

ANNUNCIATION

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor; that shall rule my people Israel.

MATTHEW 2:6



Welcome!

If you are **visiting our church** today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please be sure to fill out the Visitor Pad with your name and contact information when it is passed to you. This will help us serve you better. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall in the lower level for coffee and refreshments after the service. Our facility is equipped with a **hearing assistance system**. Please ask one of the Deacons for a receiver.

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

The order of service we use at Redeemer is both biblical and gospel orientated. Every week through our liturgy we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel in what can be summarized as the 5 C's - Call, Cleansing, Consecration, Communion, Commission.

God Calls us into His Presence: Worship begins with God's invitation to worship. As sinners, we can only come as the result of his gracious invitation. We respond to his call by entering his presence with singing (Psalm 100)!

God Cleanses us from our Sin: Having entered his majestic presence, we are confronted with our own sinfulness and unworthiness. We confess our sin together, and receive God's assurance of forgiveness because of Christ.

God Consecrates us to His Service: God consecrates us through the reading of Scripture and the preaching of the Word. We offer prayer, offerings, and songs of praise.

God Communes with us: God affirms his relationship with us by inviting us to commune with him at his table.

God Commissions us into the World: God sends us out into the world with his blessing that we might be salt and light, living for his glory in a watching world.

**More information about our church can be found on our website:
“www.redeemertraversecity.org”**

The Lord's Service

December 6, 2015

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

Second Sunday of Advent

Reading, Prayer and Candle Lighting

Lindy & Jessie Van Til

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 146:1-2

Pastor Scott Korljan

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

†**Opening Hymn** #211 “God Rest You Merry Gentleman”

†**Invocation** Psalm 146:5-8

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea
and everything in them—the LORD,
who remains faithful forever.**

He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

**The LORD sets prisoners free,
the LORD gives sight to the blind,**

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,
the LORD loves the righteous.

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 5:8; Hebrews 4:16; Psalm 25:4-7, 11

“God shows his love for us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Declaration of Forgiveness Ephesians 2:4-5

Hear the good news!

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.” In the name of Christ and by the authority of his Word, be at peace, know that your sins are forgiven and by grace you have been saved.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #521 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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

New Testament Reading 1 John 3:4-10

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Giving God Our Offerings

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

Special Offertory Music—Miquel Fuentes, Cello & Connie Van Til, Piano

†**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 Matthew 4:1-11

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Sermon “Jesus Came to Crush the Snake”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn #196** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (**Vs 1, 3 & 4 only**)

Please be seated after singing the hymn

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 printed on Page 9. 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 inner rings of cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the outer rings contain wine.***

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,**

(*universal)

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

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!

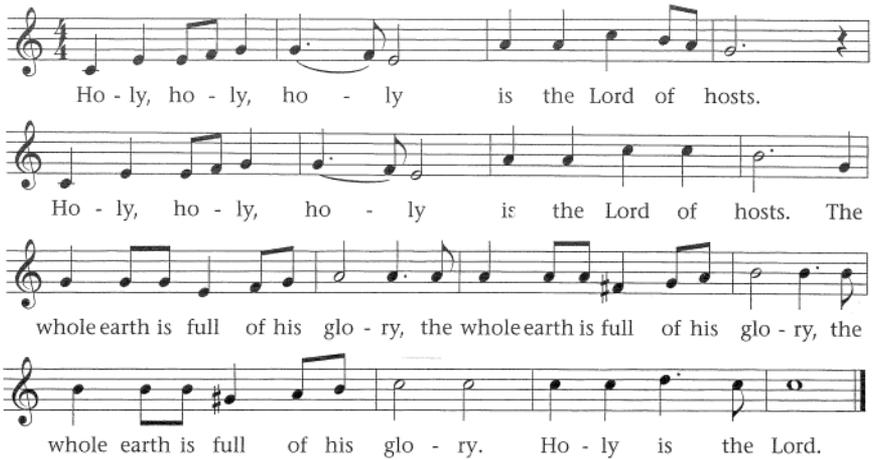
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 118:1

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give you thanks and praise, eternal and ever blessed God, Lord of heaven and earth. 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

Communion Hymns

#213 "What Child Is This"

"Holy Spirit"

"O Church Arise"

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Prayer after Communion

We give thanks to you almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Dismissal “May The Peace” (Verse 1 only) Bulletin Pg. 14

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



Sermon Text
Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”” ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”” ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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.

Communion Hymn

Holy Spirit

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Thoughtful (♩ = 69)

1. Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing
 2. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in; may Your joy be seen in all I
 3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has

soul; Bring the pre - sense of the Ri - sen Lord, to re -
 do. Love e - nough to co - ver ev - 'ry sin in each
 made. Show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause Your

new my heart and make me whole.
 thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
 church to hun - ger for Your ways.
 Cause Your Word to come a -
 Kind - ness to the great - est
 Let the frag - rance of our

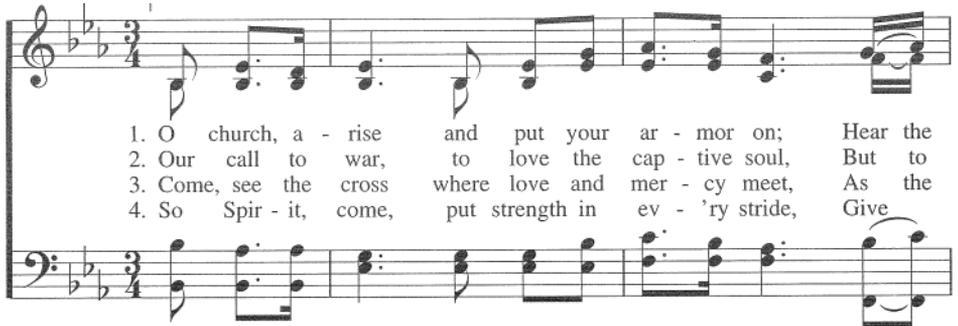
live in me; give me faith for what I can - not see. Give me pass-ion for Your
 and the least; gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv-ing in - to
 prayers a - rise; lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the

pu - ri - ty; Hol - y Spi - rit breathe new life in me.
 works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
 face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

Last time

Communion Hymn

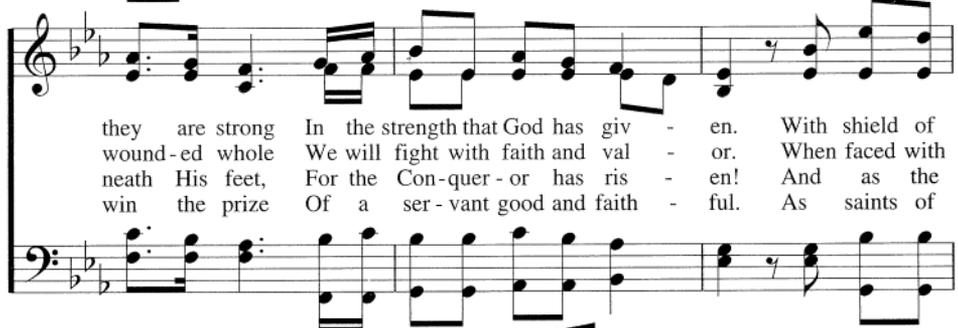
“O Church Arise”



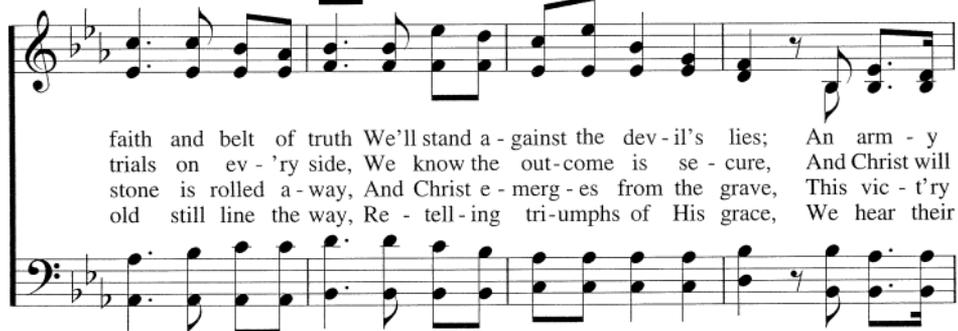
1. O church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; Hear the
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, But to
3. Come, see the cross where love and mer - cy meet, As the
4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, Give



call of Christ our cap - tain; For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, That we may run with faith to



they are strong In the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of
wound - ed whole We will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with
neath His feet, For the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the
win the prize Of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of



faith and belt of truth We'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies; An arm - y
trials on ev - 'ry side, We know the out - come is se - cure, And Christ will
stone is rolled a - way, And Christ e - merg - es from the grave, This vic - t'ry
old still line the way, Re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, We hear their

bold whose bat - tle cry is "Love!" Reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
have the prize for which He died - An in - her - i - tance of na - tions.
march con - tin - ues till the day Ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
calls and hun - ger for the day When, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written in the center, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "bold whose bat - tle cry is 'Love!' Reach - ing out to those in dark - ness. have the prize for which He died - An in - her - i - tance of na - tions. march con - tin - ues till the day Ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him. calls and hun - ger for the day When, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with chords and single notes.

Dismissal

“May the Peace” (Verse 1 only)

1. May the peace of God our Heav'nly Fa - ther, and the grace of Christ the ris - en
 peace which pass - es un - der - stand - ing, and this grace which makes us what we

4 F Gm7 F/A F7 B^badd⁹ B^b/D E^b B^badd⁹/D Gm7 Cm7

Son, and the fel - low-ship of God the Spi - rit keep our hearts and minds with-in His
 are, and this fel - low-ship of His com - mun - ion make us one in spi - rit and in

Chorus

8 F/A Gm7 F B^b/D F Gm7 F/A E^badd⁹/B^b B^badd⁹ F/A Gm7 F/A

love. And to Him be ___ praise for His glo - rious reign, from the depths of ___ earth to the
 heart.

12 E^b B^badd⁹/D F Gm7 F/A Gm7 F Cm7/E^b B^b/F Cm7/F

heights of Heav'n; We de - clare the ___ name of the Lamb once slain - Christ e - ter - nal the King of

16 1. B^b B^b/D E^b F/A B^b E^badd⁹/G F/A F7 B^b 2. B^b

Kings. 2. May this Kings!

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 will preach from John 4 as we continue with our Advent Series "Encounters with Jesus".

Detroit Project Offering - Next Sunday

Carols at area Nursing Homes - Sunday evening, December 13th with an 'appetizer potluck' following in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 5 PM

This week at Redeemer:

Prayer Gathering - Tuesday from Noon to 1 PM

Cookie Exchange - Tuesday, 6:30 PM at the VanDyk's

2nd Wednesday Work Group - Wednesday from 9 AM until Noon

Catechism Class - Wednesday, 10:45 to 11:15 AM

Missions Committee Meeting - Wednesday at 1 PM

Men's Study - Tuesdays at 7:30 AM

Serving Next Sunday, December 13th, 2015:

Communion Set Up: Ralph & Teresa Kott

Elder: Fred Weber

Greeter: Howard & Deb Long

Nursery Volunteer: Kimberly Whims

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Refreshments: Beth Nussdorfer

Sound Board: Max Wolfe

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Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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