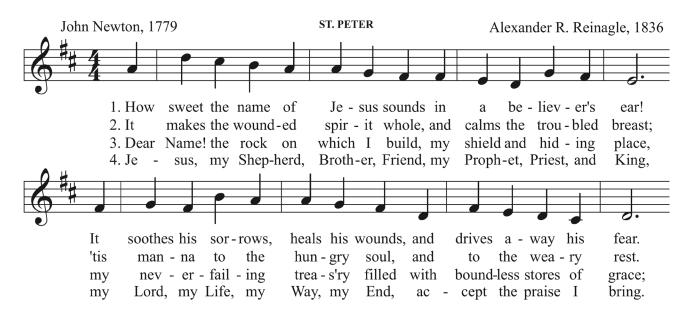
^{*} One of the many biblical names for God; in this case the Lord God of hosts or angelic armies. Pronounced "Sah-bah-oat"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

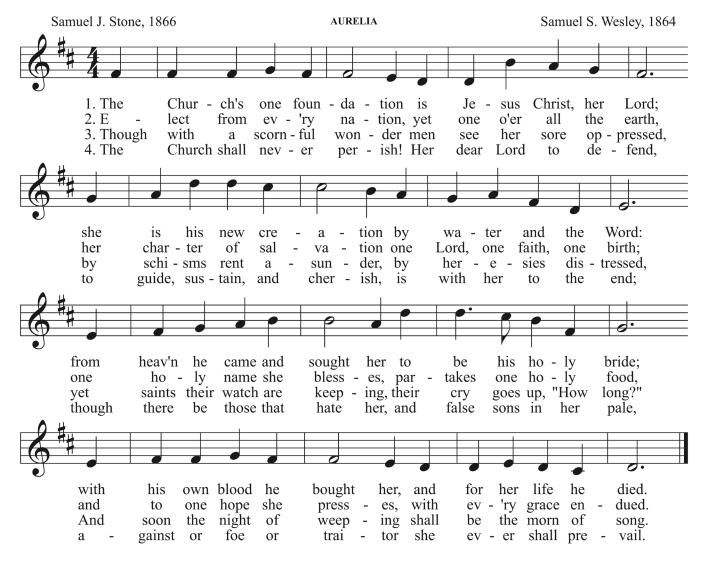
The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)



- 5. Weak is the effort of my heart, And cold my warmest thought; But when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 6. Till then I would thy love proclaim With every fleeting breath;
 And may the music of thy name Refresh my soul in death.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

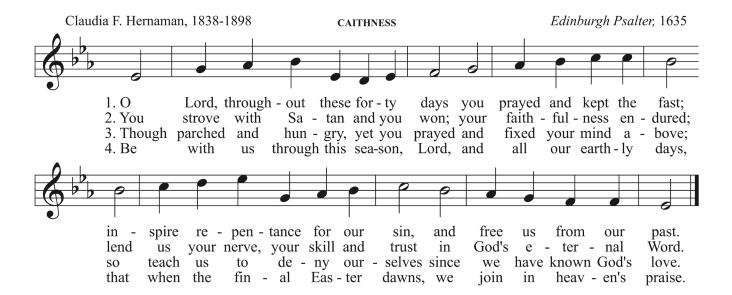
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:25)



- 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, She waits the consummation of peace forevermore; Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.
- 6. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won; O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

***** BENEDICTION

*** DEPARTING HYMN**



LESSONS

Psalm 22:23-31

O praise the Lord, you that fear him;

magnify him, all you seed of Jacob, and fear him, all you seed of Israel.

For he has not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor;

he has not hidden his face from him, but when he called unto him, he heard him.

My praise is of you in the great congregation;

my vows will I perform in the sight of those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek after the Lord shall praise him; may your hearts live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember, and be turned unto the Lord,

and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's,

and he is the Governor among the peoples.

All those who sleep in the earth, how shall they worship him?

All those who go down into the dust, how shall they kneel before him?

But my life shall be preserved in his sight, and my children shall worship him;

they shall tell of the Lord to the generations to come;

And to a people yet unborn shall they declare his righteousness,

that he has brought it to pass.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Sermon Lesson—Mark 4:26-34

²⁶Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Redeemer Calendar

SECOND SUNDAY IN LEN	
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Sun, Feb 25	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, nursery care
Mon, Feb 26	-	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Hebrews, contact Tami White
Thu, Feb 29		Redeemer Theological Academy, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
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		THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Sun, Mar 3	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
	_	Congregational Meeting, after each service, election of new officers (details below)
	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, nursery care
Mon, Mar 4	-	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Hebrews, contact Tami White
Tue, Mar 5	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting, Library
Thu, Mar 7	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood, Library, child care provided, contact Alaina Torrey
Fri, Mar 8	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Night, home of Zoie Duncan
Fri, Mar 8	7:30 p.m.	AoA Presents: Holbrook Organ Series, Thomas Kientz, organist
Sat, Mar 9	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Jim's Restaurant at the Y
	1:00 p.m.	Redeemer Game Day, Calvin Hall classrooms, contact Kyle Bruner
Sun, Mar 10	· —	Daylight Saving Time begins, set clocks ahead one hour
Mar 10 & 17		No School of Discipleship or Evening at Redeemer, spring break
Mar 24-31	_	Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Resurrection Sunday
Apr 5-6	_	Setting Parents Free: Conference with Dr. John Cox, registration details below
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Congregational Meeting: March 3

The session has announced that four men have gone through the process of nomination, training, and examination, and have been approved to stand for election as officers of Redeemer Presbyterian Church. There are two candidates for deacon: Kelly Baker and Aaron Rhinehart; and two candidates for ruling elder: Rick Mealer and Andrew Waller. Next Sunday, March 3, we will hold a brief congregational meeting after each service, when members will vote on these men to serve as officers. Pick up a booklet on the narthex counter or visit our website to learn more. https://redeemerpres.org/officer-elections-march-3/

RPC Financial Report

[Fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2023]

	Receipts	Expenses		Surplus / Deficit
Annual Budget	\$ 1,844,184	\$ 1,821,786	\$ 22,398	22,398
YTD Budget	\$ 705,584	\$ 609,497	\$	96,087
YTD Actual	\$ 889,921	\$ 637,606	\$	252,315
Favorable (unfavorable)	184,337	(28,109)		156,228

Parenting Conference in April Registration Now Open!

Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6 Parenting Conference: Setting Parents Free

Speaker: Dr. John Cox \$15 per family

Childcare provided: RSVP required when you register



Scan for details and to get your ticket.

Missions Spotlight: Austin Faith & Work

Redeemer recently hosted a well-attended conference led by the Austin Center for Faith & Work. During the month of February, we will be praying for their continuing ministry in our community. Scan for details!



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