



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

January 8, 2023

The
GOSPEL *of* **JOHN**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

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 God's 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

Nursery: Ashby and Maya

The Lord's Service

January 8, 2023

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

Isaiah 54:10

For the mountains may depart
and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,"
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

† **Opening Hymn:** Hymn #92 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

† Invocation

Psalms 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

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.

Confession of Sin

Exodus 32:1-6

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

Prayer of Confession

**“Gracious and Eternal God,
We come before you as sinners, yet as those who have boasted
in our own righteousness. We are lawbreakers, yet we judge our
neighbor. Forgive us of our transgressions, for what we have
done and left undone. Forgive us for seeking to be justified by
the work of our hands, rather than the work of Jesus Christ.
Cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew our faith and
trust in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and only hope. Renew us
through your Spirit.
Amen.”**

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Peter 1:18:21

knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways
inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things
such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ,
like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown
before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in
the last times for the sake of you who through him are
believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him
glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

† Hymn of Assurance: Hymn #307 "Nothing But the Blood"

1. What can wash a - way my sin? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 2. For my cleans - ing this I see— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 4. This is all my hope and peace— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 5. Now by this I'll o - ver - come— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

what can make me whole a - gain? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 for my par - don this my plea— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 • naught of good that I have done— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 this is all my righ - teous - ness— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 now by this I'll reach my home— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

REFRAIN
 O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

no oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Leviticus 23:33-44*

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the Feast of Booths to the LORD. On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. For seven days you shall present food offerings to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall hold a holy convocation and present a food offering to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly; you shall not do any ordinary work.

"These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim as times of holy convocation, for presenting to the LORD food offerings, burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its proper day, besides the LORD's Sabbaths and besides your gifts and besides all your vow offerings and besides all your freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD.

"On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. You shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God."

Thus Moses declared to the people of Israel the appointed feasts of the Lord.

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

Offertory

† 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 : *John 7:1-36*

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. ² Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. ³ So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. ⁴ For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." ⁵ For not even his brothers believed in him. ⁶ Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. ⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. ⁸ You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come." ⁹ After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

¹⁰ But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. ¹¹ The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?" ¹² And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is leading the people astray." ¹³ Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

¹⁴ About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. ¹⁵ The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" ¹⁶ So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. ¹⁸ The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. ¹⁹ Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" ²⁰ The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" ²¹ Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it. ²² Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. ²³ If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? ²⁴ Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

²⁵ Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? ²⁶ And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? ²⁷ But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." ²⁸ So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. ²⁹ I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me." ³⁰ So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. ³¹ Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?"

³²The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. ³³Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. ³⁴You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come." ³⁵The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? ³⁶What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: "Going Up to the Feast"

Reverend Austin Reed

Sermon Outline

- 1.) A Secret Appearance?
- 2.) A Divided Church

Sermon Hymn Hymn #347 "The Church's One Foundation" (vv. 1-3, 5)

Holy Communion

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 inner 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.

Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer #1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I, with body and soul, both in life and death,
am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,
who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered
me from all the power of the devil, and so preserves me that without the
will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that
everything must fit his purpose for my salvation, therefore by his Holy Spirit
he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready,
always, to live for him.**

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 “Be Unto Your Name”

1. We are a mo - ment, _ You are for - ev - er, _ Lord of the a -
 2. We are the bro - ken, _ You are the heal - er, _ Je - sus, Re-deem-

- ges, _ God be - fore _ time; _ We are a va - por, _
 - er, _ might - y to _ save; _ You are the love _ song _

You are e - ter - nal, _ Love ev - er - last - ing, _ reign - ing on high. _
 we'll sing for - ev - er, _ bow - ing be - fore _ You, _ bless - ing Your name. _

CHORUS

— Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God Al - might - y, _ wor - thy

is the Lamb Who was slain; High - est prais - es hon - or and glo -

- ry _ be un - to Your name, _ be un - to Your

name. _

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 “Gloria Patri”

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- **Drew** (8 yr old grandson of Randy and Gail Lawton) Thank you for your continued prayers for Drew. As of yesterday, his "Interim Maintenance" phase officially came to a close. Today (Wednesday), he starts another block of treatment that is significantly more intense and is intended to hit any remaining leukemia cells pretty hard. It is intimidating to think an increase in the intensity of his treatment when the last two months have been so difficult. The chemo drugs he will receive in this block, which lasts 2 months, will hit his immune system hard.

Please pray with us:

- * That the Lord will protect Drew from illness and infection throughout this block of treatment, which can be very dangerous for Drew with a severely suppressed immune system.
- * For protection for Drew from side effects of the chemo drugs, which is known to be more toxic (especially to the heart) and can be very nauseating.
- * That Drew would have courage to take all of his numerous oral medications each day.
- * That the Lord would strengthen Drew physically. He has lost weight and is still not fully recovered from his first round of steroids in August, which begin again today.
- * That the Lord would eradicate all of the leukemia from his body.

Please also pray that the Lord would give his family strength, courage, and faith for each day as they struggle through this very difficult time.

- **Julie Reed** (Pastor Reed's mother) Praise God that Julie has been approved for the treatment she needs at no cost. Please pray the treatment will be effective.
- **Anne Smith** (mother of Scott Smith) Praise God for successful breast cancer surgery. She has begun new treatments targeting the suspected cause of the cancer that will last almost another year. Please pray for continued strength and healing.
- **Bernard Hoogland**, pray for healing. Praise God for advances in medical science.
- **Bobbie Van Til** (sister in law of Dirk and Ethan) has recurrent cancer. Please pray for God to give wisdom and comfort to her and her family
- **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.
- **Russell Gunn, (Richie Gunn's father)** - Please pray for healing and wisdom for treatment of his heart issues.

Churches in the Presbytery:

Providence Presbyterian Church, Ft. Wayne IN – Praise for Providence’s continued growth; for her unity and love; Pray that the Lord would pour out His Spirit on the congregation and the Fort Wayne area for His glory, and that Jesus would be magnified in all that we do!

Christ the King Church, Hastings MI - We continue ministry at our local jail. May God give these prisoners a new start in life. We are also needing some work to upgrade our website if any of the churches have a person. We are praying for a better ministry to children and youth. We are thankful to be Presbyterians and working together with other churches for our Lord Jesus.

RUF – Robert (Katherine) Knuth- Please pray that the Lord would convert our non-Christian students, and further equip our Christian students to love the Church and her mission now and for the rest of their lives.

Announcements

AED Training—A training on the use of our defibrillator will take place immediately following the worship service on January 15. Barb Boersma will be facilitating the class and the class is open to anyone who wishes to be trained in the use of this life saving device.

Ladies Winter Book Study- All ladies are invited to read, then gather once at the end of the month for discussion and fellowship! For January: Chosen by God by R.C. Sproul. Please order your own copy and if you have an extra, give to a friend. If you can share your living room for a morning or evening gathering, please see Heidi VanTil. For our February book, stay tuned!

Youth Movie Night—will be on Saturday, January 21st. Details to follow.

Monthly Church Potlucks will resume on Sunday, January 22nd.

Quarterly Benevolence Offering—Our quarterly benevolence offering will be taken on Sunday, January 22nd.

Church closers needed—We need some volunteers who would be willing to close the building after the service on Sunday. Please see Deacon Rick Harkert for details.

Financials

	<u>Dec 31, 2021</u>	<u>Dec. 31 2022</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$337,837	\$359,582	\$279,300	\$80,282
Total Expenses	\$251,758	\$379,027		



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This Week at Redeemer:

Deacon Meeting —Tuesday, 6:00 pm
Session Meeting—Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Men's Study-Thursday, 7:30 am
Prayer Meeting- Thursday, 12:00 pm

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!

Community Groups and meeting information:

vonDrehle: 1st and 3rd Sunday after Church

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

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

How did you hear about us:

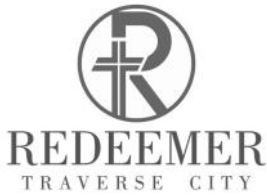
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2nd Time Guest: ____

Regular Attendee: ____

Member: ____



The Session

- Pastor Reed
- Bill Morrison
- Tom Nussdorfer
- Tony Paladino
- Fred Weber
- Rob Whims
- Fred Janke (Emeritus)
- David Schafer (Emeritus)

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

Prayer Requests:

Share with congregation: ____

Private: ____

The Deacons

- Rick Harkert
- Darryl Johnson
- Ron Sabotka
- Brett C. Schut

Redeemer Staff

- Jeff Kozisek, Treasurer
- Bill Morrison, Assistant to the Pastor

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- Becoming a Christian
- Baptism
- Membership
- Serving on a Team
- Small Groups
- Other

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