



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

**The Lord repay you for what you have done,
and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel,
under whose wings you have come to take refuge!**

Ruth 2:12

**The Lord's Service
December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent**

The Advent Season

This Sunday marks the second 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 9, 2018

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (**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)

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Second Sunday of Advent

Reading, Prayer and Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Pastor Scott Korljan

Psalm 146:1-2; 9-10

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

The Lord watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the Lord!

† **Opening Hymn** #218 "Angels From the Realms of Glory" (**Vss. 1, 2, 3, & 4 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.

† 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

1 John 3:16-18

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

1 John 4:9-10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

† Hymn of Assurance “All I Have is Christ”

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D A D G A D

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that
 2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - dif - ferent to the cost, You looked up -
 3. Now Lord I would be Yours a - lone, and live so all might see the strength to

Em G A D A

prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would
 on my help - less state and led me to the cross. And I be-held God's loved dis -
 fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from me. O Fath - er, use my ran - somed

Bm G D Em7 Bm

own a reb - el to Your will. And if You had not loved me first, I would re -
 played, You suf - fered in my place. You bore the wrath re - served for me, now all I
 life in an - y way You choose, and let my song for - ev - er be my on - ly

1. A 2.3. A D G D

fuse You still. grace. Hal - le - lu - jah! All I
 know is is You. You. You.

A Bm G Bm A (Repeat chorus after 3rd verse)

have is Christ. Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life.

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 19:33; Deuteronomy 24:19-22; James 1:22-27

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Giving God Our Offerings

† 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 2

Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. ² And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." ³ So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. ⁴ And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" And they answered, "The Lord bless you." ⁵ Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" ⁶ And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab." ⁷ She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest.

⁸ Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women.⁹ Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn."¹⁰ Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said

to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" ¹¹ But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. ¹² The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" ¹³ Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants."

¹⁴ And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. ¹⁵ When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. ¹⁶ And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her."

¹⁷ So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. ¹⁸ And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied. ¹⁹ And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." ²⁰ And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers."²¹ And Ruth the Moabite said, "Besides, he said to me, 'You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.'" ²² And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted." ²³ So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Human Desperation Meets Divine Provision"

Pastor Scott Korljan

Sermon notes:

Questions for Discussion

1. What is Providence? How does God's providence comfort us?
2. What makes what Boaz did for Ruth so remarkable? What opportunities do we have to show the same kind of generosity and welcome to others?

Prayer of Application

† Sermon Hymn “Holy Spirit” (Verse 2 only)

**Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

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.

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 #207 “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
earth and heav’n before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven’s door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

† 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:

First Presbyterian, Bad Axe, Michigan: Praise that we are now in the final stages of calling Scott McDermand as our pastor. Pray for all those mourning the passing of loved ones during this Christmas season and those on our long-term prayer list.

Pathway Community, Brighton, Michigan: Pray for the Burns family and several other families who had loved ones in the church suffering with significant health issues.

Confex (Mwai) Makhalira - Evangelistic Missionary for Missions to the World:

We are thankful to the Lord for sustaining us as we have been traveling around the country to share about our work and raise prayer and financial support.

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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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?

Young Adult Dinner - Tomorrow night at the Boerema home.

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

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.

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 next Sunday, (December 16th) from 1 to 2 pm.

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:

Stevens Small Group - Today

VanDyk Small Group - Wednesday, 7 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

Husted Small Group - Thursday, 6:30 pm

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 vonDreehle 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:

Nikki Millward

Greeting:

Ron & Cindy Sabotka, Carol DeVries

Music Ministry:

Rick Harkert, Children's Choir

Nursery:

Berneice Gonder

Refreshments:

Monica Scott

Sound Board:

Gavin Weber

Serving on Sunday, December 16:

Communion Set Up:

Ron & Cindy Sabotka

Greeting:

Dave & Angie VanDyk, Carol DeVries

Music Ministry:

Connie VanTil, Children's Choir, Redeemer Choir

Nursery:

Heidi VanTil

Refreshments:

Michonne Palmer

Sound Board:

CJ Weber

*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!*

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

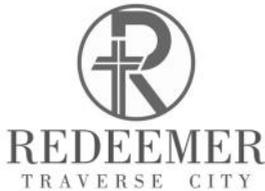
How did you hear about us:

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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Sunday School: 9 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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