

We are glad you are worshiping with us.

Please complete and tear off this card to share your contact information, update your contact information, or make a prayer request.

Simply place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor.

WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

This Week . . .

Youth Fellowship Meeting Wednesday • 5:00-7:00PM

Men's Prayer Breakfast.....Saturday • 8:00-9:15AM

A Mercy Ministry Opportunity . . .

The Matthew 25 Project—Each month we collect a designated item for the Help Center. **The item for January is peanut butter.**

Please join us!

Service for the Lord's Day

January 10, 2021

My Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

My Prayer Request

Please pray for

who lives at

AREA(S) OF NEED

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

Other information:

Please keep my request confidential and do not add it to the prayer list.

Serving You

Chris Vandegrift, *Liturgist* • Ann Galya, Emily Griffin, & Kaci Puckett, *Vocalists*
 Pam Spence, *Music Director* • Juli Robertson, Patti Robertson, & Nan Traxler, *Pianists*
 Donna Taylor, Children's Ministry Director
 Maureen Litchfield, *Women's Ministry President* • Emily Griffin, *Youth Ministry Coordinator*
 Betty Jacobson, *CD Ministry* • Dick Jacobson, *Finance Clerk*
 Robyn McKinney, *Redeemerlink Editor* • Emily Griffin, *Meal-train Coordinator*
 Ann Galya • Lily Gray • Clay & Robyn McKinney • Vickie Stevens,
 Nan Traxler, *Sound & Recording* • Boyd Taylor, *Treasurer*

Leadership Team

Ken Litchfield • Patrick Rist • Pastor Spence, *Elders on the Session*
 Jim Berkey • Ron Robertson, *Emeritus Elders*
 Dick Jacobson • Clay McKinney • Boyd Taylor • Rick Traxler, *Deacons*

Words of Greeting

Prayer for the Lord's Assistance and Blessing

Call to Worship.....Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God;

the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech;

night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words;

no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,

their words to the ends of the world.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

Hymn 53.....*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Scripture Reading.....Isaiah 42:1-9

Prayer of Confession

God of grace,
You have given us Jesus, the light of the world,
but we often choose darkness
and cling to sins that hide the brightness of Your Love.
Baptize us with Your Spirit and grant us the gift of repentance,
that, forgiven and renewed,
we may preach Your Word to the nations
and tell of Your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and our Light forever. Amen.



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Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west,
so far does He remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

**For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust.**

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

—based on Psalm 103:11-14 ESV

Hymn.....*By Faith*

Scripture Reading..... Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon.....*Lessons from the Magi*
by Pastor Neil Spence

Psalter Psalm 116:12-19

What shall I render to the LORD, What shall my off'ring be,
For all the gracious benefits He has bestowed on me?
Salvation's cup my soul will take While to the LORD I pray,
And with His people I will meet, My thankful vows to pay.

Not lightly does the LORD permit His chosen saints to die;
From death Thou hast delivered me, Thy servant LORD, am I.
The sacrifice of praise I bring While to the LORD I pray
And with His people I will meet, My thankful vows to pay.

Within His house, the house of prayer, My soul shall bless the LORD,
And praises to His holy name Let all His saints accord.
*Salvation's cup my soul will take While to the LORD I pray,
And with His people I will meet, My thankful vows to pay.*

Verses 12-19 from *The Psalter*, 1912. Tune: BE THOU SUPREME CMD from Hymnal.net.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

SOLA SCRIPTURA/**Scripture alone** • SOLA GRATIA/**grace alone**
SOLUS CHRISTUS/**Christ alone** • SOLA FIDE/**faith alone**
SOLI DEO GLORIA/**to God's Glory alone**

The Morning Prayer and Our 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.

Hymn 690.....*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

The Blessing

Mr. Ron Robertson, Ruling Elder *Emeritus*

At his request, Elder Ron Robertson has been released from the active duties of his office and his status on the session changed from "active" to "emeritus." As an elder *emeritus* he is still an elder, but he is no longer required to perform the regular duties of the office such as attendance at session meetings. Ron may, of course, perform any of the duties of his office when requested and may continue to participate fully in higher courts of the church as an elder. (*Book of Church Order*, 24-10)

Ron and Patti are precious members of our congregation and we are deeply grateful to God for their fellowship in the gospel, their friendship, their leadership, and their service to Christ's kingdom. Ron served on our session for fifteen years. We honor them and pray God's richest blessings upon them going forward.

Psalm Note

There are three "speakers" in **Psalm 19**. Verses 1-6 celebrate the wordless testimony of the creation to every person. Verses 7-11 extol the special revelation from God given in the Scriptures. In verses 12-14, the church speaks—prays—as God's covenantal servant upon earth.

Psalm 19 represents the fact that our faith begins with the God who speaks, who has graciously chosen to reveal Himself to us. Our worship on the Lord's Day is part of our whole-personed response to Him.

Psalm 116 is a grateful song of praise to the Lord for His deliverance. It is famously quoted by the Apostle Paul in **2Corinthians 4:13**. Paul lived almost two-thousand years ago. David lived a thousand years before Paul. But **Paul and the early Christians were of the same faith as David, and we are of the same faith as well.** "We have the same spirit of faith" and "we also believe, and so we also speak." In terms of the church believing, confessing, and teaching, three thousand years is hardly anything. The Scriptures describe those who have lived and believed and died before us—especially those whose testimonies are recorded in Scripture—as "a great cloud of witnesses" who minister encouragement and hope to us. Our conviction, our claim is not that Christianity is helpful, or practical, or comforting—it is all those things—but our chief claim is that it is *true*. Jesus Christ really does save His people from sin and death. He really is risen from the dead and the Lord of all: to Him we give our grateful worship.

How to Become a Member

Christ's Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) is fulfilled in Christians who commit themselves to Christ and to one another in covenant relationship. Through **church membership** we acknowledge that Jesus Christ alone is the Head and Lord of the Church and we commit ourselves to do our part to build up the body of Christ for mission. Those who desire to be members are invited to fill out a **Membership Enrollment Form** and discuss membership with the pastor.

What About the Offering?

Giving is still part of our worship, but in order to minimize contact and to social distance during the pandemic, we are not passing the offering plate during the service. An offering plate is positioned at each entrance to the sanctuary.