A lit candle in a dark holder against a textured, warm-toned background. The candle is lit, with a bright flame and a glowing yellow and orange light emanating from it. The background is a mottled, textured surface in shades of dark red, orange, and brown. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

*The world
came
into being
through the*

LIGHT

- JOHN 1:10

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 25, 2016

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Isaiah 9:6

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.

†**Opening Hymn** #208 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

†**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 Luke 1:34-38

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was

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† =Stand, if able

Bold Words=Congregation

called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are, by ourselves, apart from your grace, sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed. Although you have proven yourself trustworthy over and over again, we have often doubted your promises to us. And although you have given us the indescribable gift of your Son as our Savior, we have often doubted your love and care for us. O Lord we believe, help our unbelief. Have mercy on us and for Jesus’ sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and obedience to your Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Matthew 1:21

Hear the good News!

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

†Hymn of Assurance “Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

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Responsive Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Elder Fred Weber

Elder: Our gracious heavenly Father, we celebrate today the glorious birth of your son, our savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Thank you for sending him to live among us; caring, loving and healing us. We ask that you would empower us as your hands and feet and use us to care for people both near and far. And as you blessed the home of Mary and Joseph, bless our homes this Christmas day and make our families a blessing to others.

People: Lord hear our prayer

Elder: Lord God, you have brought peace and pardon into this world through the kingdom of your Son. May his kingdom continue to extend to all the nations, bringing peace and hope to all people. May all experience the freedom that he promised when he said ‘If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed.’

People: Lord hear our prayer

Elder: Lord God, as Jesus was born among the poor and was a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, we pray that you would strengthen the weak, care for the sick and comfort those who are suffering. Be a rock of refuge for those who are afflicted with poverty, famine, disease and war.

Be a friend to the lonely, lift up the depressed and give us all courage and hope in our troubles and bring us into the joy of your salvation.

People: Lord hear our prayer

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

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.

†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 2:1-12

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This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon “They Rejoiced Exceedingly With Great Joy” Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†Sermon Hymn #203 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” **(Verse 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 16). 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 Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus,
Though he was in the form of God,
Did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
But emptied himself,
Taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
He humbled himself
And became obedient to the point of death—
Even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him
And gave him the name that is above every name,
So that at the name of Jesus
Every knee should bow,
In heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue should confess the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! 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 your 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

#201 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Vs. 1, 2 & 4 only)

#218 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (Vs. 1-3 only)

"Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" Bulletin Pg. 12

"Across the Lands" Bulletin Pg. 14

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 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

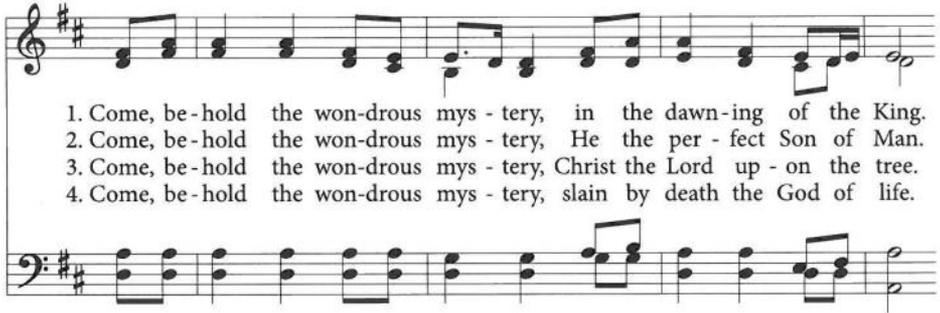
⁶ “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

NOTES

Hymn of Assurance

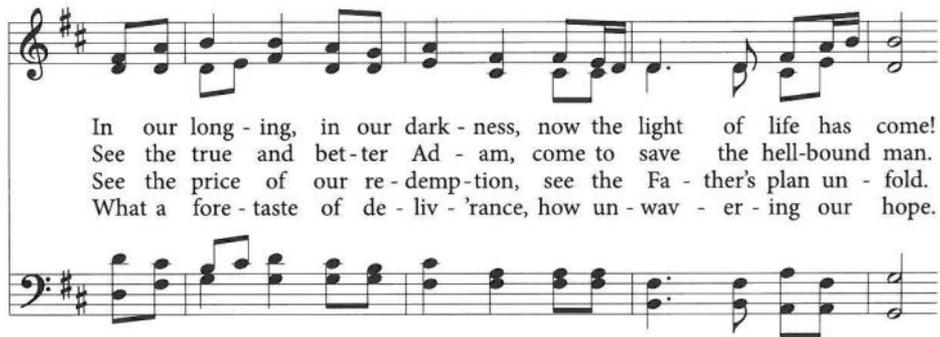
“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”



1. Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - tery, in the dawn - ing of the King.
2. Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - tery, He the per - fect Son of Man.
3. Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - tery, Christ the Lord up - on the tree.
4. Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - tery, slain by death the God of life.



He, the theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.
In His liv - ing, in His suf - fering, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.
But no grave could e'er re - strain Him; praise the Lord; He is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come!
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell - bound man.
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold.
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope.



Look to Christ Who con-de-scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.
Bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un-meas-ured, love un - told.
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as we will be when He comes.



Communion Hymn

“O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

1. Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un -
 deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread His
 deep, deep love of Je - sus, far sur -

Esus⁴ E E² E

meas - ured, bound-less, free, roll - ing as a might-y
 praise from shore to shore, how He came to pay our
 pass - ing all the rest! It's an o - cean full of

G^{#m}7 A² Esus E

o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der -
 ran - som through the sav - ing cross He bore; how He
 bless - ing in the midst of ev - ery test. Oh the

E² E F^{#m}7 B/F[#] E

neath me, all a-round me is the cur - rent of Your
 watch - es o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His
 deep, deep love of Je - sus, might-y Sav - ior, pre - cious

B/D[#] C^{#m} A²

love, lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward to Your
 own; how for them He's in - ter - ced - ing, plead - ing
 Friend! You will bring us home to glo - ry, where Your

16 F#m7 B/D# C#m B
 glo - rious rest a - bove. Oh the
 now be - fore the throne.
 love will nev - er end.

19 **CHORUS** B/D# C#m A2 E
 deep, deep love! All I need and trust is the

23 F#m A2 to coda 12 Esus E E2 E
 deep, deep love of Je - sus.

27 Esus/C# C#m7 A2 3 Esus E E2 E D.S.
 2. Oh the Je - sus. 3. Oh the

CODA
 31 Esus E E2 E Esus/C# C#m7 A2 E
 Je - sus.

Communion Hymn

Across the Lands

Words and Music by
Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

The first system of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music consists of a series of chords and melodic lines, with some notes beamed together. The dynamics are marked as *mf*.

mf

1. You're the Word of God the
2. Yet You left the gaze of
3. With a shout You rose vic -

The second system of musical notation continues the piece in G major and 6/8 time. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music consists of a series of chords and melodic lines, with some notes beamed together. The dynamics are marked as *mf*.

Fa - ther from be - fore the world be - gan; _____ Ev 'ry star and ev - 'ry plan - et _____ has been
an - gels, came to seek and save the lost _____ and ex - changed the joy of heav - en _____ for the
to - rious, wrest - ing vic - 'try from the grave _____ and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en, _____ lead - ing

The third system of musical notation continues the piece in G major and 6/8 time. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music consists of a series of chords and melodic lines, with some notes beamed together. The dynamics are marked as *mf*.

fash - ioned by Your hand.
an - guish of a cross.
cap - tives in Your way.

All cre - a - tion holds to - geth - er
With a prayer You fed the hun - gry,
Now You stand be - fore the Fa - ther,

by the pow - er of Your
with a word You calmed the
in - ter - ced - ing for Your

voice. _____ Let the skies de - clare Your glo - ry; _____ let the land and seas re - joice. _____
 sea; _____ Yet how si - lent - ly You suf - fered, _____ that the guilt - y may go free. _____ You're the
 own; _____ From each tribe and tongue and na - tion _____ You are lead - ing sin - ners home. _____

Au - thor of cre - a - tion, _____ You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man, _____ and Your cry of love rings

out a - cross the lands.

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.

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Homebound: Dale Millward, June Rusch and Reva Sharp
- 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:

Good Shepherd, Valparaiso, Indiana: Pray for Elder Yon Lindborg receiving treatment for cancer, for the health of our older members and for Luke & Amanda McAuley and their five children who are serving as missionaries in Kenya.

Redeemer Presbyterian, Traverse City, Michigan: Pray for healing and comfort for those in our congregation dealing with health issues, our home bound members, for those in our community who struggle with addiction and for our leadership that they might discern God's word and lead us accordingly. Praise for many new members this year and for the leaders of our Women's Ministry who continue to bring us together in fellowship.

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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 on Proverbs on the Future

Sunday School - No Adult or Youth Sunday School on January 1st.

This week at Redeemer:

Prayer Gathering - Tuesday, 12 Noon

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 AM

Financials Through November 30th, 2016

Budgeted Expenses: \$236,049

Actual Expenses: \$235,607

*Giving & Rentals: \$253,716

(*Includes \$23,725 in Rental Income)

Serving Today:

Communion Set Up: Kit Hinz

Elder: Fred Weber

Greeter: Chris & Nikki Millward, Dave & Angie Van Dyk, Deb Long

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til, Occasional Choir

Sound Board: Max Wolfe

Serving Next Sunday, January 1, 2017:

Communion Set Up: Dennis & Joyce Weise

Elder: Fred Janke

Greeter: Chris & Nikki Millward, Dave & Angie Van Dyk, Deb Long

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til

Nursery: Lindsay Korljan

Refreshments: Redeemer will provide; everyone please help to clean up!

Sound Board: CJ Weber

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