



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

February 26, 2012, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.



Praising His Name Among the Nations

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

BRASS PRELUDE: "Festive Prelude on the Old Hundredth" Bruce A. Stevenson

CALL TO WORSHIP Andras Kazar, Hungary (8:15)
Leonardo DiChirico, Italy (11:00)

✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 263 "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

✦ NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 11:8-16. Aileen Coleman, Jordan (8:15)
Leslie Kuhn, Germany (11:00)

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called
to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance.

And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land,

**living in tents with Isaac and Jacob,
heirs with him of the same promise.**

For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations,
whose designer and builder is God.

By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive,
even when she was past the age,

since she considered him faithful who had promised.

Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead,

**were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven
and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.**

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised,

**but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having
acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.**

For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

**If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out,
they would have had opportunity to return.**

But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

**Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God,
for he has prepared for them a city.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CRUCIFER

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION Jeff Kyle, East Asia (8:15)
Greg O'Brien, East Asia (11:00)

LITANY OF CONFESSION Marcelo Robles, Argentina (8:15)
Brian Parks, Middle East (11:00)

Lord we confess to You our sins of commission, as well as our
sins of omission.

**We have created gods in our own image and likeness and
worshiped them, rather than worshiping You, the only true God.**

We have judged our neighbor and slandered him

because he did not look or speak like us.

We have seen our neighbors in need by the side of our road,
yet passed by doing nothing.

**We have seen the plight of the widow, the orphan, and the sojourner,
and merely hoped someone else would do something.**

We have so focused our attention on the interests of our own country that we have walked right past countries suffering injustice and deprivation without even noticing.

**While You came from heaven to earth to bring about our salvation,
we have been reluctant to cross boundaries
to demonstrate that same love to others.**

We confess these sins to You, and ask Your forgiveness.

**We praise You for Jesus Christ, Your best missionary,
Who fully demonstrated Your love to us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

God’s Message to the Nations

✦DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Dan G. Burns

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Go Forth and Preach the Gospel” David Chepponis

Go forth and preach the Gospel to all who are in need.
As witness to the Savior, go teach by word and deed.
The Spirit is upon us, and sends us to declare
The Good News of the kingdom to people ev’rywhere.

Go forth and preach the Gospel to all who live in fear,
And share the joyful message that God is always near.
The Spirit is upon us, and sends us forth in peace
To bring the poor glad tidings that justice may increase.

Go forth and preach the Gospel, go spread the news abroad!
Proclaim to ev’ry nation the greatness of our God.
The Spirit is upon us, that all may understand
The promise of salvation revealed to ev’ry land. Amen

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MESSAGE

**We’ve a Savior to show to the nations
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,
That all of the world’s great peoples
Might come to the truth of God,
Might come to the truth of God.**

**For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright;
And Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth,
The kingdom of love and light.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Brooke Cheely, East Asia

INTRODUCTION OF MISSIONARIES AND GUESTS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Sanders L. Willson

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jonah 4:1-11 Brandon Wells, Middle East (8:15)
Chris Furr, France (11:00)
(page 775 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON *Should I Not Love that Great City?* Timothy J. Keller

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Our Commitment to the Nations

PLEDGING OURSELVES TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "O Zion, Haste" arr. Craig Courtney

Choir:

Look to the fields ripe with harvest. Yet are the laborers few.
Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers.

How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed?
And how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard?
And how shall they hear without a preacher?
And how shall they preach, except they be sent?
How beautiful, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach
The Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good news.

Congregation joins:

**O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is Light;
That He who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Behold how many thousands still are lying,
Bound in the darksome prison-house of sin,
With none to tell them of the Savior's dying,
Or of the life He died for them to win.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation
That God, in Whom they live and move, is Love:
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,
And died on earth that man might live above.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Give of your sons to bear the message glorious,
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious,
And all your spending Jesus will repay.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

Go ye into all the world and preach good news!

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Final from Symphony No. 1" Louis Vierne

✦Indicates congregation standing

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We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children's room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.

Paraments: The paraments in the Sanctuary today have been changed from the purple cloths used during the season of Lent to a deep, rich red in observance of World Missions Sunday. The pulpit scarf is adorned with large, burning flames embroidered in three shades of gold thread, outlined with gold metallic stitches, signifying the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples to give them power to take the Gospel to the world. The flames represent the "tongues of fire" which came to rest upon each of them. Three leaping flames are sewn in gold upon each Bible marker on the lectern. Red paraments are often used for special occasions in church life, including missions.

Timothy Keller

Timothy Keller is the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, which he started in 1989 with his wife, Kathy, and three young sons. For over twenty years he has led a diverse congregation of young professionals that has grown to a weekly attendance of over 5,000.

Keller is also President of Redeemer City to City, which starts new churches in New York and other global cities, and publishes books and resources for faith in an urban culture. In over ten years they have helped to launch over 200 churches in 35 cities. Keller's books include the New York Times bestselling *The Reason for God* and *The Prodigal God*.

Sunday Night Worship

Tonight's worship service at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary will conclude our World Missions Conference.