



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

**He said, "Who are you?"
And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant.
Spread your wings over your servant,
for you are a redeemer."**

Ruth 3:9

**The Lord's Service
December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent**

The Advent Season

This Sunday marks the third Sunday of the Advent season, which are the four Sundays immediately preceding Christmas Day. The term “Advent” is taken from the Latin word which means coming or arrival, and is a season the church has historically set aside for special attention on the significance of the first coming of Christ, and on our waiting for him to come again.

During this season we will begin our service with Scripture readings and prayers that help us remember the waiting of God’s people for the Messiah that was fulfilled in Christ’s first coming. The hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” captures this Old Testament longing powerfully: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.” Looking back on Christ’s birth, we rejoice that God fulfilled his promises by sending the Messiah, Jesus Christ, to save his people from sin. At the same time, the Advent season reminds us that we, like Israel, are also waiting for our full redemption. We are living in a world broken by sin, death, disease, difficulties, and trials of every kind. Just as Israel longed for the Messiah, so we long for the second coming of Christ and his promise to destroy sin and its curse in this world, that day when “He will wipe away every tear from our eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Advent is thus a season that emphasizes waiting, preparation, and repentance for God’s people. As one Christian author reminds us:

While it is difficult to keep in mind in the midst of holiday celebrations, shopping, lights and decorations, and joyful carols, Advent is intended to be a season of fasting, much like Lent, and there are a variety of ways that this time of mourning works itself out in the season. Reflection on the violence and evil in the world cause us to cry out to God to make things right—to put death’s dark shadows to flight. Our exile in the present makes us look forward to our future Exodus. And our own sinfulness and need for grace leads us to pray for the Holy Spirit to renew his work in conforming us into the image of Christ.

One of the great benefits of the Advent season is that it helps us re-focus, particularly in the midst of the consumerism everywhere around us, that our hope is not in this world. As we share in the longing of God’s people of old for Jesus’ first coming, we renew our desire for his second coming. This season is also another opportunity for us to cultivate an attitude of repentance and humility for our sin. If we are to fully enter into the joy of Jesus’ birth on Christmas morning, we must ask God to help us mourn over our captivity to sin and failure to love and serve him which made it necessary.

The Lord's Service

December 16, 2018

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Verse 1 only)

Children's Choir

(Verse 1 will be sung twice; the first time only the children will sing, the second time the congregation will sing)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Third Sunday of Advent

Reading, Prayer and Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Pastor Chris Stevens

Psalm 9:1

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

† Opening Hymn #214 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

† Invocation

Psalm 124:8

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Let us pray.

† The Greeting

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” (Vs. 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

Romans 12:9-13

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Heavenly Father, we come to you acknowledging our sin and failure to live as you have called us. We have often doubted your goodness, and failed in our love to others. We thank you that because of Jesus Christ, we can experience full forgiveness. Accept his worthiness for my unworthiness, his sinlessness for my transgression, his purity for my uncleanness, his sincerity for my guile, his truth for my deceits, his meekness for my pride, his constancy for my backslidings, his love for my enmity, his fullness for my emptiness, his faithfulness for my treachery, his obedience for my lawlessness, his glory for my shame, his devotedness for my waywardness, his holy life for my unchaste ways, his righteousness for my dead works, his death for my life. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:24

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** #230 “Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor”

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Chris Stevens

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 31:10-16; 26-31; Philippians 2:3-11

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Giving God Our Offerings

Special Offertory Music “Is He Worthy?” by Andrew Peterson, Redeemer Choir

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)

Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)

But do you know that all the dark

won't stop the light from getting through? (We do)

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)

Is a new creation coming? (It is)

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy of this?

He is

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)

Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

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Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe
Every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is! He is!

† 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

Ruth 3

Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? ² Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³ Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.”⁵ And she replied, “All that you say I will do.”

So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her. ⁷ And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down. ⁸ At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet! ⁹ He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer." ¹⁰ And he said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹ And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. ¹² And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I. ¹³ Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the Lord lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning."

¹⁴ So she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." ¹⁵ And he said, "Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out." So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city. ¹⁶ And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did you fare, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her, ¹⁷ saying, "These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, 'You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'" ¹⁸ She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Scandalous Proposition or Sacrificial Love?" Pastor Scott Korljan

Sermon notes:

Questions for Discussion

1. What are some examples from our own lives in which we have a good desire but go after it in a wrong way?
2. What is so amazing about Ruth's marriage proposal to Boaz? Where is God giving us opportunities this week to show this kind of sacrificial love for someone else?

Prayer of Application

† **Sermon Hymn** “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” (Verse 3 only)

**I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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.

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.

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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.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. We praise you that you sent him into this world to satisfy our need and our longing for a Savior, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed. And now as we set apart these common elements of bread and wine, we ask you to bless them so that the bread that we break, and the cup of blessing which we bless, would be for us by faith a participation in the body and blood of our Lord. 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

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory,
the whole earth is full of his glory. Holy is the Lord.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

Special Communion Music

Miquel Fuentes

Prayer after Communion

We thank you Father 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. Now may this meal enable us to increase in faith, persevere in hope, and grow up in love. 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.

† Post Communion Hymn #211 “God Rest You Merry Gentlemen”

† Benediction

† Benediction Response

Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- The VanDyk family on the sudden loss of Dave's nephew Matthew.
- Dale Millward, homebound.
- Maggie Carins, she is making progress, but longs for visitors.
- Judy (CJ's mother) for strength and peace.
- David Delgado, for healing as he continues through the trials of chemotherapy.
- Kathy Van Til as she continues to recover.
- John VanTil, recovering from shoulder surgery and health challenges.
- Kimberly Close (sister of Katina Gibson), for God's mercy in her struggles.
- Paul Mann (Maggie's son-in-law), for God to reveal Himself to him.
- Ann Nelson (Christi Throop's daughter-in-law), for healing and strength.
- Our students as they finish the school semester.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Christ Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan: Praise God for Rev. Bryant McGee accepting a call to fill an associate pastor position! Pray for his transition from Texas to Michigan and for the congregation & staff as they navigate many changes that come with God-given growth.

Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo, Michigan: Please pray for continued joy & endurance as we labor by God's grace in our church planting context, that we will trust in our Lord for all things, for the formation of our small groups and for Ryan Potter & Devon Rossman and their families as they transition to our church for church planting.

Financials

Year to Date	<u>Nov. 30, 2017</u>	<u>Nov. 30, 2018</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$275,028	\$278,677	\$285,307	(\$6,630)
Total Expenses:	\$269,546	\$271,665		

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Contact the Church office at:

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Redeemer Facebook (Redeemer PCATC)

Announcements

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

Sunday School - Please join us Sunday mornings at 9 am.

Candy Catechism - 21) Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

Church Membership Class - Continues to meet on Sunday mornings at 9 am. Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be no class on Sunday, December 23rd & 30th.

Men's Study - Studying Hebrews will help us see and worship Christ as our high priest rescuing us from misery.

Mercy Ministry - If you are interested in being more involved in mercy ministry at the church and in the community, please talk to Deacon Dave VanDyk.

Caroling at the Pavilions! - Please join us today from 1 to 2 pm. Please meet at the Evergreen Cottage, 2nd floor at the piano. Song books will be provided. If you would like to follow someone over to the Pavilions, please meet in our parking lot at 12:40 pm and look for Buzz Bauers.

Ladies Book Study - All ladies are invited to read a book together and share conversation (January/February). More details to come!

Budget Deficit - Going into December, we currently have a \$6,630 deficit in our 2018 Budget. Please consider if you can give joyfully to the work of Redeemer as we bring this year to a close. We are thankful for all the generous giving that has sustained Redeemer for another year, and trust that God's provision will be exactly what we need.

Christmas Eve Service - Monday, December 24th at 5 pm

This week at Redeemer:

vonDrehle Small Group - Today

Wednesday Night Studies -6 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

December 2018

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16	Sunday School 9 am New Members Class Worship Service 10:15 am vonDrehtle Small Group Caroling at Pavilions, 1pm	17	18	19 Wednesday night studies, 6 pm Food & childcare provided	20 Men's Study 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon	21	22
23	Worship Service 10:15 am	24 Christmas Eve 5 pm Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27 Men's Study 7:30 am Husted Small Group 6:30 pm	28	29
30	Worship Service 10:15 am	31 New Year's Eve					

Serving Today:

Communion Set Up:

Ron & Cindy Sabotka

Greeting:

Dave & Angie VanDyk, Carol DeVries

Music Ministry:

Connie VanTil, Children's Choir, Redeemer Choir,
Miquel Fuentes

Nursery:

Heidi VanTil

Refreshments:

Michonne Palmer

Sound Board:

CJ Weber



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1st or 2nd time visitor?

Have a Prayer need?

Want to be on our weekly newsletter?

*Want more info about ministry or
service at Redeemer?*

*Please fill out and place in the
Offering plate.*

Thank You!

Serving on Sunday, December 23:

Communion Set Up:

Kit Hinz

Greeting:

Dave & Angie VanDyk, Carol DeVries

Music Ministry:

Connie VanTil, Children's Choir

Nursery:

Lindsay Korljan

Refreshments:

Ashby Mizell

Sound Board:

David Smith

Serving on Monday, Christmas Eve:

Music Ministry:

Connie Van Til, Leah & Anna Racine

Sound Board:

Gavin Weber

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

How did you hear about us:

1st Time Guest: ____

2nd Time Guest: ____

Regular Attendee: ____

Member: ____



*If you would like to be prayed for
please fill out and place in the
Offering Plate*

Prayer Requests:

Share with Prayer Team: ____

Private: ____

Send me information about :

Becoming a Christian

Baptism

Membership

Serving on a Team

Small Groups

Other

The Session (Pastors and Elders)

Rev. Scott Korljan, Pastor
Rev. Chris Stevens, Associate Pastor
Buzz Bauers
Fred Janke
Chris Millward
Bill Morrison
Fred Weber
David Schafer (Emeritus)

The Deacons

Jerry DeVries
Bob Israel
Tim Schramm II
Dave VanDyk

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Scott Korljan, Pastor
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Sunday School: 9 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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