



redeemerscottsdale.org

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Sunday Worship... 9a
Sunday School... 10:30a
Kids: **Bible History**
Adults: **Belief & Confession**

Wed Bible Class..... 5p
+ **Psalms Book I & II** +
At Redeemer & on Teams

Elders & Council
Mon. 11/2, 6PM
Mon. 11/2, 6:30PM

LUNCHEON

Due to several members' travel, and to give more time between events, Our **Annual Reformation Luncheon** has been postponed until **Sunday, Nov. 1st, All Saints Day.**

All are Invited! Please come! Bring a Friend!

Ladies' Guild—Sun. Nov. 15 after worship.

Thanksgiving Eve Service—4PM Wed 11/25

Christmas Decorating—Sunday, November 29th.

Please Contact Pastor—
• **Private Confession**
• **Christianity 101**
• **Jr. Confirmation**

The Desert Stream

November 2026

—Isaiah 35.6

"It Is Good to Give Thanks"

It is Good to Give Thanks, the Psalmist says. Those are words from Psalm 92, but there are similar words all over the Psalms and throughout the Scriptures: *O give thanks...! With my mouth I will give great thanks...!*

As you can tell, though, those verses *keep going*. It is at least just as important to see how they end. I am reminded of a curious conversation I had with a fellow about thankfulness. He was an agnostic, perhaps a borderline atheist. That is, he did not believe in God, and he felt that belief was almost a certainty.

Yet, based on what he could see and experience about human life, he said, "I practice gratitude." There is something right about that, and there's also something missing.

On the one hand, thanksgiving is a natural and reasonable response to being given life and bodily existence. Along with that, all the other things that fill your life and answer the needs you have. Martin Luther wrote down some of them: food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, spouse and family.

We were made to give thanks! If that vital aspect of life is missing, something's wrong.



What's more, it's not just a *practice* to make you a well-rounded person. It's not just a habit to help you with your flourishing. Thanksgiving is *directed*. You're not just grateful. You're grateful *to* Someone.

^{ESV} **Psalm 92:1-2** It is good to give thanks *to the LORD*, to sing praises *to your name*, O Most High; ² to declare *your steadfast love* in the morning, and *your faithfulness* by night.

It is good to give thanks to the God who made us. Who was merciful and patient with us when we left Him. Who came to us in Person, in the Person of His Son, to seek and to save what was lost. It is good to give thanks to Him who died that we might live. It is good to praise Him for His loving kindness: that He still seeks us out to bring us forgiveness for our sins, to speak faith into our hearts, and to assure us of salvation.

Blessed Thanksgiving!

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*Please Promote our Worship
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**Thank you to all our
Volunteers: Acolytes, Altar
Guild, Kitchen, Ladies Guild,
Music, Properties, Ushers,
Puppeteers, and our Sunday
School! Please Pray for all
these efforts!**

Thank You to All!

A special **Thank You** to all of
the **Ladies of Redeemer** for all
that you do!

Come to Church!
Come to Bible Study!
Bring a Friend!

Our Midweek Bible Class
continues on Wednesdays at
5PM, at Redeemer and on MS
Teams.

Please join us for a little unit on
the Psalms. **Your Link to join
online:**

<https://teams.live.com/meet/9367419412339?p=3VieYxdvLBuNh2dpyl>

Forum, Voters met 10/4 & 10/5

Opening and Preliminaries

Meeting called to order at
6:05 PM. In attendance: Mike
McIver, Dick Welling, Jim
Bonnell, Norm Hartigan,
John Colville, Bryan Carlson,
Troy McKinlay, Pastor.

Pastor opened with a prayer.

Pastor's Report

September average
attendance: 36; Average
communed: 26; 8 Sunday
school participants. A review
of our membership lists
adjusts our parochial report
for the month of September:
52 baptized, 44 communing,
11 voting members.

Treasurer's Report

Bryan Carlson presented the
financial report on Sunday,
10/4. A church directory
update was presented. A
budget committee was
formed, consisting of Bryan
Carlson, Jim Bonnell, and
Troy McKinlay. Motion: to
approve report. M/S/P.

Trustees Report

Jim Bonnell reports that the
Jomax Road sign project is
off the table. Jim is
approaching Jack from Royal
Sign to help determine
whether letters can be affixed
to the Bell Tower. Jim will
ask for Fire Inspection
toward an updated fire

system at Mike's request. To
approve report: M/S/P.

Elders Report

Dick Welling reports ushers
are being considered for
Communion. New members
Joe & Ashley Abacherli and
family joined October 4.
Motion: to ratify their
membership. M/S/P. Motion:
to approve report. M/S/P.

Evangelism

A Fall Festival is planned for
10/17 at 2PM. Item: Connect
to the Internet. Item: Identify
or establish Gmail account.
Item: Connect Gmail account
to the Website.

Business

Hughesnet: Contact for New
Modem. (Pastor.) Gmail
Account, Connect to Website:
Contact Stephanie Wentzlaff.
(Pastor.) Mike will grade the
parking lot Saturday 10/10 in
advance of the Fall Festival.
At least two people need to
be present at all work events.

Motion: Invitation to a
professional re.: paving the
parking lot (Mike.) M/S/P.

Work parties will resume in
cooler weather but with lesser
frequency. An effort
continues to evaluate and
prioritize proposed projects.

Elders and Council scheduled
for 11/2. Adjourned with
prayer 7:30PM.