

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: Purple – symbolizes preparation and penitence.

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THE DIVINE SERVICE

March 9, 2025

The First Sunday in Lent

In Preparation



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

PRELUDE Patricia Dolan

Christ, the Life of All the Living — J.S. Bach (BWV 643), arr. Ernst Homburg

O How Vain, O How Fleeting — J.S. Bach (BWV 26), arr. Georg Bohm

What Is the World to Me?— Sigfrid Karg-Elert, arr. Reginald Gerig

I Call on Thee, Lord — J.S. Bach (BWV 639), arr. Ferruccio Busoni

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Romans 10:8b-13

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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



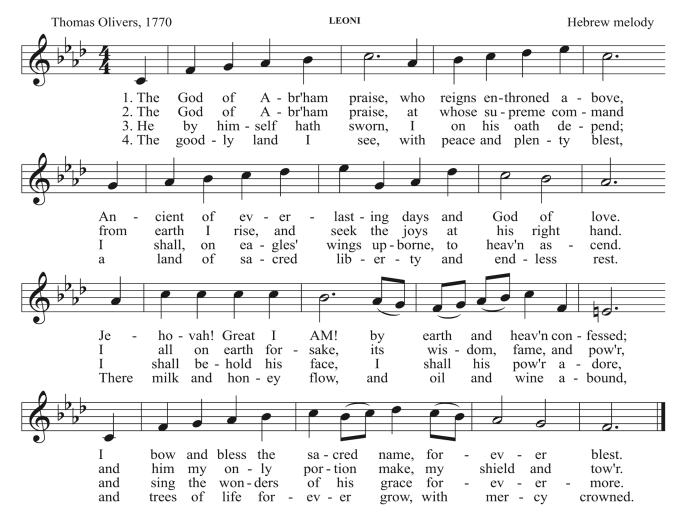
CHORAL INTROIT

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness — William Gardiner (1779-1853)

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress; 'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

(Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf)

HYMN OF ENTRANCE



- 5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness, Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace. On Zion's sacred height, his kingdom he maintains, And glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.
- 6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high; "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry. Hail Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays; All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

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.

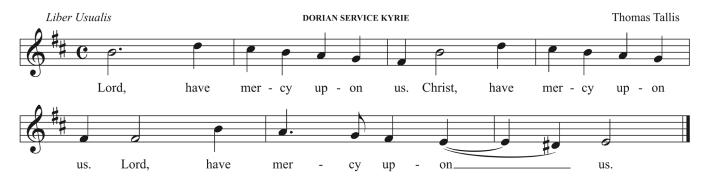
People: Amen.

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,

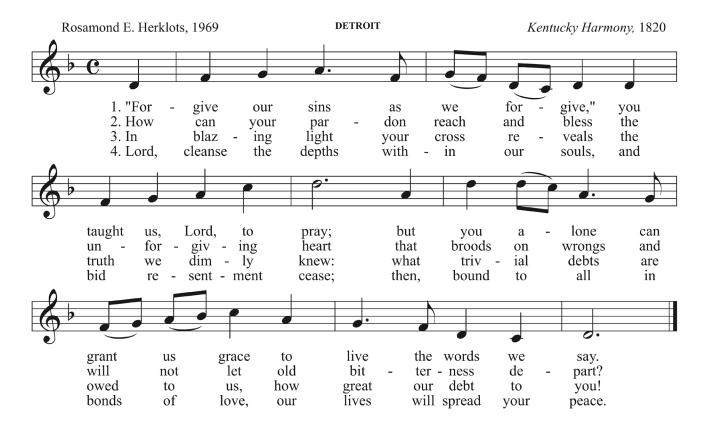
People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

***** THE GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE





The Service of the Word

❖ THE PSALTER

Psalm 91:1-13

Minister: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, **People:** who abides in the shadow of the Almighty,

will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;

my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler

and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night,

nor the arrow that flies by day,

nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,

nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand;

but it will not come near you.You will only look with your eyes

and see the recompense of the wicked.

Because you have made the LORD your refuge,

the Most High your habitation,

no evil shall befall you,

no scourge come near your tent.

For he will give his angels charge of you

to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder,

the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

CHORAL ANTHEM Children's Choir

Create in Me, O God — Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Create in me, O God, a pure heart And grant anew, grant a right spirit within me, within me. Create, O God, a pure heart, And grant anew, grant a right spirit within me, within me.

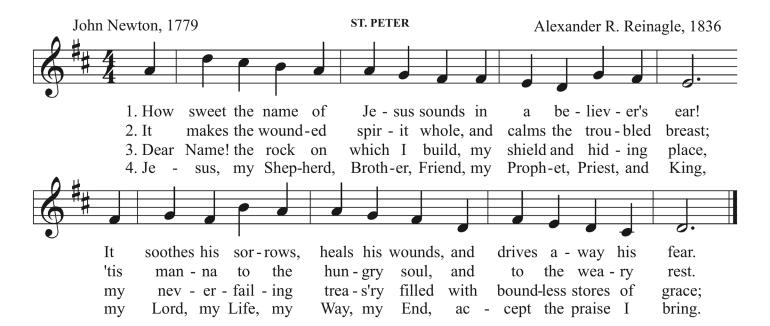
(Psalm 51)

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 10:8b-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God!

*** OUR RESPONSE**



- 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.

WELCOME

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

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Brett Mercer

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.

❖ THE GOSPEL LESSON
Mark 9:14-29

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON Rev. Jon Herr

Discerning the Devil and Destroying His Schemes
Mark 9:14-29

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 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.

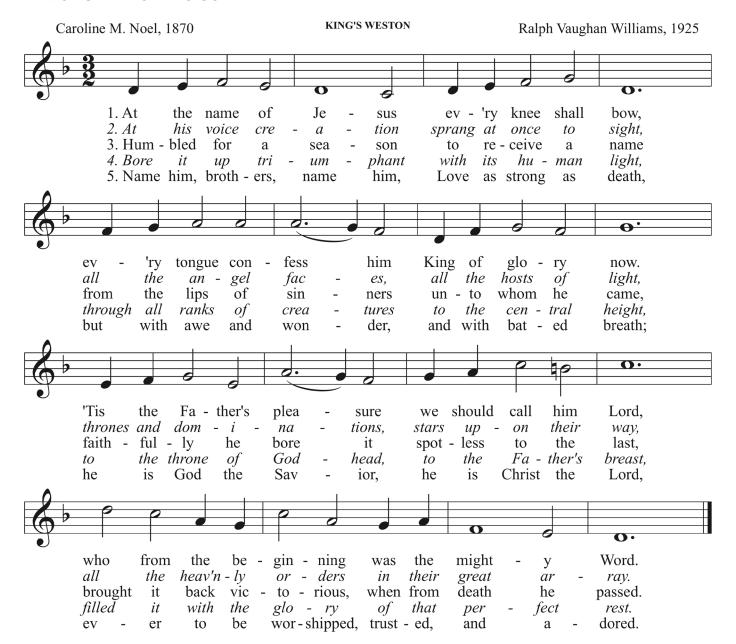
Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

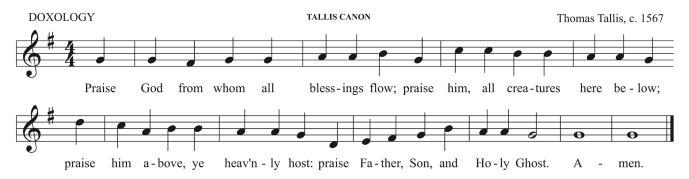
People: the world, and they that dwell therein.

HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD



- 6. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue All that is not holy, all that is not true: Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour; Let his will enfold you in its light and power.
- 7. Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again, With his Father's glory, with his angel train; For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Tune © 1925, 1959 Oxford University Press CCLI#2254188 ❖ 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 Holy and Triune God, for our sake your Son became poor that through his poverty we might be rich

in grace. Now, we honor you with the blessings you have given to us through Christ our Lord, in whose

name we pray.

People: Amen.

❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Minister: 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:

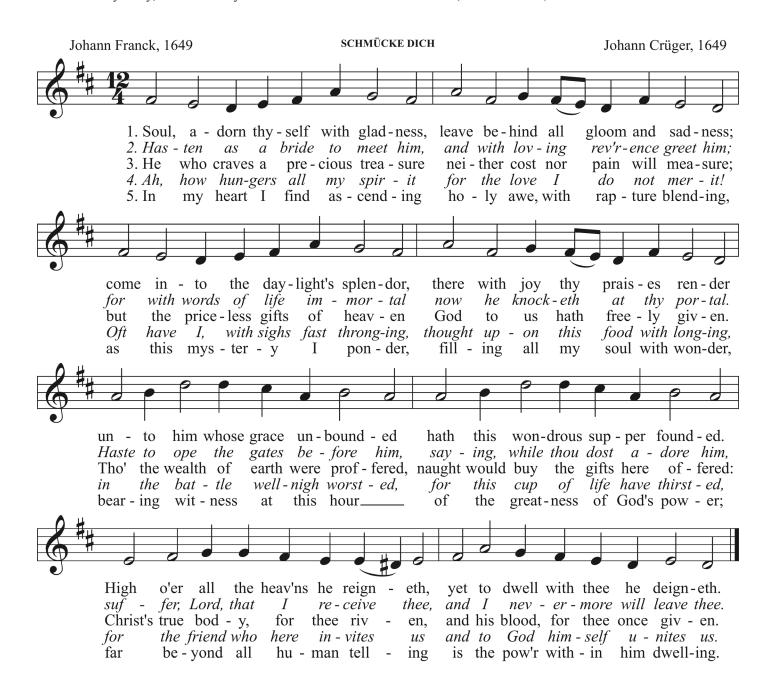


INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

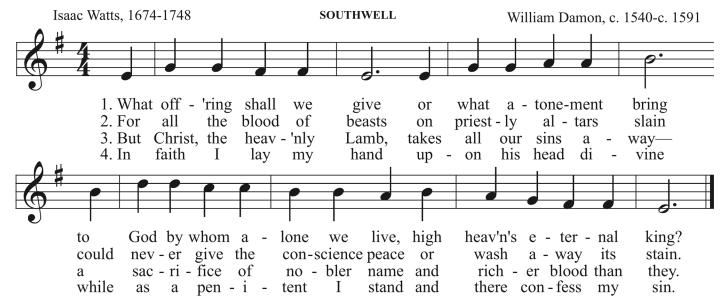
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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)



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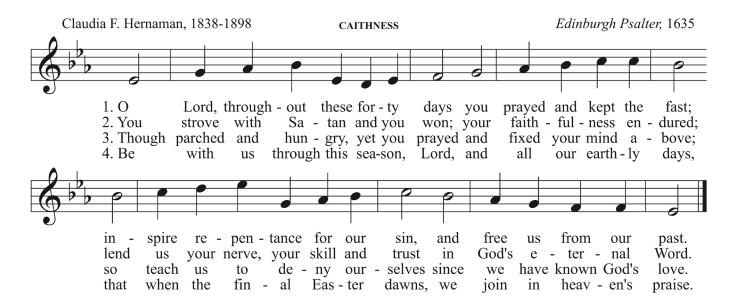
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:25)



- 5. So I look back to see
 The weight he chose to bear
 When hanging on the cross for me—
 Because my guilt was there.
- 6. Believing, we rejoice
 To know our sins forgiv'n;
 We bless the Lamb with heart and voice
 And join the praise of heav'n.

***** BENEDICTION

DEPARTING HYMN



LESSONS

Psalm 91:1-13

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

²I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

⁵You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. ⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

⁸You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

⁹Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—

¹⁰no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

¹²On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone.

13 You will tread on the lion and the adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹"When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵"And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Romans 10:8b-13

⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Sermon Text — Mark 9:14-29

¹⁴And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. 16 And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." 20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

		THE TOTAL IN ELECT
Sun, Mar 9	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Jon Herr 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, Mar 11	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy: New Testament, Contact Marcus Serven
Thu, Mar 13	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Contact Marcus Serven
	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood, Library, child care provided
		SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
Sun, Mar 16	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
		Spring Break - School of Discipleship
		Spring Break - No Evening at Redeemer
Tue, Mar 18	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy: New Testament, Contact Marcus Serven
Thu, Mar 20	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Contact Marcus Serven
Sat, Mar 22	9:00 a.m.	Woman's Ministry Brunch, Contact Amy Phillips
Sun, Mar 23		Spring Break - School of Discipleship
		Spring Break - No Evening at Redeemer
Tue, Apr 1	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Fri, Apr 4	7:30 p.m.	AoA Presents: Choir of St. John's Cambridge, artsonalexander.org

Contact Update

Have you moved recently? Changed phone numbers or email address? Had a college or military student relocate? Be sure to get us your updated contact information for our membership database! This helps us keep you informed of Redeemer ongoings as well as important information like tax documents. You can contact Cathy with updates at ccollier@redeemerpres.org

Women's Ministry Brunch

Redeemer Women's Ministry will be hosting a brunch for the women of Redeemer at 9 a.m. on March 22, 2025. Come and enjoy food and fellowship and hear about current and upcoming ministry opportunities designed to help our sisters grow in Christ and in relationship with one another. Contact Amy Phillips for further details!

Spring 40 Days for Life

The Spring 2025 "40 Days for Life" prayer began last week and will continue through March and April. For more information visit centraltexascoalition.com, or contact Bret Mercer.

Arts Camp Registration

Arts Camp registration is now open for Redeemer families! It's time to get Arts Camp on your calendar and register your children or grandchildren! Our early registration is available for Redeemer families until March 25 - please do not share the link outside of Redeemer until then. Register by scanning the link below!

Redeemer Arts Camp will take place Monday, June 9, through Thursday, June 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Four years old — 4th grade (completed).



Flower Vases

If you took home a flower arrangement from the last Church event, our events team is kindly requesting you return the vases to the kitchen at your earliest convenience.

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