



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

**But Ruth said,
“Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you.
For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge.
Your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.**

Ruth 1:16

**The Lord’s Service
December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent**

The Advent Season

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of the Advent season, which is 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.

Over the next four weeks 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 2, 2018

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" (Verse 1 only)

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

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

First Sunday of Advent

Reading, Prayer and Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Pastor Scott Korljan

Luke 1:68-69

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David.

† Opening Hymn #194 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Vss. 1, 2, 3, & 5 only)

† Invocation

Psalm 124:8

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

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Let us pray.

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† 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 3:20; James 2:8, 10

The Scriptures teach that “through the law comes the knowledge of sin.” Hear the Law of the Lord: “If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing well.” But “whoever fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.” Let us humbly bow our heads before the Lord and confess our sins.

Almighty God, we confess to you that we are, apart from your grace, sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed. We have not followed your commandments nor loved our neighbor as ourselves. You have given your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his 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

Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

† 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.

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Chris Stevens

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:18-30

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)

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 1

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me."

¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?" ²⁰ She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹ I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the Lord has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"

²² So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Trusting God in Tragic Times"

Pastor Scott Korljan

Sermon notes:

Questions for Discussion

1. Why is the world so filled with tragedy? What is the ultimate Christian hope in the face of tragedy?
2. Why is it so easy to overlook God's grace in our lives in times of tragedy? How can we be more aware?

Prayer of Application

† **Sermon Hymn** #691 "It Is Well with My Soul" (Verse 1 only)

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."**

It is well, (*it is well*) with my soul; (*with my soul*;) it is well, it is well with my soul.

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 Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer #1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own,
but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,
who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins,
and delivered me from all the power of the devil,
and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation,
therefore by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready, always, to live for him.**

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.

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

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 #196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
“Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.”

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

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

† 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.
- Brett Schut as he heals from a broken foot.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Michiana Covenant, Granger, Indiana: Pray for those who struggle with depression, anxiety, as well as difficult relationship situations during this season. Praise for Joel & Jamie Irvin's fruitful time at the MNA Assessment Center.

Trinity PCA, DeMotte, Indiana: Pray for our faithfulness and that the Lord may bring growth. Praise for families that have experienced significant healing.

Reverend Paul Engle: Thanks for ongoing ministry opportunities.

Financials

	<u>Oct. 31, 2017</u>	<u>Oct. 31, 2018</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$251,720	\$258,005	\$259,370	(\$1,365)
Total Expenses:	\$241,448	\$247,425		

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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 9am.

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

Do You Love to Sing? - Please join the Redeemer Choir as we practice each Sunday (immediately after the service) for the Advent season!

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

Church Membership Class - Meets Sunday mornings at 9 am. The class will meet weekly for 6-8 weeks (with December 23rd & 30th off). Please contact Pastor Scott or Deb Long to sign up. This class is for everyone who wants to know more about Redeemer, who we are, what we believe, and where we are going.

Wednesday Night Dinner & Discussion - This Wednesday at 6 pm Pastor Scott will present on "The Gospel and Sexual Orientation." Given the confusion both in the culture and increasingly the church, and in light of some issues in our own denomination, we will attempt to answer questions such as: What does the Bible say about how we should think about sexual orientation and sexual identity? Are people born that way? What about being a "gay" Christian? Dinner and childcare will be provided.

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.

Adopt a Family Christmas Program - Love INC is reaching out in our community with this program. If you would like to participate, please contact the Love INC office at 231-941-5683.

Caroling at the Pavilions! - Please join us for caroling at the Pavilions on Sunday, December 16th from 1 to 2 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

Bauers Small Group - Thursday, 6:30 pm

Single MOMM Event - Saturday, 4:30 pm

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Sunday School 9 am New Members Class Worship Service 10:15 am vonDrehle Small Group	3	4	5 Wednesday night studies, 6 pm Food & childcare provided	6 Men's Study 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon Bauers Small Group 6:30 pm	7	8 Single MOMM Event 4:30 to 7 pm
9 Sunday School 9 am New Members Class Worship Service 10:15 am Stevens Small Group	10	11	12 VanDyk Small Group, 7 pm	13 Men's Study 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon Husted Small Group 6:30 pm	14	15
16 Sunday School 9 am New Members Class Worship Service 10:15 am vonDrehle 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					



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Serving Today:

Communion Set Up:

Barb Weber / Kate Empie

Greeting:

Barb Weber, Kit Hinz, Darryl & Susan Johnson

Music Ministry:

Connie VanTil, Children's Choir, Redeemer Choir

Nursery:

Megan Stevens

Refreshments:

Barb Husted

Sound Board:

Ralph Kott

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 9:

Communion Set Up:

Nikki Millward

Greeting:

Ron & Cindy Sabotka, Carol DeVries

Music Ministry:

Connie VanTil, Children's Choir, Redeemer Choir

Nursery:

Berneice Gonder

Refreshments:

Monica Scott

Sound Board:

Gavin Weber

Date: _____

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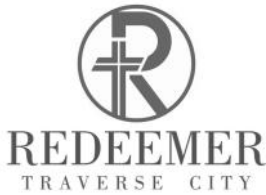
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1st Time Guest: ____

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

Redeemer Staff

Scott Korljan, Pastor
Chris Stevens, Associate Pastor
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Sunday School: 9 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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