

PROCLAMATION

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God.

LUKE 2:20

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
2 Fear not, you in Bethlehem have found this day,
3 To heaven by Babe who's born, no man vieweth
4 The first-born of Dauid, the first-born of Dauid,
5 All who desire to see the King of the East.

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All
Go



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 13, 2015

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

Third Sunday of Advent

Reading, Prayer and Candle Lighting

Patrick and William Whims

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Isaiah 12:2-4

Pastor Scott Korljan

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

†**Opening Hymn** #194 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Vs. 1-3, & 5 Only)

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†**Invocation** Isaiah 55:1-3

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

**Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.**

Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

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 #208 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Verse 2 Only)

God of God,
Light of Light;
lo, he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;
very God,
begotten, not created;
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

Confession of Sin Hebrews 4:12-13, 16

The Scriptures teach us that “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in the time of need.”

Silent Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you, and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Declaration of Forgiveness Titus 3:4-7

Hear the good news!

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” Brothers and sisters, God has provided forgiveness and salvation through the one Man, Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord. Having confessed your sins to Almighty God, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #498 “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”
(Verses 1, 3 & 5 only)

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer Elder Fred Weber

New Testament Reading John 6:27-35
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 Carol “Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven” Bulletin Pg. 12

†**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 John 4:1-26 Bulletin Pg. 8
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Jesus Came to Satisfy Our Thirst” Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn** #304 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” (Verse 2 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 10. 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.

Psalms 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

- #193 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
“Holy Child” Bulletin Pg. 14
“My Soul Finds Rest In God Alone” Bulletin Pg. 16
#214 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

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. 17

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



Sermon Text

John 4:1-26

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ² (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), ³ he left Judea and departed again for Galilee.⁴ And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Women, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him

must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

NOTES

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.

Opening Hymn (Vs. 1-3, 5 only)

#194 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
 3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
 4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.



man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.



Offertory Carol

“Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven”

Jesus, joy of the highest heaven,
born as a little baby
under a wondrous star.

Like us, crying he takes His first breath,
held by His mother helpless
close to her beating heart.

Jesus, laid in a lowly manger,
facing a world of dangers
come to turn me a stranger
into a child of God.

Jesus, King of the highest heaven,
learning to take His first steps
that He might bring us life.

Like us, knowing our smiles and sorrows,
He showed the way to follow,
a way that is true and right.

Jesus, take away every darkness,
steady my simple footsteps.

That I might in Your goodness
live as a child of God

Communion Hymn

“Holy Child”

Gentle & Simple (♩ = 88)

C⁷ F Gm F/A B^b F/A B^b F/A B^b Csus C C⁷ F Gm F/A



1. Ho - ly Child who chose the hearts of men... to be His fav oured home. Leav - ing Hea - ven's gates for
pain, as man, He knew on earth; No place to lay His head. As a ser - vant He em -
gift of God a - maze us still - the tri - umph of all time. As Hischild, I kneel to



6 B^b F/A Gm⁷ Csus C⁷ F Am Dm Dm/C B^b F/A



Beth - le - hem, God came to call His own. Now to us the high - est King is born - Be
braced this world and on a cross He bled. Hav - ing borne the deep - est grief of man, He
Hea - ven's will and make His pur - pose mine. Though this road be scarred with trial and pain, it's



11 Gm⁷ B^bma⁷ Csus C⁷ F Gm F/A B^b F/A



hold, the Roy - al Son. Glo - ry kneels to bind up all that's torn; The
rose to Hea - ven's throne. Now I'm shel - tered in the Fath - er's hand un -
paved with lav - ish grace. Know - ing Him will be my great - est gain; His



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pro - mised One has come. Joy and place.
 til He calls me home. 2.Joy and place.
 Throne, my rest - ing 3.May the

Gm⁷ C F C C⁷ F

Communion Hymn

“My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone”



1. My soul finds rest in God a lone, my rock and my sal - va - tion, a
2. Find rest my soul in God a lone, a - mid the world's temp - ta - tions. When
3. I'll set my gaze on God a lone, and trust in Him com - plete - ly, with



for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be shak - en. Though
e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal - va - tion. Though
ev - ery day pour out my soul; and He will prove His mer - cy. Though



lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me. I'll
rich - es come and rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them. The
life is but a fleet - ing breath, a sight too deep to mea - sure, my



fix my heart on right - eous - ness; I'll look to Him who hears me.
fields of hope in which I sow are har - vest - ed in heav - en.
King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His for - ev - er.



O praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, my De - light and my re - ward; ev - er -



last - ing, nev - er fail - ing; my Re - deem - er, my God.

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 - un - 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. Kings!

Kings. 2. May this Kings!

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Homebound: Dale Millward, June Rusch
- For the Breithaupt family as they deal with Eric's mother being diagnosed with cancer and for a cousin (Pat Burden) who passed away unexpectedly. Pray for healing and strength during this difficult time.
- Bob Zimmer; pray for wisdom for the doctors as they determine the next course of treatment to alleviate the fluid in his lungs.
- For the Peacock family as they are expecting another child, pray for a full term of nurture and the blessing of God's love

Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches

- Etiennes (Haiti), Millwards (New City church plant), Reverend Brent Meyers (Spain) and all missionaries and their families.

For Churches in our Presbytery

- Michiana Covenant, Granger Indiana: "Pray for the gospel to grow and bear fruit in the South Bend area; several families mourning the death of loved ones; Advent sermon series on the book of Ruth. Praise for faithful Elders & Deacons, a growing women's ministry, a flourishing youth group and growing opportunities for cross-cultural ministry.
- Trinity Presbyterian Church, DeMotte Indiana: "Pray that the Lord will draw new individuals to our congregation.
- Pastor Paul Engle: "Pray for preparation to teach a university course on the book of Acts in Uganda in January. Pray for safety and responsive students. Praise for ongoing open doors to teach church leaders who in turn will be equipped to teach believers in needy parts of the world."

Serving Today:

Communion Set Up: Ralph & Teresa Kott

Elder: Fred Weber

Greeter: Howard & Deb Long

Nursery Volunteer: Kimberly Whims

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Prelude: Leah Racine

Refreshments: Beth Nussdorfer

Sound Board: Max Wolfe

Announcements

Next Sunday - Pastor Scott will preach from John 2 as we continue our Advent Series “Encounters with Jesus”.

Detroit Project Offering - Today

Carols at area Nursing Homes - Meet in the parking lot this afternoon at 3:50 PM; we will carpool to French Manor and then to Traverse Victorian Assisted Living. After caroling we will return back to the Fellowship Hall for soup and an ‘appetizer potluck’. Soup will be provided, please bring an appetizer.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 5 PM

This week at Redeemer:

Prayer Gathering - Tuesday from Noon to 1 PM

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

Men’s Study - Tuesdays at 7:30 AM

Serving Next Sunday, December 20th, 2015:

Communion Set Up: Chris & Nikki Millward

Elder: Fred Janke

Greeter: John & Beverly McSauby

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Caroline Whims

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Refreshments: John & Kathy Van Til

Sound Board: David Smith

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