

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

For those who have young children, please relax and take a deep breath! We want them in the sanctuary during our worship service and they are not a distraction. Having our children with us will allow them to not only learn the importance of worship but they 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

January 23, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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!

Call to Worship

Psalm 81:1-2

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

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

† Opening Hymn "Jesus is Lord"



† Invocation

Psalm 124:8

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

People: who made heaven and earth.

† Prayer

† 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

Confession of Sin

Joshua 24:14-19a

Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the Lord, for he is a holy God.

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 gathering of perfect people, we are all sinners in various stages of recovery.

Prayer of Confession

"Everlasting God,

We come before you with humble hearts, confessing our sins. Many times we have chosen to serve the idols of our hearts, rather than you the true living God. Forgive our sins, and cleanse us through the Lord Jesus Christ, who always lives to make intercession for us. We ask all of this in His precious name, 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!

The Declaration of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:18-20

And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

† Hymn of Assurance "Mercies Anew"



Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

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 Ezekiel 20

In the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me. ² And the word of the LORD came to me: ³ "Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God, Is it to inquire of me that you come? As I live, declares the Lord God, I will not be inquired of by you. ⁴ Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge them? Let them know the abominations of their fathers, ⁵ and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: On the day when I chose Israel, I swore to the offspring of the house of Jacob, making myself known to them in the land of Egypt; I swore to them, saying, I am the Lord your God. ⁶ On that day I swore to them that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the most glorious of all lands. ⁷ And I said to them, 'Cast away the detestable things your eyes feast on, every one of you, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.' ⁸ But they rebelled against me and were not willing to listen to me. None of them cast away the detestable things their eyes feasted on, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt.

"Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them and spend my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. ⁹ But I acted for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations among whom they lived, in whose sight I made myself known to them in bringing them out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰ So I led them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness. ¹¹ I gave them my statutes and made known to them my rules, by which, if a person does them, he shall live. ¹² Moreover, I gave them my Sabbaths, as a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them. ¹³ But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness. They did not walk in my statutes but rejected my rules, by which, if a person does them, he shall live; and my Sabbaths they greatly profaned.

"Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them in the wilderness, to make a full end of them. ¹⁴ But I acted for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out. ¹⁵ Moreover, I swore to them in the wilderness that I would not bring them into the land that I had given them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the most glorious of all lands, ¹⁶ because they rejected my rules and did not walk in my statutes, and profaned my Sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols. ¹⁷ Nevertheless, my eye spared them, and I did not destroy them or make a full end of them in the wilderness.

¹⁸ "And I said to their children in the wilderness, 'Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, nor keep their rules, nor defile yourselves with their idols. ¹⁹ I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and be careful to obey my rules, ²⁰ and keep my Sabbaths holy that they may be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.' ²¹ But the children rebelled against me. They did not walk in my statutes and were not careful to obey my rules, by which, if a person does them, he shall live; they profaned my Sabbaths.

"Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them and spend my anger against them in the wilderness. ²² But I withheld my hand and acted for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out. ²³ Moreover, I swore to them in the wilderness that I would scatter them among the nations and disperse them through the countries, ²⁴ because they had not obeyed my rules, but had rejected my statutes and profaned my Sabbaths, and their eyes were set on their fathers' idols. ²⁵ Moreover, I gave them statutes that were not good and rules by which they could not have life, ²⁶ and I defiled them through their very gifts in their offering up all their firstborn, that I might devastate them. I did it that they might know that I am the LORD.

²⁷ "Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: In this also your fathers blasphemed me, by dealing treacherously with me. ²⁸ For when I had brought them into the land that I swore to give them, then wherever they saw any high hill or any leafy tree, there they offered their sacrifices and there they presented the provocation of their offering; their they sent up their pleasing aromas, and there they poured out their drink offerings.

- ²⁹ (I said to them, 'What is the high place to which you go?' So its name is called Bamah to this day.)
- ³⁰ "Therefore say to the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord God: Will you defile yourselves after the manner of your fathers and go whoring after their detestable things? ³¹ When you present your gifts and offer up your children in fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols to this day. And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, declares the Lord God, I will not be inquired of by you.
- ³² "What is in your mind shall never happen—the thought, 'Let us be like the nations, like the tribes of the countries, and worship wood and stone.'
- ³³ "As I live, declares the Lord GoD, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out I will be king over you. ³⁴ I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, 35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face, ³⁶ As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, declares the Lord God. ³⁷ I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. 38 I will purge out the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against me. I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.
- ³⁹ "As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord God: Go serve every one of you his idols, now and hereafter, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more profane fane with your gifts and your idols.
- ⁴⁰ "For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, declares the Lord GOD, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land. There I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred offerings. ⁴¹ As a pleasing aroma I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered. And I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations. ⁴² And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your fathers. 43 And there you shall remember your ways and all your deeds with which you have defiled yourselves, and you shall loathe yourselves for all the evils that you have committed. 44 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I deal with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, declares the Lord God."
- ⁴⁵ And the word of the LORD came to me: ⁴⁶ "Son of man, set your face toward the southland; preach against the south, and prophesy against the forest land in the Negeb. ⁴⁷ Say to the forest of the Negeb, Hear the word of the LORD: Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour every green tree in you and every dry tree. The blazing flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from south to north shall be scorched by it. ⁴⁸ All flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it; it shall not be quenched." ⁴⁹ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! They are saying of me, 'Is he not a maker of parables?'"

This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: "A Dark History, A Bright Future"

Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline:

- 1) The Lesson of History
- 2) A Good Ending

† Sermon Hymn "See the Destined Day Arise"



Holy Communion

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

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. We come forward 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

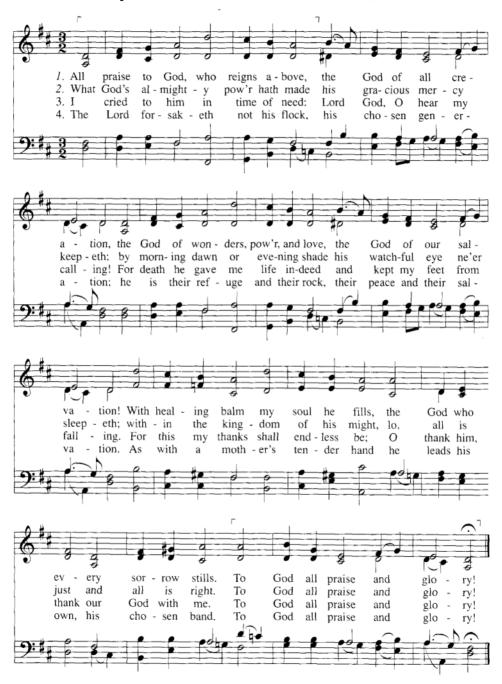
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory, Holy is the Lord.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you love us, have chosen us, and redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, who took on flesh and dwelt among us, and who gave His life willingly for our salvation. Give us joy in His coming, and greater hope in His coming again. Until that day, help us by your Holy Spirit to go into this world to love and serve you and others in His name, and for His glory. Amen.

† Post Communion Hymn #4 "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" (Verses 1-3)



† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"



Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- For the Sabotka family on the passing of Ron & Cindy's sister-in-law, Beverly.
- Bernard Hoogland, pray for healing.
- Bobbie Van Til (sister-in-law of Ethan & Dirk), still fighting cancer.
- Barb Boersma, for relief from back pain.
- Marie Goins (Randy's mother), pray for her failing health and for faith in our great God.
- Megan Harris (niece of Jo Wolfe) has terminal cancer. Please keep the Harris family (husband Andy & 3 young daughters) in your prayers.
- Brett Schut who fell and broke his elbow, pray for healing.
- Bev McSauby, pray for healing.
- Melissa Birdsey, baby is due the end of March.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Providence, Ft. Wayne - Praise for our continued growth. Pray for Pastor Tony's lung health.

Christ the King, Hastings – Praise for all of our sister churches and church plants. We are thankful to be prospering together in the Lord and able to be a part of the bigger work of the PCA.

Robert Knuth, Reformed University Fellowship – Pray that the Lord would convert our non-Christian students and further quip our Christian students to love the Church for her mission now and for the rest of their lives.

Financials				Over (Under)
Year to Date	Dec. 31, 2020	Dec. 31, 2021	2021 Budget	<u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$326,936	\$337,836	\$332,900	\$4,936
Total Expenses	\$302,639	\$251,758		

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Austin Reed will preach on Ezekiel 20.

Children and adult Sunday School will be held before the worship service at 9:00 am. The Worship Service will be at 10:15 am.

Pastor Reed will be leading the Adult Sunday School class in a study of reformed covenant theology. We will be learning the biblical and confessional grounds for the concepts of the Covenants of Redemption, Works, and Grace. The Lord willing, this will provide us with a helpful lens through which to read all of the Scriptures. All are welcome to attend!

 $\textbf{Congregational Meeting -} \ Sunday, \ February \ 13^{th} \ immediately \ following \ the \ worship \ service.$

Nursery Open - Please read and sign the Nursery Sign In/Out Log located at the nursery door as you leave <u>and</u> pick up your children.

Benevolence Offering - Today

Hygiene Donations - For Love Thy Neighbor's hygiene pantry. Items needed are; toothpaste, dish soap, laundry soap & combination shampoo & conditioner. The donation box is located at top of portico stairs. Items can be donated through today.

Baby Shower for Melissa Birdsey - All ladies and girls are invited! February 12th, 2-4pm. More details to follow! If you would like to help, please see Heidi Van Til.

Ladies Theology Workshop with Nancy Guthrie - There will be a group of ladies going to this workshop on March 4-5 in Lansing. Registration is now open, please contact Heidi Van Til for more details if you would like to attend.

Ladies Spring Bible Study - In Hebrews will begin Friday, March 11! Please prayerfully consider joining your sisters in Christ. More details to come!

This Week at Redeemer:

vonDrehle Small Group - Today after the worship service
Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm
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

January 2022

Sun	_	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 Sunday School, 9 am	ol, 9 am	24	25	26 Paladino SG, 6 pm	27 Men's Study, 7:30 am	28	29
Worship Service, 10:15 am	vice,			Weber SG, 6 pm	Prayers, 12 noon		
Benevolence Offering					Husted SG, 6:30 pm		
vonDrehle SG	75						
30 Sunday School, 9 am	ool,	31					
Worship Service 10:15 am	rvice						

Community Groups and meeting information: REDEEMER

Husted: 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6:30 pmPaladino: 6 pm, every WednesdayVanDyk: Will resume meeting in May

vonDrehle: Check with Jim or Cherie for dates &

times.

Weber: 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesday at 6 pm

Music Copy License Number: 2539700

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!

Date:
Name:
Email:
Best Contact (Call/Text):
Address:
City:
State/Zip:
How did you hear about us:
1st Time Guest:
2 nd Time Guest:
Regular Attendee:
Member:



If you would like to be prayed for please fill out and place in the Offering Plate

Share with congregation: ____

Prayer Requests:

Private: ____

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> The Deacons Dave VanDvk

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