

January 24, 2021



Welcome to Redeemer!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Especially if this is your first time with us, we are glad you are here. Please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters or anyone with a nametag regarding location of the nursery, restrooms, or just a cup of coffee!

We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar, so there are notes in the margins that will help you participate and offer some explanations. Our service is designed to be both biblical and Christ centered, as each week we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel. We gather weekly not for a lecture, conference, or concert, but for an encounter with God, and so our service follows the pattern God gave his people thousands of years ago: God speaks and we respond.

- Calling Worship begins with Gods' invitation to worship. He always takes the initiative and moves towards us.
- Cleansing God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children
- Consecration God builds us up through his Word
- Communion God brings us as children to his table to affirm his relationship with us.
- Commission God sends us out in the power of his Spirit to live as his ambassadors before a watching world.

Whether you are a committed believer, skeptic, or somewhere in the middle, we are glad you are here today. Please feel free to participate actively or just listen and observe. Jesus Christ makes audacious and wonderful claims, and our church is a place where you can process those freely and safely.

We would love to know that you were here this morning. The back of this bulletin contains a tear off sheet that you can put in the offering basket during service. If there is any way we can pray for you, or you have questions about Christianity or our church, you can indicate that as well. There is more information about our church activities, events, and beliefs in the back pages of this bulletin and on our website.

A Word to Parents with Young Children

We have a staffed nursery available for children ages 0-4 (not available at this time). For those who have younger children remaining in the service, please relax and take a deep breath! We want them in the service and they are not a distraction. Keeping our children in as much as possible is one of the best gifts we can give them, as they will not only learn the importance of worship but will also pick up much more than we sometimes think. Feel free to sit up front where it is easier for your kids to see and hear what is happening. So again, relax and take a deep breath. The noises and excitement that comes with having children in our worship is not a distraction, but a gift from God to our entire church.

Redeemer at a Glance

We are a church that seeks to Glorify God by making disciples who are growing in love for God, love for each other, and love for our neighbor. Please join us for any of our weekly events, more information is in the back of the bulletin.

- Community Groups
- Men's & Women's Ministry
- Service opportunities

The Lord's Service

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:9-11

The Call to
Worship gives
God the first
word in our
service. God
always comes
to us before we
come to him.
God graciously
invites us to
enter His
presence with
Thanksgiving!

Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"
Behold, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

† = Stand if able **Bold Words** = Congregation

† Opening Hymn "Behold Our God"



† Invocation

Psalm 124:8

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

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Let us pray.

† The Greeting

1 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son,

and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

The Call to Confession invites us to honest expression before God that we are not as we were made to be. The church is not a aatherina of perfect people. we are all sinners in various stages of recovery.

Confession of Sin

1 John 3:17-18

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

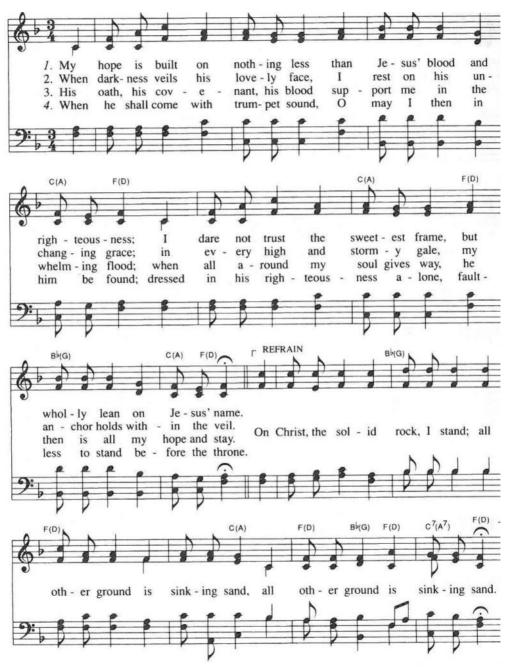
The Declaration of Forgiveness breaks through the accusations of our conscience, the lies of the evil one, and proclaims the amazing truth of the gospel to our heart!

Declaration of Forgiveness

1 John 4:9-10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

† Hymn of Assurance #521 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"



Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 15:4; 7-11;

⁴ But there will be no poor among you; for the LORD will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess—

⁷ "If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, ⁸ but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. ⁹ Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, "The seventh year, the year of release is near,' and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin. ¹⁰ You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹ For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'

1 Timothy 6:17-19

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Sermon Text Reading

Acts 4:32-37

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon "The Church is a Generous Community"

Pastor Scott Korljan

† Sermon Hymn #642 "Be Thou My Vision" (Vss. 1, 4, & 5 only)



Holy Communion

We celebrate communion each week to remember what Christ has done and to be nourished spiritually.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized, and are in good standing with any church that proclaims the Gospel. Please note that we use wine for Communion, but the inter rings (colored cups) contain non-alcoholic wine if you prefer. A gluten free wafer is available in place of bread, just ask the minister when you come forward. We come forward in two lines as each row is dismissed. We encourage children to come forward, but ask that they not take the elements unless they have met with their Elders to make a profession of their faith. There is no pressure to take communion if you are not ready. Feel free to stay in your seat or come forward but indicate that you are not partaking.

We recite a creed each week as a way to prepare for communion and also to connect our worship to generations of Christians who have gone before us.

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, (*universal) the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord be with you. Ruth 2:4

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts! Lamentations 3:41

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 118:1

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Great God of Highest Heaven, who are we that we should be invited to such a feast as this? We are not worthy to come, we have no merit of our own that would make us worthy to receive your body and blood. But thanks be to you O God, that you invite us to this table and promise to refresh us and strengthen us by your grace in Christ. Now we thank you for the gift of this holy supper, and we magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory, Holy is the Lord.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Post Communion Hymn "Be Unto Your Name"



† Benediction

† Benediction Response "Be Unto Your Name" (Refrain only)

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Highest praises honor and glory be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Susan Johnson who is recovering from back surgery; pray for healing and strength. For Darryl, pray for comfort and peace.
- For the work of our pulpit search committee, the elders, and our church during this transition season.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Great Lakes Presbytery- Pray for our churches as they adjust to the Covid regulations, for pastors and wives throughout our Presbytery, and for the health and strength of our church families.

First Presbyterian, Bad Axe - Pray for God's continued blessing of good health for our congregation, training & growth of church officers who desire to serve the Lord and his church faithfully, continued growth in the grace and knowledge of Christ, and that God would send musicians our way who will serve joyfully in leading our congregation.

Pathway Community, Brighton - Pray for several families who have loved ones in the church suffering with significant health issues.

Confex Makhalira, Evangelistic Missionary, Mission to the World - Pray for our Bible studies, that the Lord will continue to grow us both spiritually and numerically, for our endeavors to get permission to do student ministry and for me and my family for grace and strength as we do this ministry.

Financials				Over (Under)
Year to Date	Dec. 31, 2019	Dec. 31 2020	2020 Budget	Budget
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$350,414	\$326,936	\$345,444	(\$18,508)
Total Expenses	\$322,164	\$302,639		

Announcements

Sunday Services - This morning Pastor Scott Korljan will preach on Acts 4:32-37.

First Quarter Benevolence Offering - Next Sunday

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, January 31, 2021

Ladies Winter Book Study - January book; The Covenantal Life: Appreciating the Beauty of Theology and Community. February book; Becoming Elisabeth Elliott. This group will meet the last week of the respective month (Monday, <u>6:30 pm</u> & Thursday 10 am) via zoom. See Heidi Van Till for more details.

Redeemer Pen Paliday Please contact Cherie vonDrehle to sign up your child or to participate (248-514-7110 or cherylvondrehle@gmail.com).

Thank You! - Mike & Deb Laslo, Bill & Jenny Morrison, Ron Sabotka, Dave & Angie VanDyk and Joyce Weise for serving dinner to the guests at Safe Harbor!

This Week at Redeemer:

Ladies Winter Book Study - Monday, 6:30 pm & Thursday, 10 am (Zoom)
Women's Ministry Study - Tuesday,9:30 am (church) & Thursday, 6:30 pm (Zoom)
Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm via Zoom
Weber Small Group - Wednesday 6 pm
Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am
Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon
Husted Small Group - Thursday, 6:30 pm

Community Groups and meeting information:

Husted: 6:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Thursday Paladino: 6 pm, every Wednesday

VanDyk: 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 13 (then alternate Tuesdays)

<u>vonDrehle</u>: Following the 8:30 am worship service on the 1st & 3rd Sunday **<u>Weber</u>**: 6 pm, every Wednesday **<u>except</u>** the 2nd Wednesday of each month

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am	25 Ladies Winter Book Study, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	26 Women's Ministry Study, 9:30 am at church	Paladino Small Group, 6 pm Weber Small Group 6 pm	28 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering, 12 noon Ladies Winter Book Study, 10 am (Zoom) Women's Ministry Study, 6:30 pm (Zoom) Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm	29	30
Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am Benevolence Offering Congregational Meeting						



1st or 2nd time visitor? Have a Prayer need? Want to be on our weekly newsletter? Want more info about ministry or service at Redeemer?

Please fill out and place in the Offering plate. Thank You!

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How did you hear about us:
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2 nd Time Guest:
Regular Attendee:
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If you would like to be prayed for please fill out and place in the Offering Plate

Share with congregation: ____

Prayer Requests:

Private: ____

The Session Fred Ianke Bill Morrison Tom Nussdorfer Fred Weber David Schafer (Emeritus)

> The Deacons Tim Schramm II Dave VanDvk

Redeemer Staff Deb Long, Office Administrator/ Bookkeeper

	
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day School: (suspended) ip Service: 8:30 & 10:30 am

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