

Redeemer

P R E S B Y T E R I A N

August 23, 2026



Your Kingdom Come

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 regarding location of the nursery or restrooms!

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. There is a sheet in the pew in front 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 lovingly offer a staffed nursery for children from infant to age 4. You may bring your children down the hallway to the left, and pick them up after the sermon (before communion). For those who have young children remaining in the service, they are welcome. We believe that children in the sanctuary during our worship service are a blessing. Our hope is that as children grow they learn how important worship is and will pick up more and more. Your children are a gift from God to our entire church!

Nursery this Week: Donna and Charity

Redeemer at a Glance

We are a church that exists to proclaim Christ and Him crucified, to live as disciples of Christ, and to make disciples of Christ. Please join us for any of our weekly events, more information is in the back of the bulletin.

- Family Nights
- Men's & Women's Ministry
- Service opportunities

The Lord's Service

August 23, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 104:1-2

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD my God, you are very great!

You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.

† Opening Hymn: #44 “How Great Thour Art”

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† Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

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

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

1 John 2:9-11

Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Prayer of Confession

"O Great and Everlasting God, who dwells in unapproachable light, we confess that we have not loved you with all of our heart, or with all of our soul, or with all of our mind, or our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with your provisions for us. We have sought security in those things that perish, rather than in you, the Everlasting God. Cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able for all time to save us who approach You through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for us. Amen."

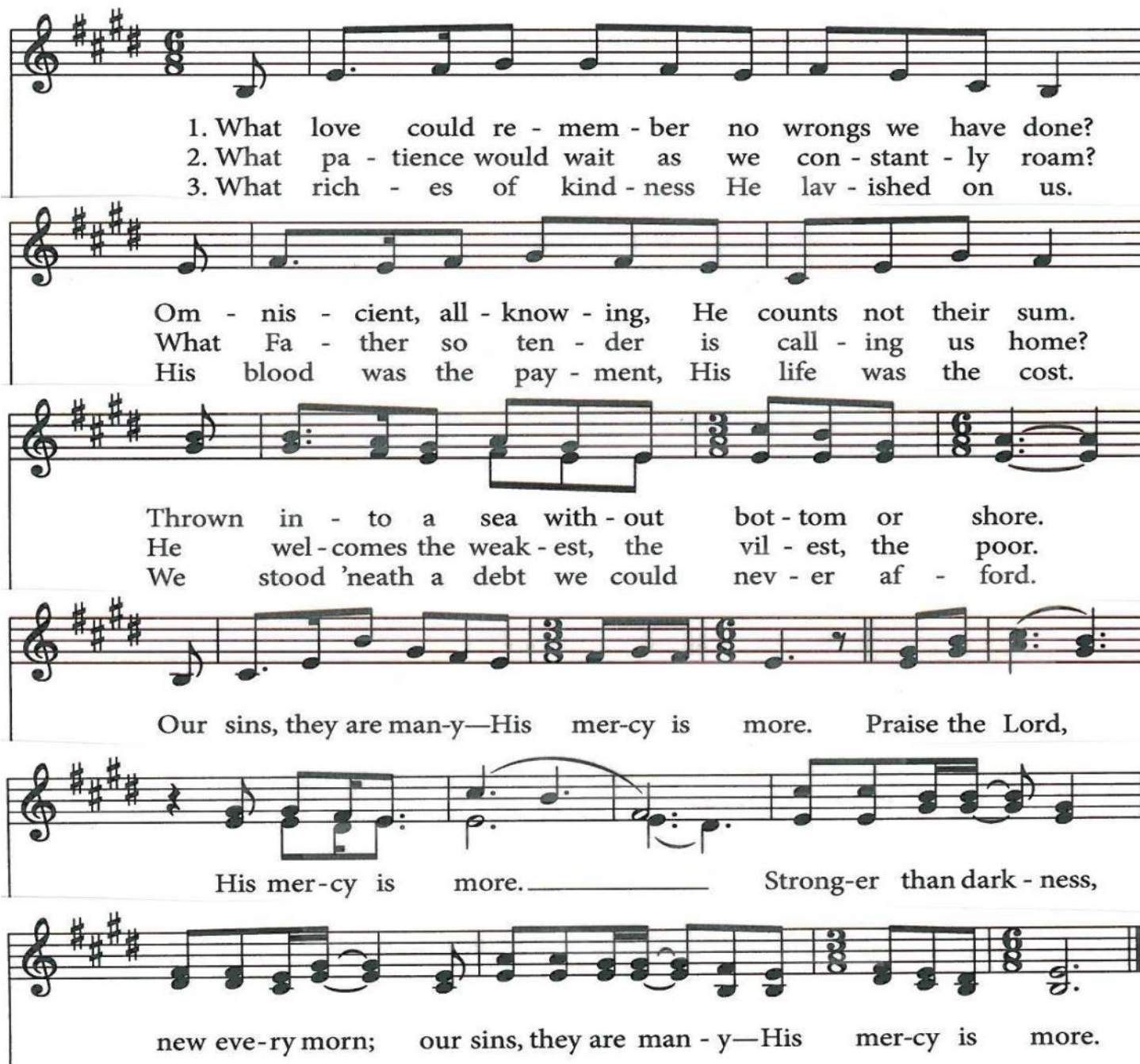
The Declaration of Forgiveness breaks through the accusations of our conscience, the lies of the evil one, and proclaims the amazing truth of the gospel to our heart!

Declaration of Forgiveness

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

† Hymn of Assurance: "His Mercy is More"



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us.

Om - nis - cient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum.
 What Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home?
 His blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost.

Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore.
 He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.

Our sins, they are man - y—His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord,
 His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,
 new eve - ry morn; our sins, they are man - y—His mer - cy is more.

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Romans 8:1-11*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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 : *Exodus 19:1-6*

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ² They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³ while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: “Imposter Identity”

Reverend Robert Knuth

- 1. Deconstructed Identity**
- 2. Reconstructed Identity**

† Sermon Hymn: #172 “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder, John Newton, 1774, Public Domain, *CCLI* #2539700

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 Q.&A 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. 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 "Almost Home"

1. Don't drop a sin - gle an - chor, we're al - most home;
 2. The prom - ised land is call - ing, we're al - most home;
 3. This jour - ney ours to - geth - er, we're al - most home;
 4. This life is just a va - por, we're al - most home;

through ev - 'ry toil and dan - ger, we're al - most home.
 and not a tear shall fall then, we're al - most home.
 un - to that great for - ev - er, we're al - most home.
 that sun is set - ting yon - der, we're al - most home.

How man - y pil - grim saints have be - fore us gone?
 Make read - y now your souls for that king - dom come.
 What song a - new we'll sing round that hap - py throne.
 Take cour - age for this dark - ness shall break to dawn;

No stop - ping now— we're al - most home.
 No turn - ing back— we're al - most home. Al - most home,
 Come, faint of heart, we're al - most home.
 oh, lift your eyes, we're al - most home.

we're al - most home. So, press on toward that

bless - ed shore, oh, praise the Lord! We're al - most home.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 “Gloria Patri”

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Prayer Requests

Prayers for the Growth of the Kingdom:

- **Unity in the Church**— “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph 4:1-3).
- **Pray that the fruit of the Spirit would be exhibited in the lives of the members of Redeemer** (Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:5).
- **Pray for the tearing down of idols and strongholds in the lives of God’s people** (2 Corinthians 10:4-5, Ezekiel 36:25-27).
- **Pray for the spread of the Gospel** locally, nationally, and internationally (Matthew 28:19-20).
- **Pray for the persecuted Church** throughout the world (Ephesians 6:19-20).
- **Pray for local, state, national, and world leaders** that they may lead with wisdom and righteousness (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- **Pray for the return of Jesus** (Revelation 22:6-21)

Prayers for Redeemer Family:

- **Meghan Jurkovich (Daughter of Tim and Monica Scott)** - Pray for Megan, Drew and baby, at U of M Hospital. Their main concerns with their baby at this time is that she is growth restricted and that her lungs are undeveloped. Pray she is able to hang tight until at least 30 weeks (now at 27) before having to be delivered and the Lord would give them peace of mind and assurance that this is all in His hands.
- **Karen Bodamer**—Please pray for Karen as she recovers from a broken wrist.
- **Joeann Bissell**—please pray for peace and comfort as she is living in a long-term care memory unit.
- **Brett Schut**—please pray for Brett as he receives tests and treatment for acute memory loss.
- **Fred Weber**—Please pray for Fred as he recovers from hernia surgery, Additionally, Fred’s Oncologist’s stated that his response to the treatments for metastasized prostate cancer is nothing less than phenomenal and unusual to see such a rapid recovery. Although there’s still a few lingering spots, they are almost undetectable. Fred and Barb thanks you all and asks that you continue praying for complete recovery.
- **Joyce Weise**—Please pray for healing after shoulder replacement surgery.
- **McKinzie Robinson**— Please pray she finds relief from a recent flare of ulcerative colitis and asthma.
- **Kit Simmons**— Thank you for continued prayer as Kit approaches the 3-year anniversary of his diagnosis of Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Prayer for Extended Family and Friends:

- **Kendry Scott (daughter of Rick and Jody Harkert)** -Kendry has begun chemo treatments for breast cancer. Please pray for Kendry and her family that the Lord will keep her physically and emotionally strong through the treatments.
- **Keith Heaney (Cousin of Beth Nussdorfer)** - being treated for metastatic lung cancer.
- **Sean Doran (Former member and elder at Redeemer)** - is being treated for prostate and bone cancer.

- **Ben and Will Jachalke (adult children of Michelle)** - Pray for their salvation and protection from the world.
- **Dick DeLater and family (relative of Barb Husted)** He has been battling a progressive/debilitating neurological disease and is now in a wheel chair. His wife Jessie has also been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Kathy Schut** (age related struggles)
- **Rick Reed (Austin's father)** —Please pray for Rick as he battles prostate cancer and mourns the passing of his wife Julie.
- **Active Duty Military**—Josiah Washburne, Nick Nussdorfer, Leo Macha, Jonathan Whims, and Michael Caughran.

Prayer for the World:

- Pray Jesus would be proclaimed to all the nations and that He would be glorified.
- **Missionaries Redeemer Support**— Robert Knuth, Dan Millward, Micah Jelinek , Steve van Noort, Carly Boerema, Raimo Servo, Daniel Equiluz

Churches in the Presbytery:

Christ Church, Grand Rapids, MI – Lead Pastor Andrew (Lisa) VanderMaas, Associate Pastor Michael (Jenn) Anderson, Associate Pastor Bruce (Tricia) Baugus, Assistant Pastor Roger (LeAnn) Qi, Assistant Pastor Lucas (Sarah) Mooibroek, Assistant Pastor Kyle (Morgan) Culbertson:

Praise God for the faithful ministry of Roger Qi (Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry) and Debbie Bukovetski (Director of Children's Ministry), both of whom are transitioning out of their staff roles in the next couple of weeks. In light of these transitions, we are adopting a new Family Ministries structure with Pastor Michael Anderson overseeing children and youth ministries. Pray that God would give us wisdom as we seek to find the right people to complete our family ministries staff, who will serve our youth, children, and parents.

Praise God for the many families and individuals in our church who put on Arts & Rec in a Box camps (our version of VBS meets Backyard Bible Camp) over the last few months. Pray that our own children, as well as those who don't attend our church or any church, would remember that God's love comes to us without price, as they learned through the story of Naaman.

Pray for our Campus Outreach workers in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids as they meet lots of new students and seek to connect them to relationships, discipleship, Bible studies, and the local church.

Pray that God would provide both wisdom and financial support for Pastor Kyle Culbertson as he works to determine the mission, vision, location, and many other aspects of our daughter church plant.

Pray that God would use the launch of a new marriage enrichment ministry in our church to strengthen marriages as couples focus on the gospel together in community.

Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo MI–Pastor Neil (Leandra) Quinn

Heart City Church, Elkhart IN – Pastor Joel (Jamie) Irvin

Announcements

Celebration of Life—Pansy Peckham's Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, August 29th at 11 am at Redeemer. Luncheon will be following.

Ministry Opportunity—the start of Sunday School is right around the corner and we are in need of some individuals that would be willing to teach the new born through 3 year old age. Please contact Bill Morrison if interested.

Help Needed—One of our senior saint couples are looking for someone to help clean their home. If you are interested, see Rick Harkert for more details.

Church Picnic—our final Church picnic of the summer will be Sunday, August 23rd at Geilickville Harbor Park. The Church will supply the main dish and please plan to bring a side dish to pass.

Ladies Fall Kickoff Fellowship- ladies, please save the date Friday September 11th, 6:30-8pm! More details to follow

SAVE THE DATE. Our annual fall clean-up will take place on Saturday, October 24. Block the date on your calendar and plan to enjoy fellowship, food and making our facilities and yard shine. More information later.

Giving Envelopes—giving envelopes for the balance of 2026 and January-August 2027 are in the back. Please pick up your envelopes today. If you do not have a box of giving envelopes and would like to have one, please see Andrew Carolus or Bill Morrison and we will get a box assigned to you.

Closers Needed—We are in need of men who would be willing to join the closer team. The commitment is minimal, and on a rotation list, you'll only be responsible to close the building after Sunday service once or twice a quarter. Please prayerfully consider joining the team!! See Rick Harkert or email him at rikhar@gmail.com. Thank you!

Young Ladies: We are putting together a team of young ladies to serve our Redeemer family by putting the sanctuary back in order following the morning service. Picking up communion cups, bulletins left in pews, and putting hymnals back in their holders would be the task, and would only take a few moments. Please consider this ministry! See or contact Barb Weber to join this ministry team!!

Ladies Summer Sermon Series- meets weekly **every Thursday from 10:30-12:00 through August** at the church! We know vacations, entertaining company, etc. make attendance variable, so come when you can. Children are welcome and will play with 1 or 2 older kids next door in the nursery. Please come to discuss the previous Sunday's sermon text and sermon. We hope to encourage each other in our faith and get the Word more deeply into our hearts! If you have any questions, see Lynne Washburne or Angie VanDyk.

Financials

	<u>July 31, 2025</u>	<u>July 31, 2026</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Year to Date				
Total Giving	\$241,747	\$267,906	\$280,434	(\$12,528)
Total Expenses	\$241,607	\$248,287		

Happening the Week of 8/23—8/29 at Redeemer:

Men's Study—Thursday, 7:30 am
Ladies Summer Sermon Series—Thursday, 10:30 am—12 pm
Prayer Meeting—Thursday, 12 pm

Birthdays and Anniversaries this Week:

Jerry and Carol DeVries, Earnest Nelson—Sunday
Levi and Brooklyn Lyon—Monday
Andrew Carolus—Wednesday
Bruce Buchanan—Friday
Eloise Lyon—Saturday

Serving this Sunday

Elder- Rob Whims
Nursery— Donna and Charity Buchanan
Communion Set-up— Barb Weber
Communion Clean-up— Les and Mary Leone
Closer— Andrew Carolus
Pianist— Rick Harkert

Serving next Sunday

Elder- Bill Morrison
Nursery— Leslie and Emily Paladino
Communion Set-up— Tonya Starlin
Communion Clean-up— Laura McCain
Closer— Levi Lyon
Pianist— Verity Buchanan

Reminder:

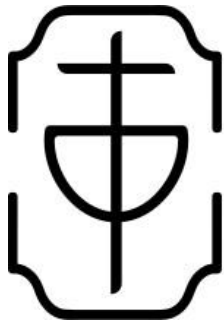
**There is an Elder at the front after
the service if you need prayer .**

Mission Statement—"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Vision Statement—Redeemer Presbyterian Church exists to proclaim Christ and Him crucified, to live as disciples of Christ, and to make disciples of Christ.

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The Session

Pastor Austin Reed

Bill Morrison

Tom Nussdorfer

Tony Paladino

Fred Weber

Rob Whims

Fred Janke (Emeritus)

David Schafer (Emeritus)

The Deacons

Andrew Carolus

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