

## Visitors

We want to welcome you to the church and introduce ourselves to you! We also have some information available if you'd like to know more about Redeemer. After worship, please come to the Welcome Table so we can meet you!

**Please also take a moment to fill out the form on the inside back cover of this bulletin and drop it in the offering box.**

## To Parents

You have probably noticed we do not have Sunday morning programs during worship for children ages 4 and above. It is our conviction, because of the promises of God, that our children are as much a part of the church as everyone else, and that they should participate in worship along with their families as much as they are able.

We also understand that this may be a tall order for those families whose kids are not accustomed to being in the service the whole time. For this reason, we are working on resources to help the children learn to participate in worship in a meaningful way. We currently have Children's Sermon Notes that provide children with some pointers to follow along with the sermon.

We completely understand that, generally speaking, kids tend to be a bit noisy and squirmy. Please know that it is something we expect, and that there is no reason to feel embarrassed if your children have some trouble adjusting. We've all experienced the blessed struggle of training our children to participate in worship, so if yours are still in the process, you're certainly not alone!

We do not at all believe that we get to have worship on our own terms, but on God's terms. God welcomes your children into this service of worship, squirminess and all, and so do we.

## Redeemer's Vision

Redeemer Presbyterian Church is a missional *community* moved by the *grace* of the *Redeemer*, Jesus Christ, to *worship* and *know* God and to *love* and *serve* our *neighbors* in *Temple* and *beyond*.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

For more information about Redeemer Church, visit [www.redeemerprestemple.org](http://www.redeemerprestemple.org).

For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), visit [www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org).

**Book Table:** The books found here are designed to assist you in understanding the Christian life and to encourage your spiritual growth. To purchase a book or CD, please fill out the appropriate envelope and place it in the box with your money enclosed. Please make all checks payable to Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

As you find your seat, please move toward the center of your section, leaving the aisle seats for those coming in after you.

Thanks.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany*

January 29, 2012

10:00 a.m.

In consideration of other worshippers, please program all communication devices to silent or vibrate mode. Parents, our nursery is available for children ages 3 months to 3 years. Turn left out of the auditorium and down the hall immediately to the left. The nursery is in Wendland Hall, just past the water fountain and restrooms. Ask a greeter if you need directions. Babies and toddlers are also welcome in the worship service. Bibles are available on the table in the back for your use during the service.

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Meditation and Preparation for Worship

"We are all starved for the glory of God, not self. No one goes to the Grand Canyon to increase self-esteem. Why do we go? Because there is greater healing for the soul in beholding splendor than there is in beholding self. . . The point is this: We were made to know and treasure the glory of God above all things; and when we trade that treasure for images, everything is disordered. The sun of God's glory was made to shine at the center of the solar system of our soul. And when it does, all the planets of our life are held in their proper orbit. But when the sun is displaced, everything flies apart. The healing of the soul begins by restoring the glory of God to its flaming, all-attracting place at the center."

-John Piper, *Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ*.

# God's Supremacy

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## \*Call to Worship

Rev. David Rapp

Isaiah 44:21-24

Minister: "Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself."

## \*Hymn of Adoration

## My Redeemer

1. I will sing of my Redeemer,  
And His wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross He suffered,  
From the curse to set me free.

2. I will tell the wondrous story,  
How my lost estate to save,  
In His boundless love and mercy,  
He the ransom freely gave.

### *Chorus:*

Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer,  
With His blood He purchased me.  
On the cross, He sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt, and made me free.

3. I will praise my dear Redeemer,  
His triumphant power I'll tell,  
How the victory He giveth  
Over sin, and death, and hell.

*(Repeat Chorus)*

4. I will sing of my Redeemer,  
And His heav'nly love to me;  
He from death to life hath brought me,  
Son of God with Him to be.

*(Repeat Chorus)*

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# God's Supremacy

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\*Prayer of Invocation

Rev. David Rapp

\*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. David Rapp

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A #2*

Minister: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

**All:      The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

\*Doxology

O Bless Our God with One Accord (v. 1)

*Old Hundredth*

O bless our God with one accord,  
ye faithful servants of the Lord,  
who in His house do stand by night;  
and praise Him there with all your might.

From Psalm 134

Words: Lambertus J. Lamberts, 1928

Music: Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

# God's Renewal

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Scripture Warning

Rev. David Rapp

Romans 1:18-25

Minister: “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.”

## Corporate Confession of Sin

**All: Most Merciful Creator God,  
We confess that we have sought our own glory  
and failed to acknowledge Your glory.  
We have not delighted in Your splendor and majesty.  
Our hearts are full of evil, covetousness, envy, and murder.  
Our lips utter deceit, gossip, and boasting, rather than Your praise.  
We see the sins of others and pass judgment.  
Yet we condemn ourselves because we do the same things.  
Most Gracious Redeemer God,  
We beg You to forgive us, restore us, and heal us.  
Let us see the light of Your glory and grace  
and transform our hearts through Your Son Jesus. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

# God's Renewal

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## Hymn of Confession Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee  
The voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark,  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
O who shall stand before Thee?  
(Who shall stand before Thee?)  
O who shall stand before Thee?  
(Who shall stand before Thee?)

2. To wash away the crimson stain,  
Grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;  
In much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight,  
All must alike confess Thy might,  
And live alone by mercy  
(Live alone by mercy)  
And live alone by mercy  
(Live alone by mercy)

3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
And not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word  
Upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
My comfort and my sweet support;  
I wait for it with patience  
(Wait for it with patience)  
I wait for it with patience  
(Wait for it with patience)

4. Though great our sins and sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our upmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow  
(All their sin and sorrow)  
From all their sin and sorrow  
(All their sin and sorrow)

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## Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Rev. David Rapp

Romans 3:23-25a

Minister: *For all who have confessed their sins and have turned to Jesus for mercy, hear this word of assurance: “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”*

# God's Grace

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## \*Song of Assurance

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty Rock  
Within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat  
And the burden of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus  
Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears  
Two wonders I confess,  
The wonders of redeeming love  
And my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, thy shadow  
For my abiding place:  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain nor loss;  
My sinful self my only shame,  
My glory, all the cross.

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## \*Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Dr. Alma Golden

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

# God's Grace

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Pastoral Prayer

Rev. David Rapp

\*The Greeting of Peace

Rev. David Rapp

Minister: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called  
as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

\*Scripture Reading (p. 16)

Rev. David Rapp

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. David Rapp

The Sermon

*Glory and Unbelief*  
John 12:36-50

Rev. David Rapp

## Celebration of Holy Communion

### **Preparation for Communion**

*This is a time for all of us to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means "thanksgiving") is a time to meet with their Savior by faith to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. The Lord's Supper is a joyful celebration in which the family of God together delights in the presence and salvation of their Redeemer King. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ.*

### **A Word to Parents:**

*Children are invited to come forward, either to receive communion or a prayer of blessing. To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the Session (elders) of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If your children will not be receiving communion, please instruct them to come forward with their arms crossed to receive a prayer of blessing. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table and ask that you speak with the pastor when you believe your child is ready to begin the process.*

Preparing our Hearts to be Fed

Rev. David Rapp

*-The Heidelberg Catechism Q/A #21*

Minister: What is true faith?

**All: True faith is  
not only a knowledge and conviction  
that everything God reveals in his Word is true;  
it is also a deep-rooted assurance,  
created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel,  
that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ,  
not only others, but I too,  
have had my sins forgiven,  
have been made forever right with God,  
and have been granted salvation.**

## Words of Institution

Rev. David Rapp

## Words of Response

Rev. David Rapp

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**All: Hallelujah!**

### **The Communion**

*Starting with the front rows, please come down the center aisles and form a line across the front. After all in your group have received the elements and been dismissed, please return to your seat by way of the outside aisles. If you wish to bring an offering to the Lord, please place it in the box at the back of the room as you return to your seat. We use wine in communion and drink from a common cup. Individual cups are available in the trays on the table, with grape juice in the center ring.*

## The Offering

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.” 2 Corinthians 8:9 (ESV)

*In response to God’s grace to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we bring gifts and offerings to the Lord with thanksgiving and joy. Worshippers may place their gifts in the offering box at the back as they return to their seats.*

## Communion Prayers

### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you, as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Communion Hymn      At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing      *St. George's, Windsor*

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who has washed us in the tide  
flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him whose love divine  
gives his sacred blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2. Where the paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
paschal victim, paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.

3. Mighty victim from the sky,  
pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;  
death is conquered in the fight,  
thou hast brought us life and light:  
hymns of glory and of praise,  
risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
holy Father, praise to thee,  
with the Spirit, ever be.

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1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small:  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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## Communion Hymn

## Behold The Lamb

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
slain for us— and we remember  
the promise made that all who come in faith  
find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace  
around the table of the King.

2. The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
torn for you— eat and remember;  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love  
around the table of the King.

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you— drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace  
around the table of the King.

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
to respond— and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering,  
we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
around the table of the King.

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# God's Blessing

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## \*Hymn

## How Firm a Foundation

## *Foundation*

1. How firm a foundation,  
you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith  
in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say  
than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge  
to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with you,  
O be not dismayed;  
For I am your God,  
and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you,  
and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous,  
omnipotent hand."

3. "When through the deep waters  
I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow  
shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you,  
your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you  
your deepest distress."

4. "When through fiery trials  
your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient,  
shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you;  
I only design  
Your dross to consume,  
and your gold to refine."

5. "E'en down to old age  
all my people shall prove  
My sovereign, eternal,  
unchangeable love;  
And when hoary hairs  
shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still  
in my bosom be borne."

6. "The soul that on Jesus  
has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not  
desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell  
should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never,  
no never forsake."

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## \*Benediction

Rev. David Rapp

Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

## John 12:36-50

36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. 37 Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

39 Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

40 "He has blinded their eyes

and hardened their heart,

lest they see with their eyes,

and understand with their heart, and turn,

and I would heal them."

41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. 42 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

44 And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me.

45 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever

believes in me may not remain in darkness. 47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do

not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a

commandment—what to say and what to speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life.

What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."

**Minister:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God!

## Weekly Prayer Guide

We are praying that God would do mighty, transforming works in our hearts, in our families, in our church, in our city, and in our world. Here are some categories which we use to pray during our corporate worship services. You are encouraged to use this list at home during your private and family worship times to help you join with Redeemer as we together petition our Father, asking that His Kingdom would come in ever greater measure.

**Growth in the Gospel of Grace:** For spiritual growth as individuals and as a church

**Local Mission:** Praying for the work of the Gospel in Temple

**Global Mission:** Praying for God's work around the world

**State/Society/World:** Praying for civil authorities and Christians' witness in the world

**Special Care:** Praying for people who are sick or in other need

**Vision:** Praying for God to build his Church

### Prayer Needs

If you would like someone to pray for or with you, please consider the following:

1. We encourage everyone to be a part of a Community Group to build relationships with people who will know you and pray for you.
2. Contact the pastor, Rev. David Rapp. He would love to talk with you and pray for you. (254-760-4246 or david@redeemerprestemple.org)

## Pastor

Rev. David Rapp

david@redeemerprestemple.org  
254-760-4246

## Musicians

Vocalist: Mrs. Kate Roddy  
Piano: Mrs. Lauren Gastineau  
Violin: Miss Marie Smith  
Guitar/Vocalist: Mr. Ben Tharp

## Events and Announcements

*Want to GET CONNECTED at Redeemer?*

### Join a Community Group!

Community Groups begin TODAY!  
*\*\*Books for the study available on the Book Table*

### Bible Studies for Women and Men:

*(\*\*Study Guides available on the Book Table)*

**Men:** Wednesdays @ 6:00 a.m.  
@ Cracker Barrel (I-35 & the Loop)

### Women:

-Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. at Jill MacLaughlin's -  
4314 Woodstone Circle

-Thursdays @ 9:00 a.m. at Jennifer Rapp's -  
4307 Vista Court

February 5th and 12th

### \*\*Worship in Strasburger Hall

June 5-9th, 2012

### The Round Up - Junior High Conference

Visit [www.theroundupconference.com](http://www.theroundupconference.com)

### Check our calendar at

[www.redeemerprestemple.org/calendar](http://www.redeemerprestemple.org/calendar)  
for a list of upcoming events & more info.

Would you like to receive email updates from Redeemer?  
If so, please contact us at [info@redeemerprestemple.org](mailto:info@redeemerprestemple.org)

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Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mr./Mrs./Ms. (first) \_\_\_\_\_

(last) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Children	Age
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Add to the Redeemer email list? Yes\_\_\_ No thanks\_\_\_

Attendance (please circle one)

First Time Guest      Repeat Guest

\_\_\_ I would like to be contacted to receive more information about Redeemer