



#### 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

November 19, 2023

# The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

# In Preparation



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

PRELUDE Michael Phillips

*Choral Improvisations*, Op. 65 – Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

I. Freu dich sehr

II. Nun danket alle Gott

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love and still is our today.

#### WORDS OF PREPARATION

Zephaniah 1:7-16

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is near;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

"On that day," declares the Lord,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,

'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.'
Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

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

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# The Service of Entrance



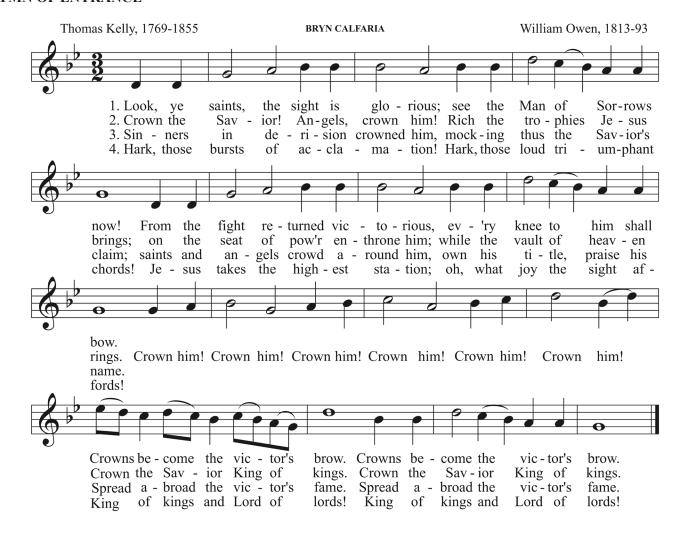
#### **CHORAL INTROIT**

I Sing As I Arise Today – James Fritschel (1929-)

I sing as I arise today,
I call upon the Father's might,
I sing, I call, I sing!

(St. Patrick's Prayer)

#### HYMN OF ENTRANCE



Minister: Praise ye the LORD!

People: Sing to the LORD a new song

Minister: And his praise in the great congregation.

People: Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

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, "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for

yourself a carved image. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet."

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,

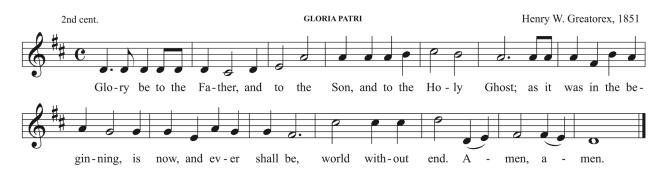
People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

#### THE GLORIA

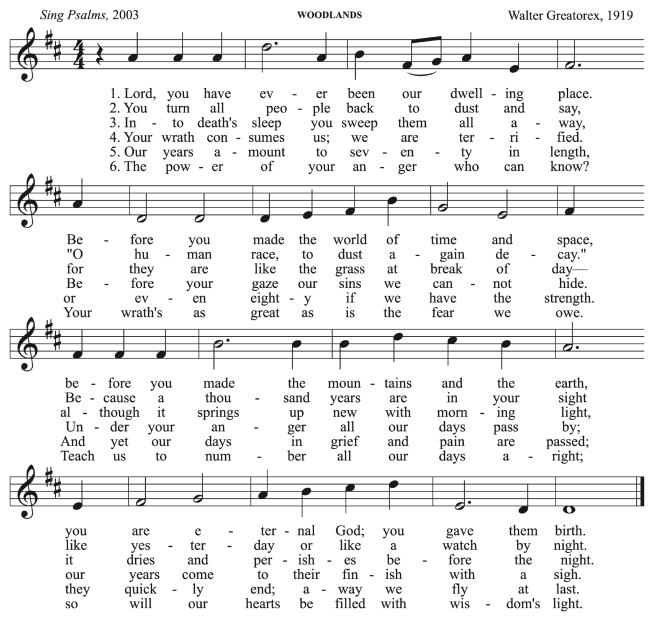
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# The Service of the Word

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❖ THE PSALTER
Psalm 90:1-12



Tune © 1962 Oxford University Press CCLI#2254188 Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

#### **CHORAL HYMN**

Beautiful River – Robert Lowry, arr. William Hawley (1950-)

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful river, Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, We will walk and worship ever all the happy golden day. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful river, Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God. Amen.

Robert Lowry (1864)

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:14-30

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

#### **OUR RESPONSE**



Congregation stands as able

#### **WELCOME**

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

#### **INTERLUDE**

#### PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Barry McBee

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 8:4-22

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

MORNING SERMON Rev. Eric Landry

Samuel's Solemn Warning
1 Samuel 8:4-22

# 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.

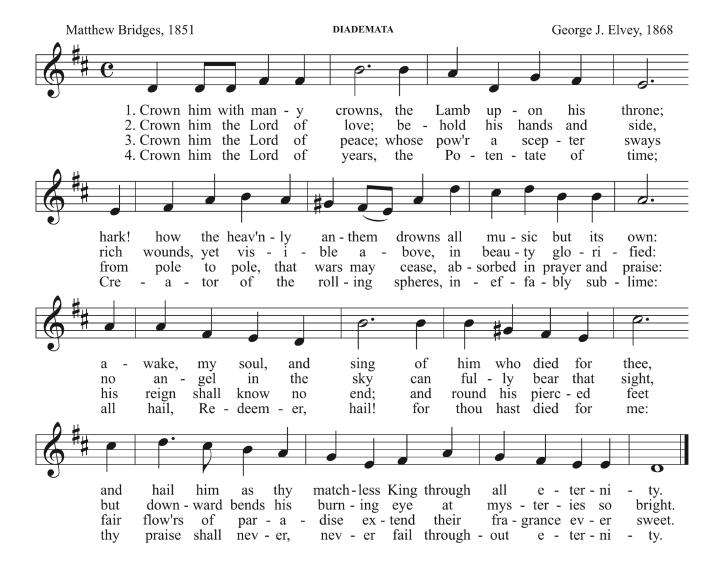
Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

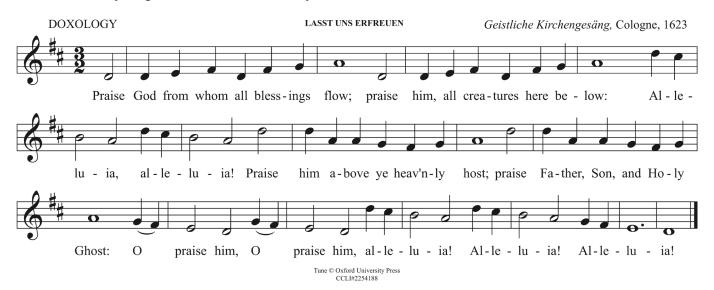
Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: the world, and they that dwell therein.

#### HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD



❖ 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: Blessed be your name, O Most High God, forever and ever. You have delivered us from the power of

darkness. You have brought us into your kingdom. All that we are and all that we have belongs to you. Prosper these gifts and bless the service we render to others through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose

name we pray.

People: Amen.

#### **❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

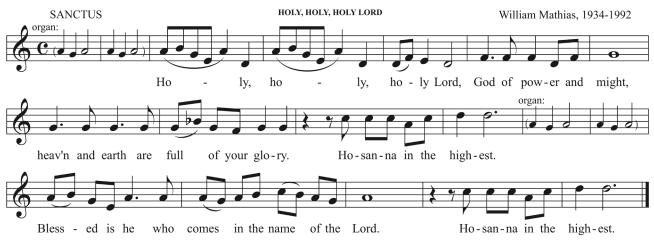
Minister: The Lord be with you! **People:** And also with you!

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 good and right that w

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, who in the multitude of your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

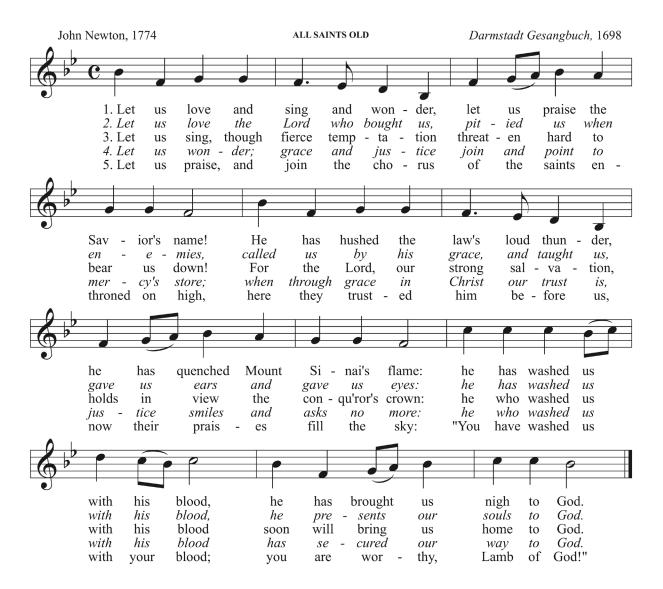


#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

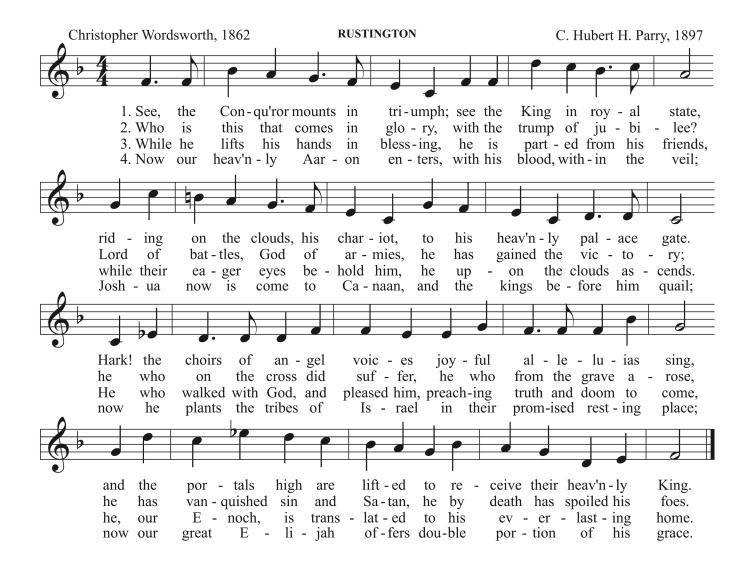
### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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)



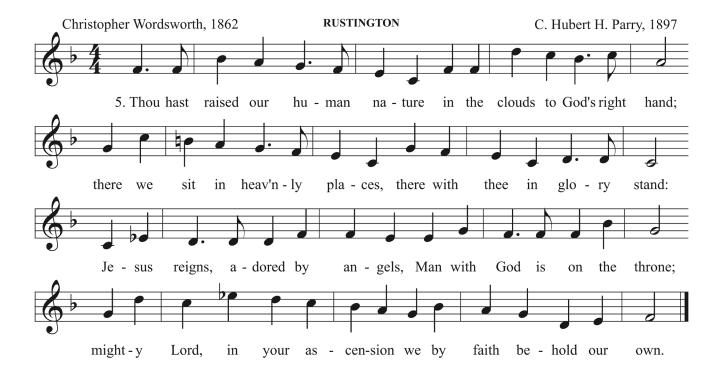
#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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." (2 Cor.11:25)



### **\*** BENEDICTION

## **\* DEPARTING HYMN**



#### LESSONS

#### Psalm 90:1-12

Lord, you have been our refuge

from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were made,

you are God from everlasting, and world without end.

You turn man back to the dust;

you say, "Return, O children of men."

For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday,

even as a day that is past.

You scatter them as a night-watch that comes quickly to an end;

they are even as a dream and fade away.

They are like the grass, which in the morning is green,

but in the evening is dried up and withered.

For we consume away in your displeasure

and are afraid at your wrathful indignation.

You have set our misdeeds before you,

and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

For when you are angry, all our days are gone;

we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is told.

The days of our life are seventy years, and though some be so strong that they come to eighty years,

yet is their span but labor and sorrow; so soon it passes away, and we are gone.

But who regards the power of your wrath,

and who considers the fierceness of your anger?

So teach us to number our days,

that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

#### 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. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And 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.' His 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.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' His 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.' He 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, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' But 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? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For 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. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

#### Sermon Lesson—1 Samuel 8:4-22

<sup>4</sup>All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah <sup>5</sup>and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." <sup>6</sup>But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the Lord. <sup>7</sup>And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup>According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. <sup>9</sup>Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

<sup>10</sup>So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king from him. <sup>11</sup>He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. <sup>12</sup>And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. <sup>13</sup>He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup>He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. <sup>15</sup>He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. <sup>16</sup>He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. <sup>17</sup>He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. <sup>18</sup>And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

<sup>19</sup>But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, "No! But there shall be a king over us, <sup>20</sup>that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." <sup>21</sup>And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. <sup>22</sup>And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey their voice and make them a king." Samuel then said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."

# Redeemer Calendar

		TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sun, Nov 19	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, Nov 20	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Romans, contact Tami White
Fri, Nov 24	7:30 p.m.	Holbrook Organ Series, Matthias Maierhofer, organist
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		SUNDAY OF THE FULFILLMENT
Sun, Nov 26	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Danny Morgan 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, Nov 27	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Romans, contact Tami White
Nov 29 & 30	7:00 p.m.	Festival Choir Rehearsals, Covenant Hall
Thu, Nov 30	9:30 a.m.	Theology Study Group, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood, Library, contact Alaina Torrey
Dec 1 & 2	7:00 p.m.	Festival of Music, works of Bach, Handel, and Vivaldi; no admission charge
Sun, Dec 3	· —	Last day of School of Discipleship classses, resumes January 14
	_	Redeemer Connect, brief reception in Room 100 for newcomers
		<b>Hymn Sing,</b> all welcome for singing Covenant Hall, bring cookies to share
Sat, Dec 9		Men's Shoot Out at Capital City Clays, save the date
,	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	Installation of Associate Pastors, in Divine Services
•		Missions Presentation: Safe Families, Room 206
		Annual Congregational Meeting, Covenant Hall (rescheduled from Nov. 12)
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## Planning Ahead: A Home for the Holiday

Danny and Jaicee Morgan plan to host a gathering on Thanksgiving Day again this year. If you do not have plans for the holiday, you are welcome to join the Morgans and other Redeemer friends for dinner, watching football, and fellowship. Please contact Jaicee to let them know you are interested (jaicee.k.morgan@gmail.com).

#### Festival of Music: Dec 1 & 2

You are invited to join us at 7 p.m. on Dec. 1 and 2 for our annual Festival of Music, presented by Redeemer and Arts on Alexander. This year, the Redeemer Choir, soloists, and Philharmonie Austin orchestra will perform two works: a Bach cantata, *Wachet auf*, based on the hymn tune *Wake*, *Awake*, *for Night Is Flying*; and Vivaldi's *Gloria*. In addition, the orchestra will play *Concerto Grosso in B-flat Major* by Handel. No tickets are required; donations in support of Arts on Alexander will be taken at the concerts.

# Holbrook Organ Series: Nov 24

Matthias Maierhofer, who served as Redeemer's organist from 2014-2016, will be the featured recitalist at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 24, in our Holbrook Organ Series. He currently serves as organist at the Freiburg Cathedral in Germany and directs the cathedral's organ concerts. His program at this recital will include works by Bach, Buxtehude, Sweelinck, Schildt, and Pergolesi. Welcome back, Matthias!

## Missions Spotlight: Matt Gallegos with StuMo

This month we are featuring and praying for the ministry of Redeemer member Matt Gallegos, who works with Student Mobilization (StuMo) at the University of Texas. Matt has recently been added to the list of RPC ministry partners, so please visit the web post or scan this code to learn more about StuMo and how you can pray for Matt in his work with students.



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