

#### Welcome

Welcome to Redeemer Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you have joined with us to worship God. Please stay after the service and get to know others in our community who are calling Redeemer Presbyterian Church "home." If you have any questions about our church, feel free to contact us using the information on the back of the bulletin.

When you arrive for worship, please observe silence as you prepare to enter into God's Divine Service. Silence your cell phone, listen to the prelude, read the Words of Preparation and the Scripture lessons in the back of the bulletin, and join others in prayer and meditation.

# **Our Worship**

Our service is intentionally structured to reflect our belief that worship is God's service to us, his people. By design, there are three parts to our worship: the Service of Entrance, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Table.

The Service of Entrance begins when the choir sings the Introit, followed by our Hymn of Invocation, Call to Worship, and Prayer of Adoration. We will then join in a Corporate Confession of Sin, hear God's Declaration of Absolution, and respond with the Gloria and Hymn of Gratitude or Psalm.

The Service of the Word will include readings from the Lectionary (a calendar-based system for reading through the Bible) along with corporate responses of song and prayer. The sermon is God's Word to us and we ask that you listen attentively, asking the Holy Spirit to apply his Word to you in a particular way.

The Service of the Table begins with a Corporate Confession of Faith, followed by the Passing of the Peace, and the Collection of Tithes and Offerings. Our service concludes with the Lord's Supper and Benediction. Our church partakes of the Lord's Supper every week. We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, have made public profession of their faith, and are part of a local church. We offer both wine and grape juice (located in the center rings) in the communion tray. If you have any questions, please speak with a pastor.

#### Your Children

We love kids! And we try to make them feel welcome during our worship service. You can help your children profit from the service by working through the bulletin with them. If your child needs a break from the service, please feel free to sit in the Narthex where you can still hear the service. You can also take young children to the Nursery. A private space is provided in the Nursery for nursing mothers.

#### **Between Services**

Please join us in the courtyard for a time of fellowship with coffee and breakfast snacks. Our School of Discipleship classes have suspended for the winter break, and will resume on January 14 with classes for all ages.

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

**January 7, 2024** 

# The First Sunday after the Epiphany

# The Epiphany of Our Lord

# In Preparation



Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE Michael Phillips

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern – Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

How lovely shines the Morning Star!
The nations see and hail afar
The light in Judah shining;
Thou David's son of Jacobs' race,
My bridegroom and my King of grace,
For thee my heart is pining.
Lowly, holy great and glorious, thou victorious,
Prince of graces,
Filling all the heavenly places.

# WORDS OF PREPARATION

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 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." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"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."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 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." 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. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 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. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, by the leading of a star you made known your only-begotten son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know you by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# The Service of Entrance

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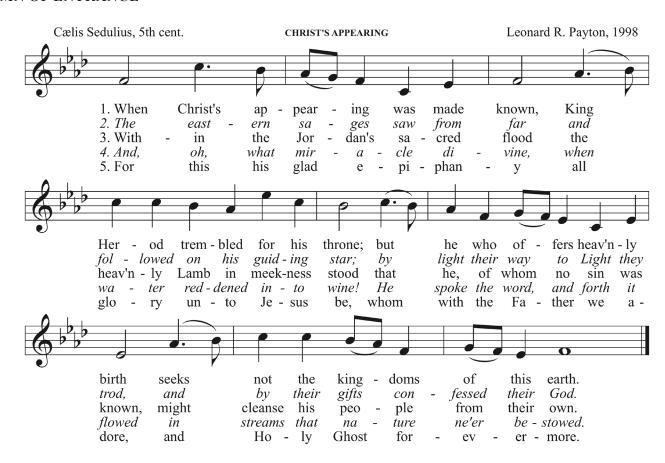
#### CHORAL INTROIT

O Gladsome Light – Louis Bourgeois (1510-1559)

O gladsome light, O grace of God the Father's face, The eternal splendor wearing: celestial, holy, blest, Our Savior Jesus Christ, joyful in thine appearing.

(Phos Hilaron, Early Christian Hymn)

#### HYMN OF ENTRANCE



Minister: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

People: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; **People:** Bring an offering, and come into his courts!

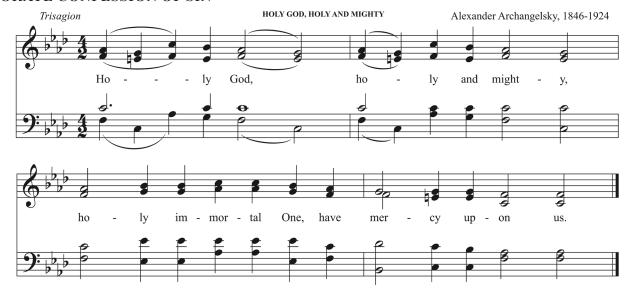
Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.
Minister: Let us pray.

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. Amen.

#### CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN



Minister: Hear what the LORD our God says, "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for

yourself a carved image. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet."

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what

we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and

walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: "Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification." All you

who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy

Spirit.

People: Amen.

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

People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

#### THE GLORIA



#### **\*** HYMN OF GRATITUDE



# The Service of the Word

Isaiah 60:1-6

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CAROL FOR CHOIR

Numbers 24:17

*There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob* – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

There shall a star come out of Jacob, And a sceptre shall rise out of Israel; With might destroying princes and cities!

As bright the star of morning gleams, So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams Of light and consolation.

Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting, Truth imparting, gives salvation; Thine be praise and adoration! Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### THE PSALTER Psalm 72

### **Antiphon:**





### All: Antiphon

Choir: Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice.

#### **Antiphon**

He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute. and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

#### **Antiphon**

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper. He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

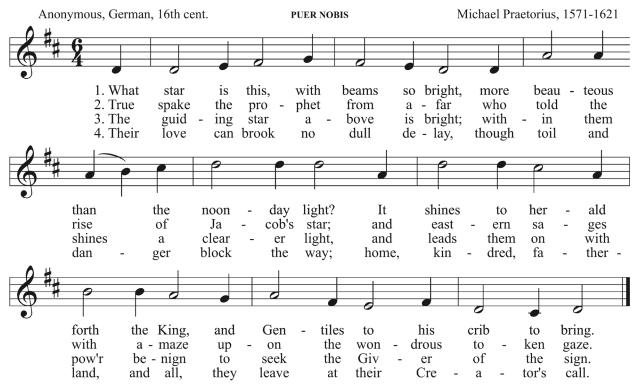
#### **Antiphon**

May his name remain for ever and be established as long as the sun endures; may all the nations bless themselves in him and call him blessed.

### Antiphon

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise be to you, O Christ!** 

#### OUR RESPONSE



- 5. O Jesus, while the star of grace Impels us on to seek thy face, Let not our slothful hearts refuse The guidance of thy light to use.
- 6. To God the Father, heav'nly Light, To Christ, revealed in earthly night, To God the Holy Ghost we raise Our equal and unceasing praise.

#### **WELCOME**

At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.

#### **INTERLUDE**

#### PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Joshua Torrey

**Unison:** 

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### \* THE SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:9-12

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People:** Praise be to you, O Christ!

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

MORNING SERMON Rev. Jon Herr

The Visit of the Magi
Matthew 2:1-12

# The Service of the Table

#### **\*** CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

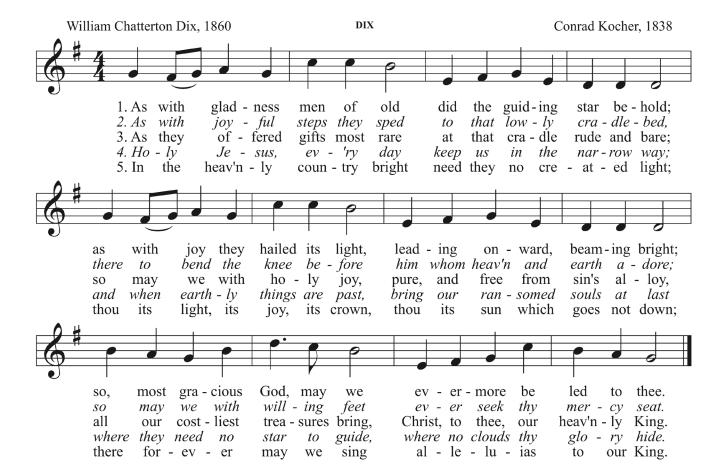
Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

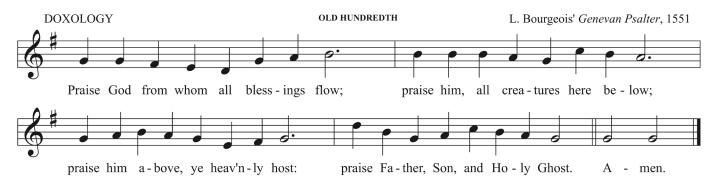
Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: the world, and they that dwell therein.

#### HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD



❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.



#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Minister: We love you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. We present you with these gifts, which came first from

your hand, as part of our sacrifice of praise. Use them, O God, for your glory and our good. In the name

of Jesus, we pray.

People: Amen.

# **❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you! **People:** And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

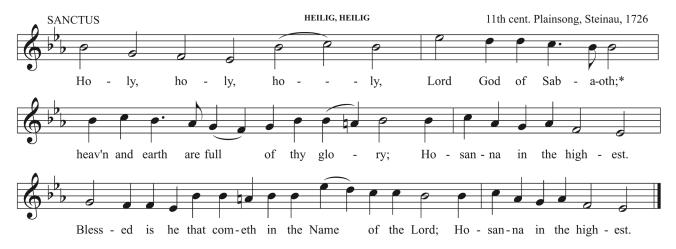
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: It is good and right to do so!

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we do praise you who sent your only begotten Son, and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, you did reveal the fullness of your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and

magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:



<sup>\*</sup> One of the many biblical names for God; in this case the Lord God of hosts or angelic armies.

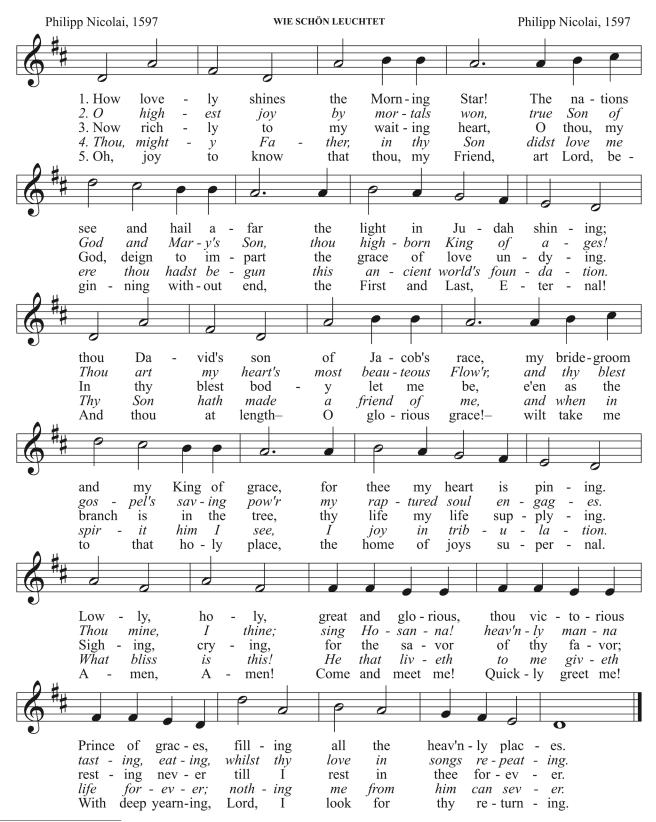
Pronounced "Sah-bah-oat"

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

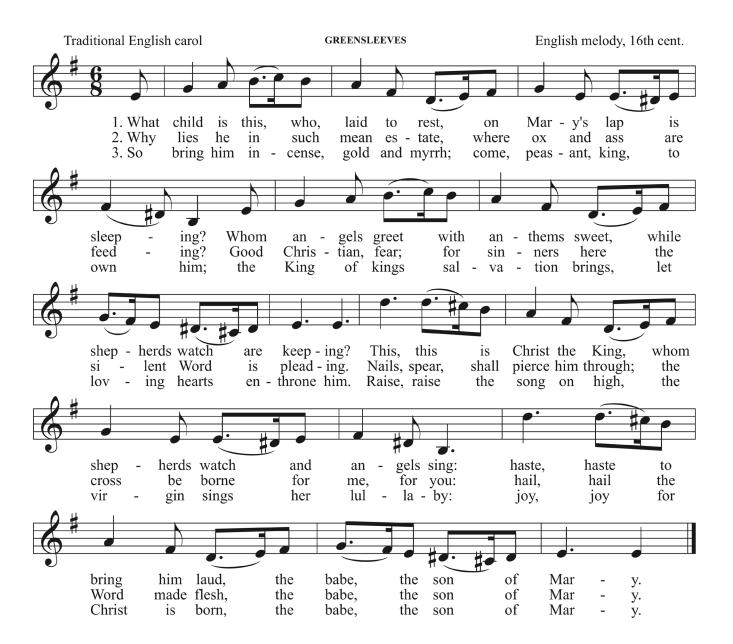
#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)



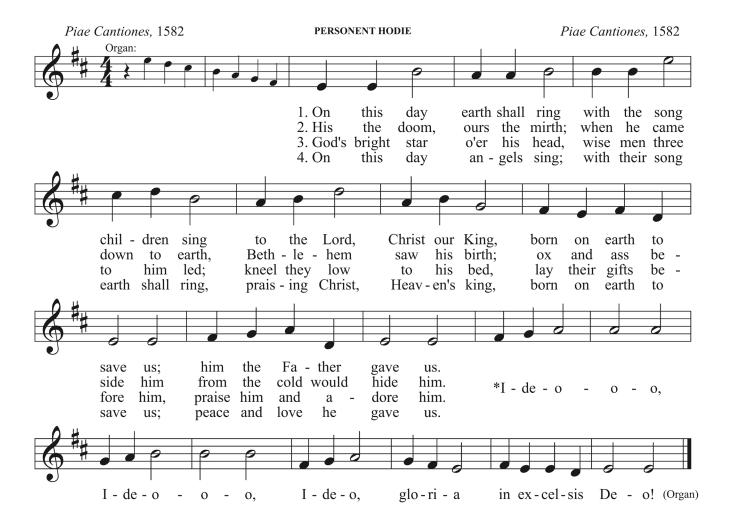
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In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:25)



#### **\*** BENEDICTION

#### **\* DEPARTING HYMN**



<sup>\*</sup>Ideo is pronounced ee-day-oh.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Therefore," glory to God in the highest!

### **LESSONS**

#### Psalm 72:1-15

Give the King your judgments, O God, and your righteousness to the King's son.

Then shall he judge your people with righteousness and defend the poor with justice.

The mountains also shall bring peace,

and the little hills righteousness to the people.

He shall vindicate the poor among the people,

defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrongdoer.

They shall fear you as long as the sun and moon endure,

from one generation to another.

He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, even as showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish.

even an abundance of peace, so long as the moon endures.

His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other,

and from the river unto the world's end.

Those who dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him;

his enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents;

the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him;

all nations shall do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor when he cries,

the needy also, and the one that has no helper.

He shall be favorable to the lowly and needy,

and shall preserve the lives of the poor.

He shall deliver them from falsehood and wrong,

and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Long may he live! And unto him shall be given the gold of Arabia; prayer shall ever be made unto him, and daily shall he be blessed.

#### **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,

and his glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes all around, and see;

they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from afar,

and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

Then you shall see and be radiant;

your heart shall thrill and exult,

because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,

the young camels of Midian and Ephah;

all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,

and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

#### Ephesians 3:1-13

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

#### **Matthew 2:1-8**

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, 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." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"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."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 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."

## Sermon Lesson—Matthew 2:9-12

<sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. <sup>11</sup>And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.



#### FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sun, Jan 7	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Jon Herr preaching
Mon, Jan 8	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Hebrews, contact Tami White
Wed, Jan 10	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsals resume, Covenant Hall
Fri, Jan 12	7:00 p.m.	Ladies' Night, home of Jane Cox, contact Zoie Duncan for details
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		BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
Sun, Jan 14	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Danny Morgan preaching
	_	School of Discipleship classes and Evening at Redeemer resume
Mon, Jan 15	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Hebrews, contact Tami White
Tue, Jan 16	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting, Library
Thu, Jan 18	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
Fri, Jan 19	7:30 p.m.	Holbrook Organ Series, Donald Meineke, organist
Sat, Jan 20	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel in Round Rock, contact Mark Nelsen
Sun, Jan 21	12:30 p.m.	Intro to Redeemer class, contact Danny Morgan
Sat, Jan 27	·—	Texas Rally for Life, see texasrally for life.org for details
•	8:00 p.m.	Ladies Pray for One Another Breakfast, La Madeleine in Sunset Valley
Feb 2 & 3	<b>`</b> —	Faith and Work conference, save the dates!
Feb 9 & 10	7:30 p.m.	AoA Presents: Philharmonie Austin, visit artsonalexander.org for info
Feb 23-25		Ranchopalooza, high school youth retreat, contact Nate Esbenshade
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# **Redeemer Theological Academy**

The church elders have recently approved the development of a new ministry at our church! It is called Redeemer Theological Academy. We will be offering college-level classes in Biblical studies, Theology, Church History, Apologetics, and Ministry skills. Pastor Marcus Serven will serve as the director of this endeavor. Our plans for the winter months are twofold:

- "The Doctrine of Salvation" Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Room 208, beginning Jan. 18. As part of the class we will read J. I. Packer's Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God, and John Murray's Redemption: Accomplished and Applied.
- "Burning Theological Questions" These occasional Friday evening seminars will focus on some of the key questions that many Christians have about the Christian faith—such as "Is there any hope for the future?" and "What evidences are there for the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ?" [dates and locations to be determined]. More information coming soon!

Both classes and seminars are provided free of charge to all members and attendees of Redeemer Presbyterian Church. Men and women are welcome, plus mature high school and college students. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Marcus Serven:

mserven@redeemerpres.org.

#### **RSVP Now for Epiphany Feasts**

It's not too late to join one of our Epiphany Feasts, which take place in host homes across the Austin area. Epiphany Day was January 6, when we celebrate the revealing of Jesus Christ, the Light, into this dark world. Our hosts are welcoming guests on several upcoming dates, so whether or not you are part of a small group, you are welcome to attend one of these joyous gatherings! Scan this code for the list of feast locations, and RSVP for a feast near you.



#### School of Discipleship Resumes Next Sunday!

Our spring semester of classes for all ages begins January 14. Please scan this QR code for information on all the classes, including three options for adults. Join us at 10:15 a.m. in Calvin Hall next Sunday!



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