Redeemer
PRESBYTERIAN

November 29, 2026



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. 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. 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: Andrea and Heidi

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

November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent Reading, Prayer, and Candle Lighting

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 80:1-2

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might
and come to save us!

† Opening Hymn: #196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, St. 1,4 Charles Wesley, Rowland Hugh Pritchard, Public Domain,,St. 2, 3, Mark E. Hunt, © 1978 Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, CCLI #2539700

† 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

Confession of Sin

Isaiah 64:6-7

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

Prayer of Confession

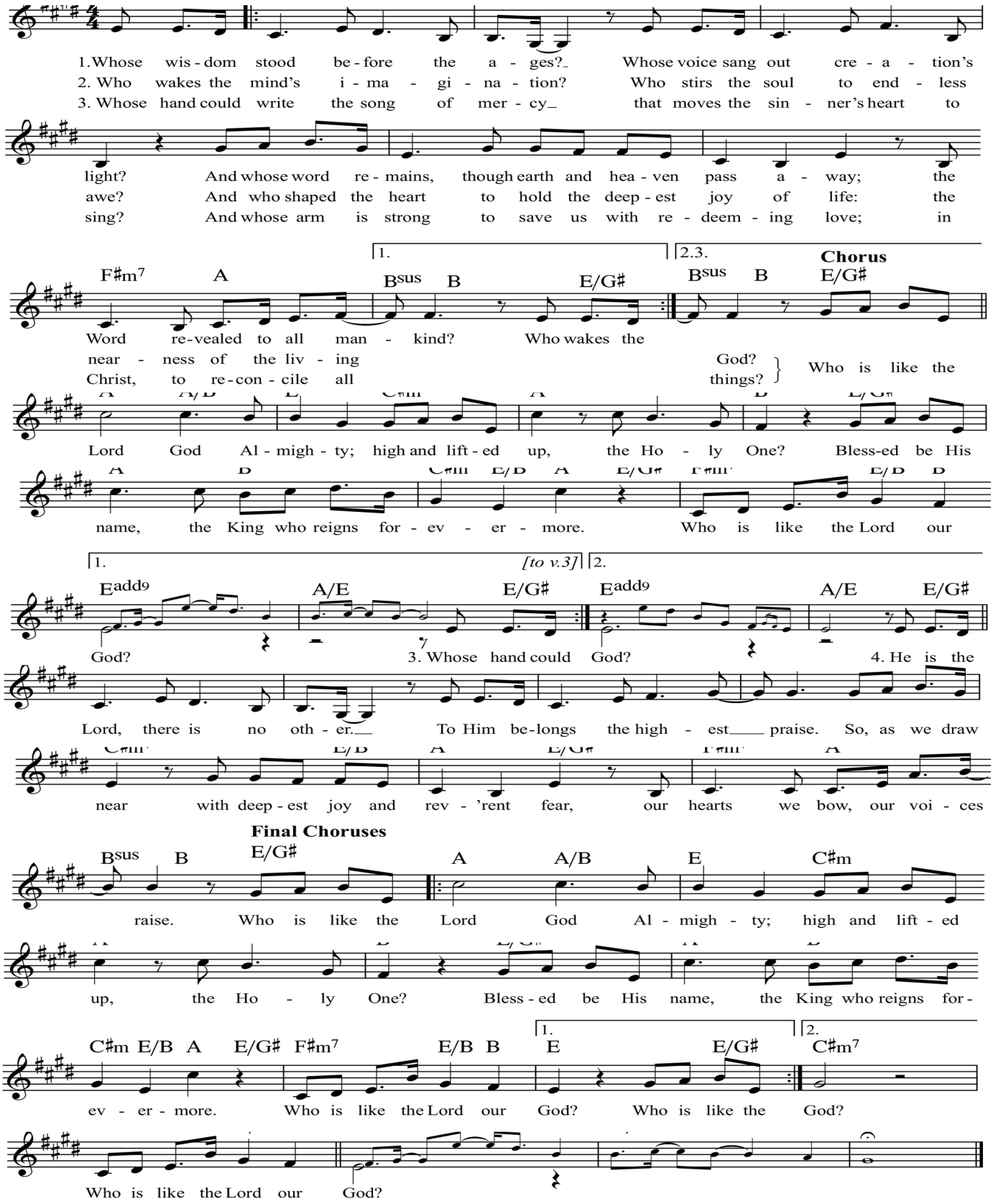
"O Great and Everlasting God, who dwells in unapproachable light, we confess that we have not loved you with all of our heart, or with all of our soul, or with all of our mind, or our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not 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."

Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

† **Hymn of Assurance:** "Who is Like the Lord"



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Profession of Faith: Marion and Bridget Mizell

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?

2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?

4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Questions to the Congregation:

Do you as a congregation now welcome Marion and Bridget as members of this body?

We do.

Do you promise to take seriously your responsibilities to build them up and to seek to practice with them true Christian community and true Biblical church life?

We do.

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Hebrews 10:1-10*

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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: *Zechariah 6:9-14*

And the word of the Lord came to me: 10 “Take from the exiles Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who have arrived from Babylon, and go the same day to the house of Josiah, the son of Zephaniah. 11 Take from them silver and gold, and make a crown, and set it on the head of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest. 12 And say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, “Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord. 13 It is he who shall build the temple of the Lord and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne. And there shall be a priest on his throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.”’ 14 And the crown shall be in the temple of the Lord as a reminder to Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah.

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Sermon Title: “The Eternal Promise of Advent” Pastor Reed

1.) An Eternal Covenent

2.) Advent’s Comfort

† Sermon Hymn: #198 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

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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

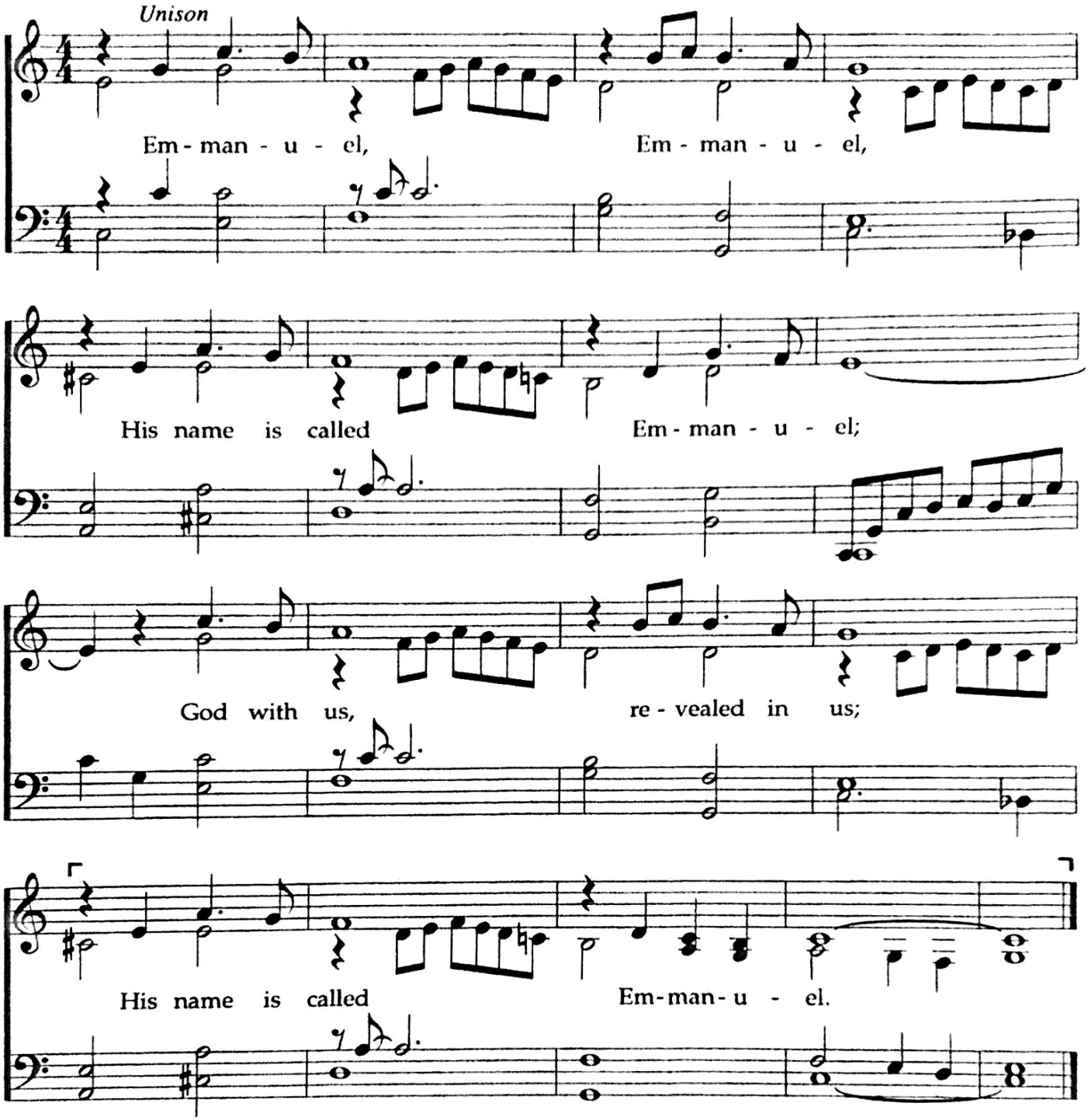
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of his glory,
the whole earth is full of his glory,
the whole earth is full of his glory,
Holy is the Lord.

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 "Emmanuel"



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† 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:

- **Cinda Simmons -** Please pray for ongoing but improving vision (Muscle and Peripheral) issues.
- **Brooklyn Lyon—**please pray for a healthy pregnancy and a safe delivery.
- **Meghan Jurkovich (Daughter of Tim and Monica Scott) -** Please continue to pray for Meghan, Drew, and Monica Lou. Monica Lou is now home.
- **Brett Schut—**please pray for Brett as he receives tests and treatment for acute memory loss.
- **Fred Weber—**Please pray that the prostate cancer medication, I'm currently taking, will prevent the cancers return so I can quit taking it.
- **Joyce Weise—**Please pray for healing and relief from pain from a broken rib after a fall.
- **McKinzie Robinson—** Prayers are being answered, McKinzie's lab numbers are improving with some of them in the normal range. This is, she believes, from a new regiment of meds. and supplements. Please continue praying for continued improvement to normal health and wellness.
- **Kit Simmons—** Please continue to pray for Kit and his personal and VA doctors team in order to maintain meds and treatments.

Prayer for Extended Family and Friends:

- **Sandy Engel (Sister of Kathy Bettes)** Please pray for healing and that she might come to know the love and comfort of Jesus as she heals from surgery due to a compound fracture in her leg. She is out of the hospital and recovering in a rehabilitation center.
- **Inara Rose Nummerdor (granddaughter of Dan and Karen Bodamer) -** Inara is home and eating at 75% and smiling again. Please continue to pray for her and her family as she continues to recover.
- **Mike and Roxane Jeltema -** Please pray for their unbelieving covenant children that their hearts may be softened and retain the instruction they were baptized in.
- **Deb Seikerman (Sister of Dan Bodamer)—** prayers for strength, healing, courage, and comfort as she begins her fight against breast cancer.

- **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.
- **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 Supports— Robert Knuth, Dan Millward, Micah Jelinek , Steve van Noort, Carly Boerema, Raimo Servo, Daniel Eguiluz**

Churches in the Presbytery:

Knox Presbyterian Church, Harrison Twp MI—Pastor Douglas (Lesley) Graham; Associate Pastor Paul (Cecily) Davis; Asst. Pastor Jim (Sandy) Mascow Please pray that God will be glorified and His Word heard.

University Reformed Church, East Lansing MI –Sr. Pastor Jason (Leah) Helopoulos, Assistant Pastor Nate (Sarah) Groelsema, Assistant Pastor Nick (Emma) Setterington, Assistant Pastor Kevin (Rachel) McAlvey, Assistant Pastor Dave (Amity) Hinkley, Assistant Pastor of Church Planting Ben (Alyssa) Preiser - Pray for the Lord's guidance and blessing on the upcoming Petoskey church plant, and for the Preisers as they moved right before Thanksgiving. Praise for a successful Magnify Conference with Dr. Kevin DeYoung. Praise for calling Pastor Nate as an Associate pastor, to be installed Nov 29th. Pray for strength and faithfulness to close out the year.

Trinity, Hudsonville MI – Pastor Jeremy (Marie) Visser

Dan Millward (Laura) and the Detroit Project

Announcements

Service opportunity - We are forming a group of volunteers to join with Freedom Builders for a project. The plan is to assist in a flooring project for one of our Central Neighborhood families. There is a sign up sheet in the back. Please join us for reaching out to this familiy.

Family Night and Youth Group - Make plans to join us every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, during the school year for our community-style gatherings—feasting on good food and God's Word, ministering prayer to one another, and enjoying meaningful fellowship!

Redeemer Ladies and friends: "Celebrating Jesus's Birth" together at our annual Christmas Brunch - Saturday, December 5th, 9:30 to 11:30 AM, Abundant Christmas music, food, fellowship and fun! Bring an unwrapped gift for Thrive (listed on back of invitation) sign-up sheets for food at back of church. More information: Angie VanDyk (davandyk5@gmail.com) or Cherie (cherylvondrehle@gmail.com)

Young People: We are putting together a team of young people (teens and under) 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!!

Financials

Year to Date	October 31, 2025	October 31, 2026	2026 Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Total Giving	**$349,729**	**$377,942**	**$400,620**	**($22,678)**
Total Expenses	**$352,083**	**$359,842**		

Upcoming Events at Redeemer:

Monthly Potlucks—Fourth Sunday of the each month with the exception of holidays.
Youth 5th Wednesday - December 30th

Family Night and Youth Group—1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6 pm
Men's Study—Thursdays, 7:30 am
Prayer Meeting—Thursdays, 12 pm

Birthdays and Anniversaries this Week:

Lily Gibson - Monday
Lynne Washburne - Saturday

Serving this Sunday

Elder–Bill Morrison
Nursery— Andrea Carolus and Heidi VanTil
Communion Set-up— Tonya Starlin
Communion Clean-up— Lynne Washburne
Closer— Bob Bostelaar
Counters -Brett Schut and Andrew Carolus
Pianist— Rick Harkert

Serving next Sunday

Elder–Fred Weber
Nursery— Leslie and Emily Paladino
Communion Set-up— Brooklyn Lyon
Communion Clean-up— Kate and Brent Boerema
Closer— Jeff Kozisek
Counters -Andrew Carolus and Dale Vanderwal
Pianist— Rick Harkert

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 earthhas 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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