

WELCOME!
The Lord's Day
September 4, 2011
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

11:00 AM Service:

*Salutation
*Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:25-29 (p. 1878, PB)
*Invocational Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (use "debts...debtors")
*Hymn TH # 106: "Father, Father of All Things"
Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 4:15-24 (p. 280, PB)
New Testament Reading: Matthew 15:1-20 (pp. 1521-1522, PB)
Pastoral Prayer
Hymn TH # 59: "Forever Settled in the Heavens"
General Fund Offering
*Doxology (TH # 731)
Sermon Text: Leviticus 10:1-3 (pp. 167-168, PB);
Sermon Title: "Biblical Worship 101:
Acceptable vs. Unacceptable Worship"
Prayer of Application
*Hymn TH # 242: "Not All the Blood of Beasts"
Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Diaconal Fund Offering
*Closing Hymn TH # 644: "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"
*Benediction
Silent Prayer
Dismissal

*Please stand, if you are able

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A Warm Welcome to our Visitors: We are glad that you have joined us for worship today! Please sign our guest register so we may have a record of your attendance. If you have any questions about the church, please speak to any of us or call our Pastor at (732) 458-1119.

6:00 PM Service:

*Salutation
*Call to Worship: Psalm 95 (pp. 933-934, PB)
*Invocational Prayer
*Hymn TH # 84: "Under the Care of My God, the Almighty"
Scripture Reading: Proverbs 9 (pp. 996-997, PB)
Hymn sing
Pastoral Prayer
Sermon Text: Colossians 2:6-7 (p. 1833, PB)
Sermon Title: "Continue in Him"
Prayer of Application
*Closing Hymn PH # 446: "I'd Rather Have Jesus"
*Benediction
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SERVING THIS WEEK:

Greeter: Kyle Cuthbert

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

Greeter: Tony and Frankie Kopec

8/21/11 Attendance: Sunday School - 24; Morning Worship - 41; Evening Worship - 10

8/28/11 Attendance: Lord's Day activities canceled due to Hurricane Irene

8/21/11 General Fund Offering: \$867.00

8/21/11 Missions Offering: \$123.00

PRAYER CIRCLE: An voluntary, informal prayer circle gathers *immediately after the morning service* at the front right hand side of the worship hall for a brief time of prayer for the needs of Redeemer OPC as a church. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join in.

SHEPHERD CARE MEETINGS: The following members are scheduled for an annual shepherd care meeting during the months of August and September:

*September: The Jaskot Family; Felix & Kathryn Kozielski

*October: Rex Corbin; The Chudkowski Family

If you have not already done so, please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting date.

REDEEMER OPC'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND

ACTIVITIES:

Sunday: 9:45 AM - Christian Education Hour
11:00 AM - Morning Worship Service
6:00 PM - Evening Worship Service
Wednesday: 10:30 AM - Ladies' Bible Study
(at the Jaskot residence; every first and third
Wednesday of the month)
7:00 PM - Discipleship Study Group
(in the Church Fellowship Hall)

THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY: We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper today during the morning worship service. A WORD TO OUR VISITORS: Visitors to Redeemer OPC who are communicant members in good standing of an evangelical Christian church and who are seeking to live in obedience to the Lord and at peace with other believers are welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper with us. PLEASE NOTE: The outer circle of cups on the juice tray contain grape juice, and the rest of the cups contain wine.

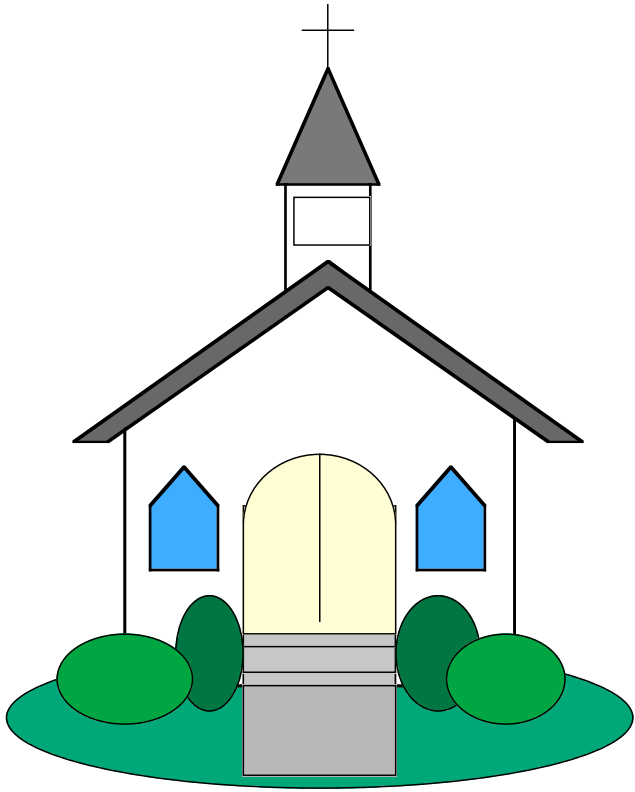
FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY: On the next Lord's Day (September 11) Redeemer OPC will have its monthly fellowship meal after the morning worship service. All are welcome! Please plan to bring some food to share (either a main dish, a salad, sandwiches, dessert, or some other food item). Please plan to join us for a time of good food and good fellowship!

THE BOARDWALK BOOTH IS STILL OPEN: The days are now cooler and there are many Fall festival weekends occurring on the Boardwalk. These festivals are well attended and family-oriented. If you can spend a few hours at the Booth please let Brian Phillips know (732-930-3628). The festival dates are as follows:

- 9/10: Shamrock Festival
- 9/11: Seafood Festival
- 9/17 & 18: Clown Festival
- 9/23-25: BBQ Festival
- 10/7 & 8: Italian Festival
- 10/9: Columbus Day Parade

INQUIRERS' CLASS: Pastor Willour is offering to teach an "Inquirers' Class" to anyone who is interested in learning more about the doctrines and practices of Redeemer OPC. Both visitors and members are welcome to take the class. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Willour for more information.

"Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day."
Psalm 96:2 (NIV)



**Redeemer Orthodox
Presbyterian Church**

Meeting at
1600 Central Avenue, Seaside Heights, NJ 08751
Geoffrey L. Willour, Pastor 732-458-1119
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Report on 8/25/11 Session Meeting

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At its 8/25/11 stated meeting the Session of Redeemer OPC took the following actions:

- (1) The Minutes of the July 12, 2011 stated meeting of the Session were approved by common consent.
- (2) The Pastor's Report was received by common consent.
- (3) A motion was carried to appoint the following church members to serve on the 2012 Redeemer OPC Budget Committee (contingent upon their willingness and availability to serve): Leo Den Dulk (Convener); Tony Kopec; Rex Corbin; Felix Kozielski; and Dave Weller.
- (4) A motion was carried to schedule the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation of Redeemer OPC for Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the church building, in accordance with Article III.A. of the congregational Bylaws.
- (5) A notation recognizing that Pastor Willour took two days of vacation during the week of July 24-30 was approved.
- (6) By common consent a request from the Pastor to take a week of vacation time around the weekend of Sept. 17-18 was approved (leaving him with five remaining days).
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Christ: We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God Incarnate. He is the promised Messiah, and we confess Him as our Lord and Savior.

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The Doctrines of Grace: We confess what are often called the “doctrines of sovereign grace” or “TULIP”: **T**otal Depravity, **U**nconditional Election, **L**imited (or “Definite”) Atonement, **I**rresistible Grace, and **P**erseverance of the Saints. We are saved by God’s grace alone, not by works.

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Worship: We believe that we may only worship God in the way that He has revealed in the Bible. We come to church to worship and serve our Creator God, not to be amused or entertained. Therefore worship should be God-centered, reverent, and dignified, not man-centered and casual.

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If you're visiting with us you may wonder whether or not you should receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. We don't want anyone to feel uncomfortable in partaking. We also don't want anyone to partake merely as a form or ritual or just to be sociable! In fact, the Bible says it's dangerous to do so. This isn't our table. It's the Lord's table. Therefore, we desire to follow His instructions. **In light of His instructions, we invite you to commune if each of the following is true:**

****You have been born again by the power of the Holy Spirit, have repented of your sin, and are trusting Jesus Christ - plus nothing - for right standing with God.***

****You have been baptized (either as an infant or as an adult) in the Name of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).*** Baptism (the sign of union with Christ) must always precede the Lord's Supper (the sign of ongoing communion with Christ). If you wish, you can make arrangements for baptism with our pastor.

****You are not living secretly and unrepentantly in sin, but are striving by the help of the Holy Spirit to glorify God with your entire life.***

****You have joined or have been confirmed as a communing member of a church that proclaims the biblical gospel.*** If you have not, then we invite you to consider becoming a member here. If you would like more information, please see our pastor.

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If you *can* sincerely say “Yes” to each of these things, we welcome you in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you cannot say “Yes” to each of these things - or if you are not sure - then we ask that you please refrain from partaking at this time, and we invite and encourage you in Christ's Name to talk with the pastor about how to take steps to enable you to enjoy communion openly with Christ and His people.

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