

Our core convictions:

SOLA SCRIPTURA: **Scripture alone** is the written word of God. The Bible is the sole and final authority for faith and practice.

SOLA GRATIA: **God's grace alone** saves us from God's just wrath through the death of Jesus Christ. Salvation is not in any sense a human work or accomplishment but is totally and completely the gift of God.

SOLUS CHRISTUS: **Christ alone** is the eternal Son of God whose obedience, sinless life and atoning death redeem us for God. Christ *alone* has accomplished all that is necessary for our salvation and eternal life is found in no one else but Christ.

SOLA FIDE: **Faith alone**—apart from all human work or merit—is the instrument of our salvation. Faith is a gift bestowed upon us in Christ for our salvation. God justifies sinners (declares them right with Himself) by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone.

SOLI DEO GLORIA: **God's glory alone** is to be the ultimate purpose for which we live and the aim of our worship. Our salvation originated in and is accomplished by God Himself and for His own glory. Because of this, we make it our aim to focus on God in our worship rather than slavishly pursuing entertainment values or cleverly addressing felt needs. The Church gathers on the Lord's Day to rejoice in the mighty acts of God and to worship Him in ways He has commanded and that are consistent with the principles of His word.

Notes on the Sermon

The High Priority of Love and Truth

Titus 3:9-14
by Pastor Neil Spence

Tune in our radio program each
Sunday Morning at 7:30AM.

Tell a friend!



Welcome to Redeemer!

Also Today . . .

Hymn-sing (6:00PM) with the Robertsons (1215 Balthrop Branch Road, Dickson)

This Week . . .

Nashville Presbytery Meeting (Tuesday, 3:00PM)
Dr. John Greene will serve as our delegate.

Next Lord's Day . . .

Leadership Team Meeting (12:15PM)

Looking Ahead . . .

Baby Shower for Shelley & Robert Crescenzi (Sunday, August 30, 5:00PM) *There is a sign-up sheet.*

A Missions-Mercy Opportunity . . .

The Matthew 25 Project—Each month we collect a designated item for the Help Center. The item for August is **peanut butter**. *Please join us!*

With Grateful Hearts . . .

Average Weekly Offerings to Date \$2,059
Weekly Budget Needs \$1,992
Offering for July 26, 2015..... \$3,324

Worship Ministry

Patti Robertson, *Pianist* • Pam Spence, *Music Director*
Ann Galya & Kaci Puckett, *Vocalists*

Childcare Attendants

Dot Barnhill & Avery Rist (9:30AM) • Ann Galya (10:50AM)
Betty Jacobson, *Children's Ministry Director*
Lauran Chadwick, *Nursery Coordinator*

Communication

Clay & Robyn McKinney • Jacob Puckett, *Sound & Recording*
Betty Jacobson, *CD Ministry*, Dick Jacobson, *Finance Clerk*
Vickie Stevens (vns2js@gmail.com) *Prayer Letter Editor*
Robyn McKinney, *Redeemerlink Editor*

August Facility Volunteers

The Jacobsons

Leadership Team

Elders: Jim Berkey • Phil Chadwick • John Greene • Ron Robertson
R. Neil Spence, D. Min. (nspence@rpcdickson.org)
Deacons: Blake Chadwick • Dick Jacobson • Clay McKinney
Boyd Taylor • Rick Traxler

The Lord's Day

August 9, 2015

Words of Greeting & the Morning Prayer

Hymn of Praise*We Gather Together*

The Offering

Offertory Sentences & the Offertory
Act of PraisePsalm 117

From all that dwell below the skies,
O let Jehovah's praise arise! *Alleluia! Alleluia!*
And let His glorious name be sung
In every land, by every tongue! *Alleluia! Alleluia!*
Great are the mercies of the LORD,
And truth eternal is His word; *Alleluia! Alleluia!*
Ye nations, sound from shore to shore
Jehovah's praise for evermore! *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Prayer of Consecration

Scripture Reading..... Titus 3:9-14

Sermon.....*The High Priority of Truth and Love*
by Pastor Neil Spence

Hymn *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution
Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Communion

PsalterPsalm 139:1-14, 23-24

The Blessing

Redeemer Church (PCA)

Meeting at **7 Valley West Drive, Dickson, Tennessee 37055**
(615) 740-7898 • email@rpcdickson.org • www.rpcdickson.org

We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation endure through tribulation:
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord make us free!

Now unto Jehovah, you sons of the mighty,
All glory and strength and dominion accord;
Ascribe to Him glory, and render to Him honor,
In the beauty of His holiness worship the Lord.

Netherlands Folk Hymn, translated by Theodore Baker, 1917.
Fourth stanza based on Psalm 29:1-2 from *The Psalter*, 1912.
Music from Adrianus Valerius' *Nederlandtesch Gedenckclank*, 1626.

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place,
From guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living One,
His wounds for me shall plead.

*I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out.

My heart is leaning on the Word,
The written Word of God:
Salvation by my Savior's name,
Salvation through His blood.

My Great Physician heals the sick,
The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed,
For me His life He gave.

Words by Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891. Tune: LANDAS C.M. with
Refrain by André Grétry, 1741–1831.

Psalm 139

1:-14, 23-24

- 1 O LORD, You have examined me,
You know me through and through.
- 2 My sitting, rising—all my thoughts
Afar are known to You.
- 3 My going out and lying down
Are plain before Your view.
- 4 Before I speak a word, O LORD,
It is well known to You.

- 5 You hem me in—behind, before;
You lay on me Your hand.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful,
Too high to understand.
- 7 Where can I from Your Spirit flee
Or from Your presence go?
- 8 If to the heavens, You are there,
Or in the depths below.

- 9 If I should take the wings of dawn
And dwell beyond the sea,
10 There also You would be my guide,
Your right hand holding me.
- 13 For You, O LORD, created me;
You wove me on Your loom.
My inmost being You have formed
Within my mother's womb.

- 14 Because I'm wonderfully made,
With awe Your praise I tell;
Your workmanship is marvelous,
And this I know full well.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
My anxious thoughts survey.
- 24 Show me what gives offence to You,
And lead me in Your way.

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Psalm Notes

The first six verses of **Psalm 139** acknowledge and celebrate **God's perfect knowledge**. God knows us personally, intimately, completely. He knows every detail of every movement. He knows every part of our inner life. He knows us individually. God knows our thoughts, our fears, and longings. God knows who we are on the inside and what we cannot communicate with another human being under even the best of circumstances. God knows it all. He is never surprised, never fooled, never impressed, and never distracted. And yet, the amazing thing is, the God who knows us so well loves us with an everlasting love.

The next six verses add to the truth of God's perfect knowledge the truth of **God's abiding presence**. We are never alone. God's presence is inescapable. We can never be separated from God who faithfully pursues us. This is a precious truth full of comfort. We live every day in His holy presence. God's presence in our lives fills each day with significance as well as safety. If we turn back, He is behind us. He is before us should we fear to move ahead. He is unshakable in His love and present in all our experience, including death. The believer is never alone, even at death. The Lord is near.

The next six verses (13-18) call us to rejoice in **God's perfect wisdom**. Our loving Father chooses ends and ordains the means to accomplish them and always with perfect wisdom. He knows the story of our lives from beginning to end. All of life is under His sovereignty. Every day of life given to us, every hurt, every grief, every challenge, every joy is written in His book and He turns it all to our good and His glory.

The last seven verses (19-24) focus our attention upon **God's justice and grace**. The enemies of God will be punished when God chooses to do so—unless they repent. God has ordained prayer for this in His word—not because we are righteous enough to pray such a prayer (we are not) but because He is just to exercise just judgment and Christ, who speaks in the Psalter, prays it for us. But **Psalm 139** also reveals the limitations of human judgment in comparison with God's just judgment. We so easily fool ourselves. We condemn our neighbor's sin and then excuse our own. But God's perfect law will not allow us to get away with that. Our own righteousness will not do to shield us from God's just judgment because the standard of just judgment is not the comparison of one person's life with another—one sinner to another. The standard is God's perfect law, and only One has met that standard—the Lord Jesus Christ. The plea for mercy at the close of the Psalm shows us our need of a Savior. It also affirms the good news of the gospel that God justifies sinners Himself by grace alone through Christ alone.

We are glad you are worshipping with us.

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Name _____

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My Prayer Request

Please pray for

who lives at

AREA(S) OF NEED

- Spiritual Life
- Relationships
- Physical Health
- Finances
- Emotional Health
- Vocation

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