

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Mission Church of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
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## Sunday Morning Worship Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2015

Worship Theme: "Our salvation is for the life of the world!"

**Gathering Music:** *Toccata in C Major* ..... Zipoli/Hopson  
Shirley Wilson, Organist

**Welcome and Announcements** ..... Rev. Christopher W. Mathewson

**Prelude:** *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* ..... arr. Burkhardt

**Call to Worship** (unison) ..... Steven Skinner

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn No. 556:** *Morning Has Broken* ..... BUNESSAN

**Confession** (personal/silently and corporate/unison) ..... Steven Skinner

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." — 1 John 1:9

We will begin by silently confessing our personal sins.  
Then, we will join in a unison prayer of corporate confession.

**You asked for our hands, that You might use them for your purpose. We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for our mouths to speak Your words of righteousness. We gave You a whisper that we might not be accused. You asked for our eyes to see the pain of others. We closed them, for we did not want to see. You asked for our lives, that You might**

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**work through us. We gave a small part, that we might not get too involved.**

**God, forgive our compromised efforts to serve You—only when it is convenient for us to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive us, renew us, send us out as a usable instruments, that we might take seriously the meaning of your cross—through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** ..... Steven Skinner

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." —John 3:16-17, NRSV

**\*Hymn No. 682:** *To God Our Thanks We Give* ..... REAMO LEBOGA

**Prayers of the People** ..... Steven Skinner

**Reports of Prayers Answered and Prayer Requests**

**Hymn No 692:** *We Are an Offering*..... OFFERING

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Sermon:** "Oikonomia" ..... Rev. Mathewson

**Sermon Text:** Jeremiah 29:4-9

**Offering:** *Ye Servants of God*..... arr. Cherwien

**Prayer of Dedication** ..... Rev. Mathewson

**\*Hymn No. 678:** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*..... RUSTINGTON

**\*Concluding Announcements and Benediction**..... Rev. Mathewson

*At the conclusion of the Benediction, the Congregation is dismissed.*

**Postlude:** *Fanfare* ..... Lemmons/Paxton

\* Congregation please stand, if you are able to do so.

## After the Worship Service

We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies after the worship service in the Joyce Parlor.

If you wish to have a time of personal prayer for any needs in your life, please go to the Chapel where a member of the Leadership Team will gladly pray with you.

### “Sole Love” Shoe Drive for the Erie City Mission

To support the Erie City Mission’s summer community outreach mission project—“Bonkers 4 Jesus”—on Sunday June 21st or Sunday, June 28th, we will collect **new** tennis shoes (sneakers) in children’s shoe sizes 1 through 6 (*Please, no Infant or Toddler sizes*).

Please purchase new tennis shoes in these designated sizes and bring them to church on **Sunday, June 21st or Sunday, June 28th**. Also, please remember to pray earnestly for a great outpouring of God’s Spirit on this critically important ministry to our community.

### Erie Art Museum Mid Day Art Break

We are sponsoring this community event and extend a personal invitation for you to come and participate in this weekly program. It runs all summer on **Wednesdays at Noon through 1:00 p.m.** Come, listen, and meet some of your community members. Engage your neighbors in conversation about the Arts. Pray that those conversations will lead to an opportunity for you to share how God has used music and art to speak His truth in your life.

### “Fore Fintonia” Golf Tournament

On August 22, 2015, the Presbytery of the Alleghenies is once again sponsoring a Golf Tournament to benefit our mission to Fintonia, Sierra Leone. You may pick up a Registration Form at our Information Center at the right front side of the church. Or, you may download one from our church’s website.

Please encourage all your fellow golfers to attend.

## Summer Adult Christian Education

Throughout the summer at 9:30 on Sunday mornings, Dean and Shirley Wilson will facilitate a discussion on the spiritual gifts given to each believer by the Holy Spirit.

We invite you to join us in the Joyce Parlor for this opportunity to learn about and discern our particular spiritual gifts, and also to explore the ways that the Holy Spirit enables us to do God’s work as His ambassadors in this world.

### Please Pray for our Leaders

At Redeemer Presbyterian Church (EPC), we are fortunate to have godly leaders. We encourage you to make it a point to pray daily for these individuals:

#### Presbytery Commission (currently serving as our Session)

Rev. William Woodman, Pastor— Chairman Center Presbyterian Church Grove City, PA	Mrs. Linda Braymer, Elder—Clerk of Commission Covenant Presbyterian Church Sharon, PA
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Rev. Chris Curtis, Pastor New Covenant Evangelical EPC New Castle, PA	Mr. Jason Dunn, Elder Center Presbyterian Church Grove City, PA
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Rev. Dr. Douglas Runyan, Pastor New Bedford Presbyterian Church Pulaski, PA	_____
Rev. Dr. Robert Stauffer, Pastor Presbytery of the Alleghenies Slippery Rock, PA	Rev. Christopher W. Mathewson Consulting Pastor Sharon, PA

#### Local Leadership Team (Board of Directors)

Laurie LeSuer, President	Robert LeSuer
Judy Bloeser, Secretary	Becky Rugh
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#### Nominating Committee

Robert LeSuer	Donald Adams	Dean Wilson
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