

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down,
but a good word makes him glad.
—Proverbs 12:25

The Lord's Service
October 9, 2016

Why Do we Baptize Infants & Children before they profess faith?

Depending on your background, you may find the practice of “infant baptism” to be strange, confusing, and seemingly at odds with what the Bible teaches. Why do we do it?

Perhaps it’s best to begin by clearly stating why we DO NOT do it. We do not practice infant baptism because we believe there is anything magical about the water. We do not practice infant baptism because we believe it automatically saves the child or because it will guarantee that the child will one day go to heaven. We do not do it because of church tradition (although this practice has a rich history in the church). We do not do it because of sentiment, although it does bring much joy and encouragement to Christian parents.

The reason we baptize the infants and children of believing parents *before* they profess faith is because we believe the Bible teaches that our children are members of covenant people of God, and as such should receive the sign of covenant membership. Throughout the history of the Bible, God has entered into relationship and promised to bless his people in the form of a covenant. The Old Testament records God entering into covenant with Noah, Abraham, Moses and Israel, and David. What is important about these covenantal relationships is that God always included the children of these believers in his covenant promises. He said to Abraham, “I will be a God to you and *to your offspring after you*” (Gen 17:7). Because Abraham’s offspring were included in this promise of God, Abraham was commanded by God to give the covenant sign of circumcision to his children, *including infants* (Gen 17:10-14).

While the sign has changed from circumcision to baptism (Col 2:11), the New Testament affirms the continued inclusion of children among the people of God. The Apostle Peter, preaching on the day of Pentecost, emphasized the principle that the covenant promise is still for believers and their children just as it was in the Old Testament: “Repent and be baptized, every one of you for the forgiveness of your sins...the promise is for you *and your children* and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Children baptized as infants have the responsibility to embrace Jesus Christ in personal faith for salvation, but they properly receive the sign even if they do not.

As Princeton theologian B.B. Warfield once wrote: “God established his church in the days of Abraham and put children into it. They must remain there until he puts them out. He has nowhere put them out. They are still then members of his church and as such entitled to its ordinances. Among these ordinances is baptism.” Our hope and prayer for all the children who are baptized at Redeemer is that they will grow up never knowing a day when they did not trust in Jesus for their salvation.

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Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

(Silent Preparation for Worship)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Isaiah 55:1-2

Pastor Scott Korljan

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

†**Opening Hymn** “Come, Praise and Glorify”

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†**Invocation** Psalm 124:8

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Let us pray.

†**The Greeting** 2 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

†**Response #101** “Come, Thou Almighty King” (**Verse 4 only**)

**To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
hence evermore. His sovereign majesty, may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.**

Confession of Sin Romans 6:12-13

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life.” Let us, therefore, humbly confess our sins so that we may receive mercy.

† =Stand, if able

Bold Words=Congregation

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Romans 5:8-9

Hear the good News!

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. Therefore, to all who have confessed their sins before God and repented of them, be at peace and know that you are forgiven.

Hymn of Assurance “He Will Hold Me Fast”

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Receiving of New Members -

Wayne & Cathy Bauers, David & Kristen Grote,
Tim, Ashley, Viola, Lilly, Hope & Hallelujah Schramm,
Paul & Margaret Visser and Cherie vonDrehle

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners 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 the followers 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 yourselves 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 these brothers and sisters as members of this body?

We do.

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

We do.

Sacrament of Baptism

Viola Lee-Terese, Lilly Anna Marie,
Hope Madelyn Mae & Hallelujah Betha Joy Schramm

Questions to Parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your children's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly commit your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question to Congregation:

1. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

Congregation: We do

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer Elder Bill Morrison

Giving God Our Offerings

If you are seated on the center aisle, please pass the red Visitor Pad for all visitors to sign.

†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 Reading "Selected Proverbs" Bulletin Pg. 8

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Proverbs on Speech: A Word in Season, How Good It Is!
Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn** #38 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (**Vs. 1 only**)

Please be seated after singing the hymn

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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 have publicly professed their faith as members of any evangelical Christian church. We encourage families to come forward together, but ask that young children not partake of the elements until they have met with their Elders to make a profession of their faith. We encourage those not participating to spend this time reflecting on the prayers (Page 10). We hope these prayers will be helpful to you as you consider your relationship to Jesus Christ and His people, the church. ***Please note that the ‘purple’ cups in each communion tray contain non-alcoholic wine; the ‘clear’ cups contain wine.***

Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer #1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**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.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. As we set apart these common elements of bread and wine for

holy use, we ask you to bless them and use them to strengthen and edify your people. Your wisdom is seen in all your works; your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son; your power and presence are given to us through your Holy Spirit. Therefore, with angels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The
whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the
whole earth is full of his glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord.

Words of Institution & Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymns

- #170 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
- #172 "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" (Vs. 1-3 & 5 only)
"Every Promise of Your Word" Bulletin Pg. 14
- #55 "To God be the Glory" Bulletin Pg. 16

Prayer after Communion

We thank You, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, You have given us Your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. We ask that the gifts of Your grace would strengthen and preserve us steadfast in the true faith now and forever. By Your Holy Spirit enable us to serve our neighbors so that You may be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Dismissal "My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness" (Verse 3 only)

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love;
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all to love and follow him.

†Benediction

†Benediction Response "Three-fold Amen"

Sermon Text
Selected Proverbs

10:19

When words are many, transgression is not lacking,
but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

13:3

Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life;
he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

15:28

The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,
but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.

15:23

To make an apt answer is a joy to a man,
and a word in season, how good it is!

25:11

A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

12:25

Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down,
but a good word makes him glad.

12:18-19

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Truthful lips endure forever,
but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

26:20, 22

For lack of wood the fire goes out,
and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.

The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels;
they go down into the inner parts of the body.

16:28

A dishonest man spreads strife,
and a whisperer separates close friends.

12:22

Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD,
but those who act faithfully are his delight.

NOTES

Individual Prayers for Communion

Prayer for Those Searching for the 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, 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 repent of my sins of self-ruling and self-saving. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Thank you that my sin and rebellion are Yours, and Your righteous, perfect, and obedient life is mine through faith in You. Knowing that you died on the cross and have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive and rest upon you alone as my Savior and Lord. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit and through the power of the gospel graciously working in my life to walk in manner pleasing to You. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Come Praise and Glorify”

Music and words by
Tim Chester and Bob Kauffin

♩ = 60 **VERSE** A Em⁷ D

1. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, the Fa - ther of our
praise and glo - ri - fy our God, who gives His grace in
praise and glo - ri - fy our God, for we've be - lieved the

4 A A Em⁷ D

Lord. In Christ, he has in heav - ly realms, His bless ings on us
Christ. In Him our sins are washed a - way, re-deemed through sa - cri -
Word And through our faith we have a seal the Spi - rit of the

8 A F#m A D F#m A

poured. For pure and blame - less in His sight He des - tined us to be,
fice. In Him God has made known to us the myst' - ry of His will,
Lord. The Spi - rit guar - an - tees our hope un - til re-demp-tion's done,

12 D A Em⁷ D

— and now we've been a - dopt - ed through His Son e - ter - nal - ly
— that Christ should be the head of all, His pur - pose to ful - fill
— un - til we join in end - less praise to God, the Three - in -

16 A E/G# F#m **CHORUS** E

One.

20 A D F#m E

praise of Your mer - cy and grace To the praise of Your glo - ry,

24 Gaddz D A A A A **D.S.**

You are the God who saves

2. Come
3. Come

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Hymn of Assurance

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er
2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been

would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold
ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His
sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life,

Through life's fear-ful path; For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me
Prom-is-es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
fast.
last!

For my Sa-rior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

“Sermon Hymn” (Verse 1 only)

GOD: HIS WISDOM

38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

JOANNA (or ST. DENIO) 11.11.11.11.
 Traditional Welsh hymn melody

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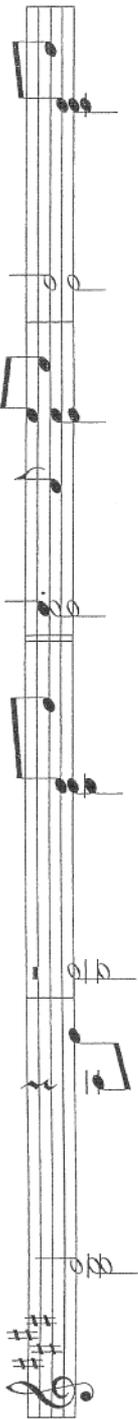
Communion Hymn

“Every Promise of Your Word”

1. From the break - ing of the dawn to the set - ting of the sun, I will
 stand - ble and I sin, con - dem - na - tion press - ing in, I will
 faced with an - guished choice, I will lis - ten for Your. voice and I'll
 lifts me from de - spair, love that casts out ev - 'ry - as I

stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. Words of pow - er, strong to
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. You are faith - ful to for
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. Through this dark - and trou - bled
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. Not for - sak - en, not a -

save, that will nev - er pass a - way; I will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your
 give in free - dom I might live, so I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your
 land You will guide me with Your. hand come, and I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your
 lone, for the Com - for - ter has — lone, and I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your



Word.
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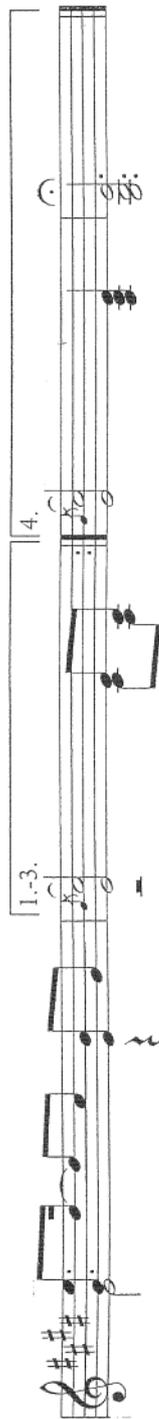
For cov - e - rant is and on
Guilt in - no - cence re - stored, You re -
And You've prom - ised to com - plete ev - 'ry
Grace suf - fi - cient, grace for me, grace for



this I am se - cure -
mem - ber sins no more -
work be - gun in me -
all who will be - lieve -

I can stand on ev - 'ry Your
So I'll stand on ev - 'ry Your
So I'll stand on ev - 'ry Your
We will stand on ev - 'ry Your

Your
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Word.
Word.
Word.
Word.

2. When I
3. When I'm
4. Hope that

Communion Hymn

55

To God Be the Glory

All the people were praising God for what had happened. Acts 4:21

G D7 G D G C

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

G A7 D G D7 G

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

D G C G D7 G

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN
G D G D D7

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

G D7 G G D7 G

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

D G C G D G

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt.
Mod.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.
William H. Doane, 1875

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Homebound: Dale Millward & June Rusch
- For the Van Til family as they grieve the loss of Connie's mother.
- Linda Frederick (sister to Carol DeVries) during her recovery from a brain bleed.
- Bobbie Van Til (sister-in-law to Ethan & Dirk) who was diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep Bobbie, Seth & their three daughters in your prayers.
- Kimberly Close, sister of Katina Gibson, who is struggling with physical, emotional and spiritual difficulties. Pray that God's love and comfort would meet her in this season of need.
- For Dave & Kristen Grote who are expecting a child.

Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches:

Etiennes (Haiti), Millwards (Redeemer Detroit church plant), Reverend Brent Meyers (Spain) and all missionaries and their families.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Redeemer Presbyterian, Holland, Michigan: Pray for the Lord's continued blessing on the ministries of the church, especially for the opportunity to reach out to young adults, numerical growth and an increased joy in knowing our Lord.

Covenant Presbyterian, Holland, Michigan: Pray for our ongoing revitalization endeavor using the Fanning the Flame ministry.

Rev. Don Remillard: Pray for the people I visit who are elderly, weak and shut in.

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Contact the Church office at:

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Announcements

Staffed Nursery Available - for infant to 4 years old. Please see a Deacon or Greeters for directions to the Nursery.

Next Sunday - Pastor Scott's sermon will be Proverbs on "Work and Laziness"

Detroit Project Giving - Today

Fall Clean Up - It is that time again when we need to prepare the Church building & grounds for the colder weather. Please come and lend a hand on Saturday, October 15 from 9 AM until Noon. **Many hands make light work!**

Ladies Dessert Fellowship - Friday October 21st, 7-9 PM for all ladies in the church. Please see Heidi Van Til if you would like to bring a dessert to share.

Evangelism Conference - Friday Oct. 28th & Saturday Oct. 29th, please sign up if you plan to attend.

Studies in Theology - Are back in October on the 3rd Monday of every month at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

This week at Redeemer:

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 AM

Ladies Bible Study - Thursday, 10 AM & 7 PM

Serving Today:

Communion Set Up: Chris & Nikki Millward

Elder: Bill Morrison

Greeter: Forbes Husted, Les & Mary Leone & Brett Schut

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til, Miquel Fuentes, Sua Lee

Nursery: Nikki Millward

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til, Miquel Fuentes & Sua Lee

Refreshments: Jenny Morrison

Sound Board: Ralph Kott

Serving Next Sunday, October 9, 2016:

Communion Set Up: Kit Hinz

Elder: Fred Weber

Greeter: Forbes Husted, Les & Mary Leone & Brett Schut

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til, Miquel Fuentes

Nursery: Katie Gordon

Refreshments: Sarah Racine

Sound Board: David Smith

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Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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