

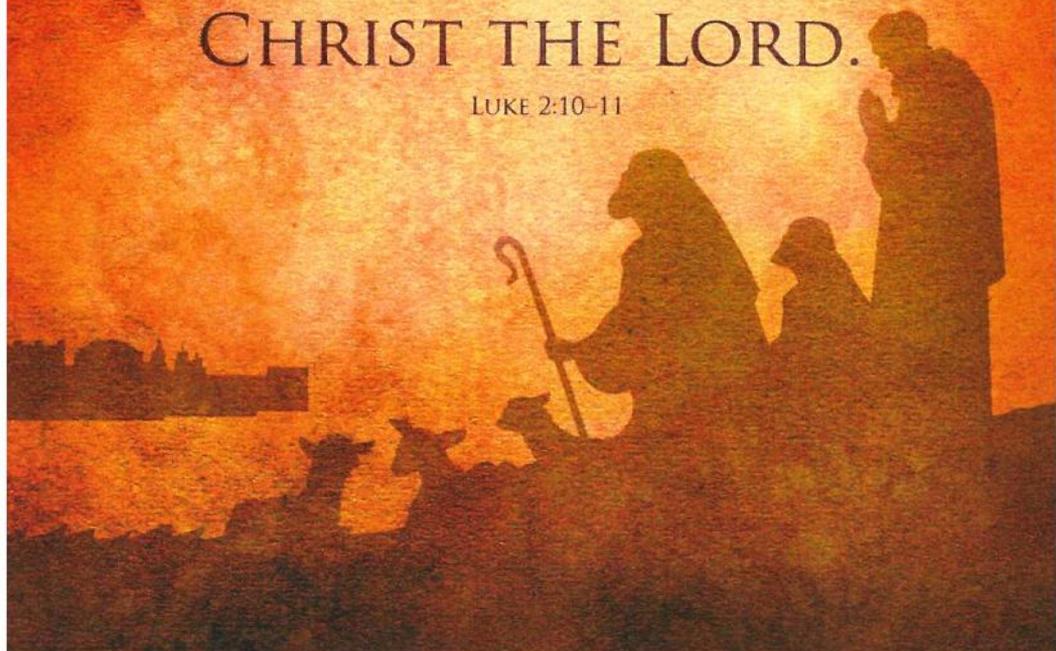
AND THE ANGEL SAID UNTO THEM...

BEHOLD, I BRING YOU  
GOOD TIDINGS

# JOY

OF GREAT JOY... FOR UNTO YOU  
IS BORN THIS DAY  
IN THE CITY OF DAVID  
A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS  
CHRIST THE LORD.

LUKE 2:10-11



## Welcome!

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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.

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

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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.

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More information about our church can be found on our website:  
“[www.redeemertraversecity.org](http://www.redeemertraversecity.org)”

# The Lord's Service

December 11, 2016

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

## Third Sunday of Advent

Reading, Prayer and Candle Lighting

Kit Hinz / Brett Schut

## Order of Worship

**Call to Worship** Isaiah 9:6-7

Pastor Scott Korljan

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

†**Opening Hymn** #203 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Bulletin Pg. 10  
**Note: Youth only will sing Refrain for Verses 1 & 2; everyone will sing Refrain for Verse 3.**

†**Invocation** Psalm 124:8

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**People: who made heaven and earth.**

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** #218 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (**Verse 5 only**)

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.**

## **Confession of Sin** 1 Peter 1:13-16

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

**Almighty and merciful God, like your people of old, we too have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver, and have been more interested in building our little kingdoms than in seeing your kingdom come. We have not put our hope fully in the gracious promise of your coming, but have longed to have our best lives now. In your mercy, open our eyes to the true hope that you have given us, help us to see that all the things we think will satisfy us in this world are only shadows, but you are substance; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. Amen.**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness** 1 Peter 2:24

Hear the good News!

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #465 "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

**Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer** Elder Fred Janke

**New Testament Reading** Luke 1:26-38

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.*

**Offertory Choral Anthem** "Thou Who Wast Rich" Bulletin Pg. 11

**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 1:18-25

Bulletin Pg. 8

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†**Sermon** “The Supernatural Birth of Jesus Christ”

Pastor Scott Korljan

**Prayer of Application**

†**Sermon Hymn** #229 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” (Vs. 1 & 3 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 (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 ‘purple’ cups in each communion tray contain non-alcoholic wine; the ‘clear’ cups 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 glorify you Father, and give you thanks. For you sent Jesus Christ, your Son, into this world to satisfy the longings of your people for a Savior, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed. Gracious God, as we come to your table, we ask that you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread that we break and the cup that we bless would be used to strengthen and edify you people. And now, with the 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 and Breaking of the Bread

### Communion Hymns

	“Every Promise of Your Word”	Bulletin Pg. 12
#207	“Good Christian Men”	
	“Behold Our God”	Bulletin Pg. 13

### Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the hope this meal gives us. We thank you for the testimony that Christ has died for us, but also that he will return and we will celebrate this supper with him in heaven. Send us out from this place by your Spirit, our ears open to your Word, our minds alert to the calling you give us, our hearts full of love for your coming kingdom, our voices confessing the name of Jesus, our Lord and our God. Amen.

†Dismissal #196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (Verse 4 only)

Born thy people to deliver, born a child yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now they gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to the glorious throne

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



**Sermon Text**  
**Matthew 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

## 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

## “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Note: Only the youth will sing the Refrain during the first two verses; then all will sing the Refrain on the last verse.

1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2. Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
3. Hail the heav’n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”  
Late in time be - hold Him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin’s womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th’in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with than - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”  
pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

*Refrain*  
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King.”

## Offertory Choral Anthem by Occasional Choir

### “Thou Who Wast Rich”

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,  
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man:  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising  
Heavenwards by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who are God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who are love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who are love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship thee.

Lyrics by Frank Houghton  
Arranged by Molly Ijames

# Communion Hymn

## “Every Promise of Your Word”



1. From the break - ing of the dawn to the set - ting of the sun, I will  
 stum - ble and I sin, con - dem - na - tion press - ing in, I will  
 faced with an - gushed choice, I will lis - ten for Your voice and I'll  
 lifts me from de - spair, love that casts out ev - 'ry fear, as I



stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. Words of pow - er, strong to  
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. You are faith - ful to for  
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. Through this dark and trou - bled  
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. Not for - sak - en, not a -



save, that will nev - er pass a - way; I will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your  
 give that in free - dom I might live, so I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your  
 land You will guide me with Your hand as I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your  
 lone, for the Com - for - ter has come, and I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your



Word. For Your cov - e - nant is sure and on  
 Word. Guilt to in - no - cence re - stored, You re -  
 Word. And You've prom - ised to com - plete ev - 'ry  
 Word. Grace suf - fi - cient, grace for me, grace for



this I am se - cure - I can stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your  
 mem - ber sins no more - So I'll stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your  
 work be - gun in me - So I'll stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your  
 all who will be - lieve - We will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your



Word. 2. When I  
 Word. 3. When I'm  
 Word. 4. Hope that  
 Word.

# Communion Hymn

## BEHOLD OUR GOD

Words and music by Ryan, Jonathan,  
and Meghan Baird and Stephen Altrogge

$\text{♩} = 73$  C **VERSE** Em C Em

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?  
2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?  
3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

5 C Em C

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice. All cre - a - tion  
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om  
God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave. Je - sus, Sav - ior,

8 Em<sup>7</sup> G **CHORUS** C G/B Am F

ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a -  
all His won - drous deeds?  
ris - en now to reign!

13 C G C G/B Am F C G C

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare. Come, let us a - dore Him!

## *Prayer Requests*

### **Redeemer Family:**

- Homebound: Dale Millward & June Rusch
- For the Isaac Canfield family (neighbors of the Weber's). Isaac died suddenly in his early 30's leaving behind his wife Mary and their four young children. Pray for comfort, peace, strength and wisdom for this families future.
- Bobbie Van Til (sister-in-law to Ethan & Dirk) who was diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep Bobbie, Seth & their three daughters in your prayers.
- Kimberly Close, sister of Katina Gibson, who is struggling with physical, emotional and spiritual difficulties. Pray that God's love and comfort would meet her in this season of need.
- For Dave & Kristen Grote who are expecting a child.
- For Alyssa Strong and her family as they mourn the sudden loss of her grandmother Sandra. Pray that God would sustain them in this time of loss, and comfort them with the hope of the gospel.

### **Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches:**

Etiennes (Haiti), Millwards (Redeemer Detroit church plant), Reverend Brent Meyers (Spain) and all missionaries and their families.

### **Churches in our Presbytery:**

**University Reformed, East Lansing, Michigan:** Pray for the start of the Kalamazoo Church plant, our call of a church planter and the continued peace and purity of URC. Praise for celebrating our 50th anniversary as a church and 50 new members joining the church.

**Reverend Walter Lorenz:** Please join in giving thanks to our Lord that Christ the King Church in Hastings, Michigan is now officially a PCA church! Pray that God will use and guide us to help them integrate into the life and ministries of our Great Lakes Presbytery, for the ongoing efforts of Redeemer Church in Detroit in their Leadership Training and that I will continue to make a good and useful transition into my new role as Pastor at Large in our Presbytery. I am very thankful for this new opportunity to serve.

### **Want to receive Redeemer email notifications & reminders?**

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## 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 Matthew 1:18-25

**Adult Sunday School** - Pastor Scott will teach on "Overcoming Bitterness"

**Detroit Project Offering** - Today

**Occasional Choir Practice** - After today's service for anyone interested in singing next Sunday.

**Sundays in December** - Youth 14 and younger are invited up front to sing the Opening Hymn (see directions in the Bulletin). Older youth should bring a hymnal with them.

**Potluck** - December 18th, please bring a dish to share. **We need volunteers to clean up after the potluck.**

**Christmas Caroling** - December 18th immediately following the potluck. We will be caroling at French Manor and the Pavilions.

**Christmas Eve Service** - December 24th at 5 PM

### *This week at Redeemer:*

**Prayer Gathering** - Tuesday, 12 Noon

**Men's Work Group** - Wednesday, 9 AM until 12 Noon

**Men's Study** - Thursday, 7:30 AM

### **Serving Today:**

Communion Set Up: Ralph & Teresa Kott

Elder: Fred Janke

Greeter: Todd & Katina Gibson, Barb Weber, Kit Hinz

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til, Miquel Fuentes, Occasional Choir

Nursery: Beverly McSauby

Refreshments: Kathy Van Til

Sound Board: David Smith

### **Serving Next Sunday, December 18th, 2016:**

Communion Set Up: Chris & Nikki Millward

Elder: Dennis Conant

Greeter: Todd & Katina Gibson, Barb Weber, Kit Hinz

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til, Miquel Fuentes, Jerry Blackstone

Nursery: Berneice Gonder

Refreshments: Potluck

Sound Board: Ralph Kott

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