

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 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: Green – symbolizes our growth in Christ.

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THE DIVINE SERVICE

October 1, 2023

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

PRELUDE

Voluntaries I and II – Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

Michael Phillips

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you exalted your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance

CHORAL INTROIT

Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty – DONA NOBIS PACEM Holy, holy, Lord God almighty: your glory fills the earth, Lord God of hosts.

✤ HYMN OF ENTRANCE

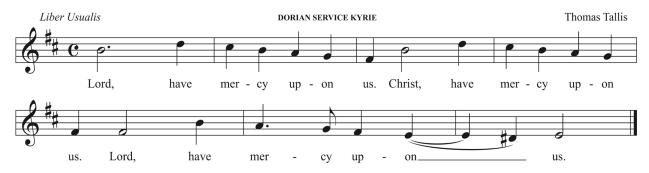


Minister:	Bless the LORD, O my soul,
People:	And all that is within me bless his holy name!
Minister:	Bless the LORD, O my soul,
People:	And forget not all his benefits.
Minister:	In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People:	Amen.
Minister:	Let us pray.

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: 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.

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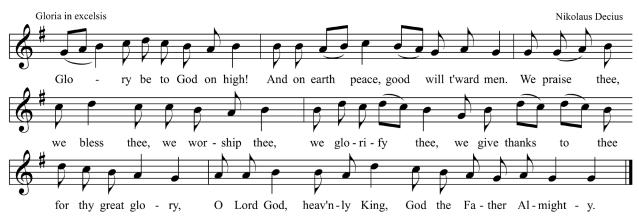
Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

Congregation stands as able



The Service of the Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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

CHORAL PSALTER

We Wait for Thy Lovingkindness – William McKie (1901-1984) Michael Phillips, cantor

We wait for thy lovingkindness, O God: In the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.

O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end. Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluia.

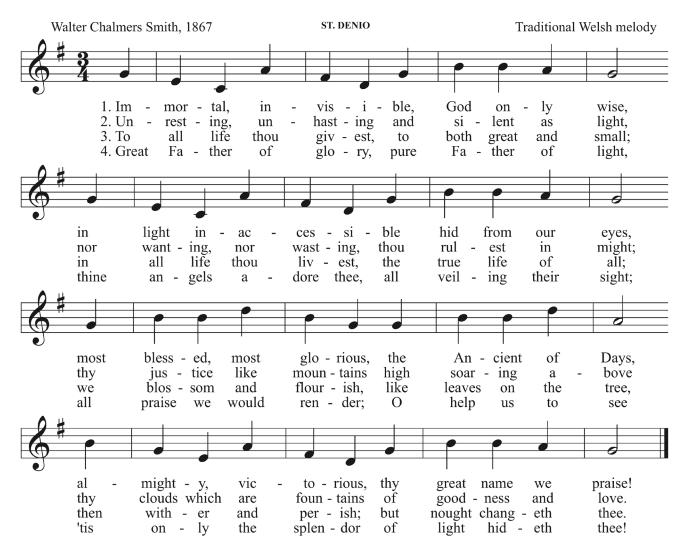
We wait for thy lovingkindness, O God: In the midst of thy temple. O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen. Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 48:9-10

THE EPISTLE LESSON

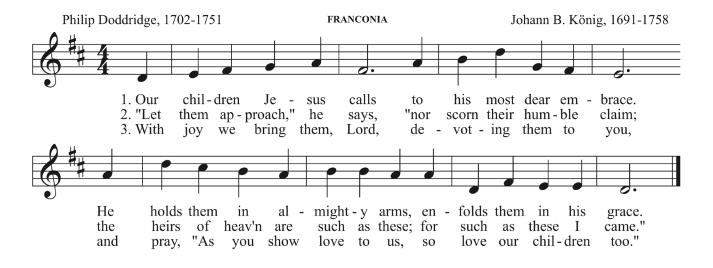
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

✤ OUR RESPONSE



HOLY BAPTISM

***** Baptism Response



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WELCOME

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

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

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

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

✤ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON

The Fruitfulness of a Faith-Filled Life Matthew 25:14-30 Ruling Elder Joel Pafford

Rev. Eric Landry

Matthew 25:14-30

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."

Congregation stands as able

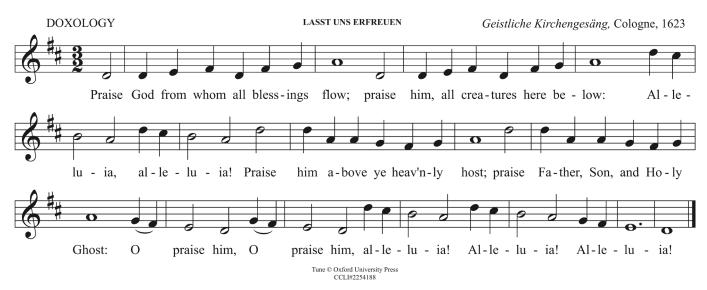
TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minister:The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;People:the world, and they that dwell therein.

HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

Joachim Neander, 1680	MICHAEL	Herbert Howells, 1930
2. Pride of man and ea 3. God's great good-ness a 4. Day by day our m		crown be - tray his trust: wis-dom, pass - ing thought: gifts on us be - stow.
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God un - known, he But God's pow'r, hou Ev - er - more from love doth stand at Christ doth call one	r by hour, is my tem n his store new-born worlds his hand; joy doth wait	rise and a - dore. on his com - mand.
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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

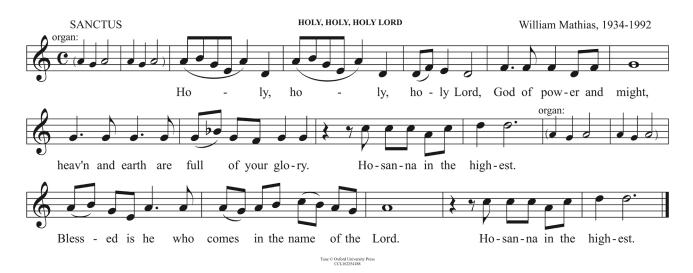
Minister: Gracious God and Father, with grateful hearts we present to you these tithes and offerings, together with all that we are. Multiply these gifts and increase their usefulness. Set your blessing upon us all, supplying our every need according to your riches and glory in Christ Jesus, in whose mighty name we pray.

People: Amen.

✤ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister:	The Lord h	be with you!
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- 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

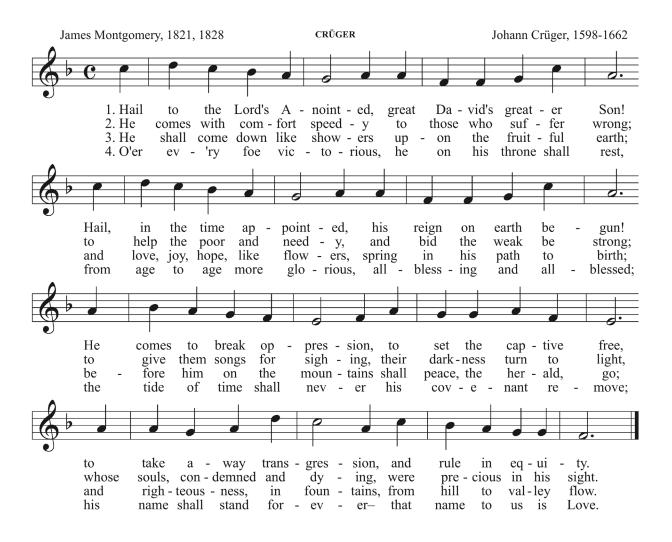


INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

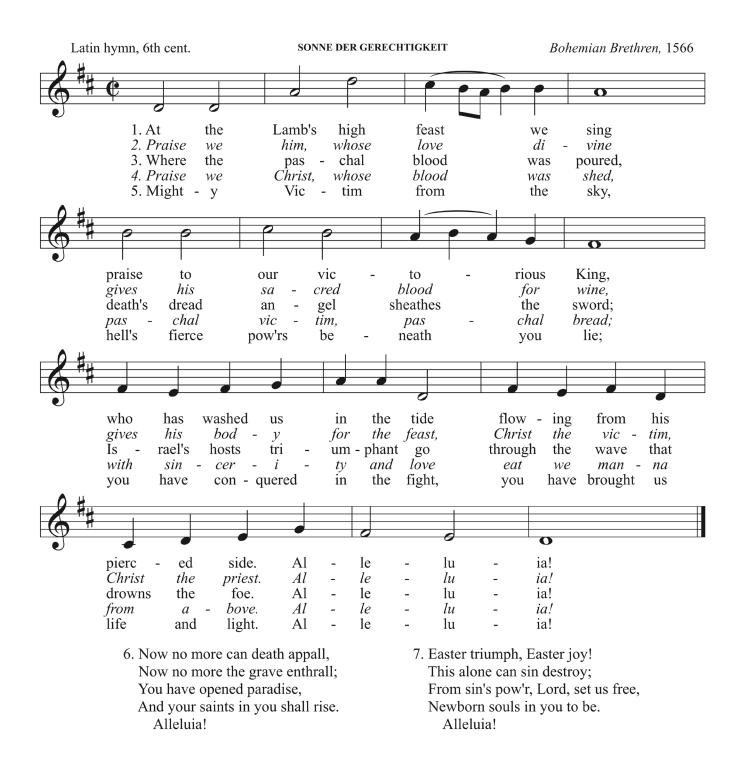
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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." (2 Cor. 11:23-24)



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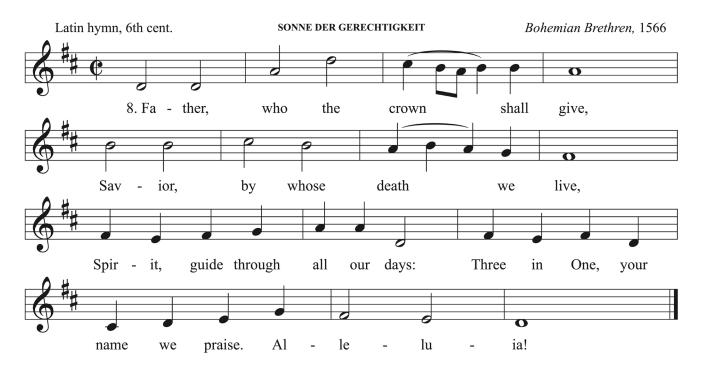
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (2 Cor.11:25)



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*** BENEDICTION**

*** DEPARTING HYMN**



LESSONS

Psalm 48

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. The hill of Zion is beautiful and lofty; it is the joy of the whole earth. Upon the north side lies the city of the great King; God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge. For behold, the kings of the earth have gathered and advanced together. They marveled to see such things; they were astonished and fled in terror. Trembling came upon them, and anguish, as upon a woman in travail. You caused the east wind to blow and broke apart the ships of Tarshish. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God upholds her forever. We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple. O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end; thy right hand is full of righteousness. Let Mount Zion rejoice, and the cities of Judah be glad, because of your judgments. Walk about Zion, and go round about her; count the number of her towers. Mark well her bulwarks, consider her strongholds, that you may tell those who come after. This God is our God for ever and ever; he shall be our guide, even unto death.

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Sermon Lesson—Matthew 25:14-30

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, vou delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.""

Redeemer Calendar

Sun, Oct 1	10:15 a.m.	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching Redeemer Connect, brief gathering for newcomers in Room 100 after each service School of Discipleship, classes for all ages in Calvin Hall Evening at Redeemer, Adult Study, Youth Group, Children's Choirs, nursery care
Mon, Oct 2	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Romans, contact Tami White
Tue, Oct 3		Session Meeting, Library
Thu, Oct 5		Theology Study Group, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
		Journey of Motherhood, Library, contact Alaina Torrey
Fri, Oct 6	6:30 p.m.	Ladies' Night, contact Alaina Torrey or Caroline Stanley
Sun, Oct 8	10:15 a.m.	NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching School of Discipleship, classes for all ages in Calvin Hall Evening at Redeemer, Adult Study, Youth Group, Children's Choirs, nursery care
Mon, Oct 9	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Romans, contact Tami White
Thu, Oct 12		Theology Study Group, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
Sat, Oct 14	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Jim's Restaurant at the Y, contact Steven Loomis for info
Sun, Oct 15	—	Congregational Meeting, brief congregational vote immediately after each service
Sat, Oct 21		Choir Rehearsal, Covenant Hall
		Fall Country Dance, Covenant Hall
Oct 27 & 28		South Texas Presbytery, Christ Church, New Braunfels
Sat, Oct 28	8:00 a.m.	Ladies Pray for One Another Breakfast, contact Rebecca Loomis
Nov 3 & 4		Biblical Theology Workshop for Women, visit <u>nancyguthrie.com</u> for details

Congregational Vote: Oct 15

At its September meeting, the RPC Session voted to call a congregational meeting for October 15, to take place immediately after each worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to present Jon Herr and Danny Morgan as candidates for election as Associate Pastors. The elders called these two men in 2022 to serve Redeemer as Assistant Pastors, and after a year of exemplary service among us, the elders are now recommending that you elect each of them to this new role.

For more details, including reflections from Jon and Danny, please see the website post: <u>redeemerpres.org/</u> <u>congregational-meeting/</u>

Biblical Theology Workshop for Women

Invite a friend and register now! Nov. 3 or 4.

FRIDAY LINK





Redeemer Connect

Today, all guests and new regular attenders are invited to a meet-and-greet with Susanna McBee, our Director of Small Groups, and others in Room 100 after the service. Redeemer Connect, a gathering on the first Sunday of the month, provides an opportunity for newcomers to meet some of our ministry leaders. Come on over to Calvin Hall—the room is on the lower level by the elevator.

Missions Spotlight: Christ's Kids

This month we are featuring and praying for the Christ's Kids ministry of Peru Mission. Since 2017, Peru Mission has been serving children from underprivileged backgrounds, providing tutoring, medical care, English classes, Bible clubs, and more. Please scan the code to learn more. Let's get all these children sponsored!



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