

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 12 with classes for all ages.

Liturgical Color: White – symbolizes the purity of the newborn Christ and our light and joy in him.

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THE DIVINE SERVICE

January 5, 2025

The Twelfth Day of Christmas

The Epiphany of Our Lord

In Preparation

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

PRELUDE Leon Couch

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 547 — J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

Almighty God, you have poured into our hearts the true Light of your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance



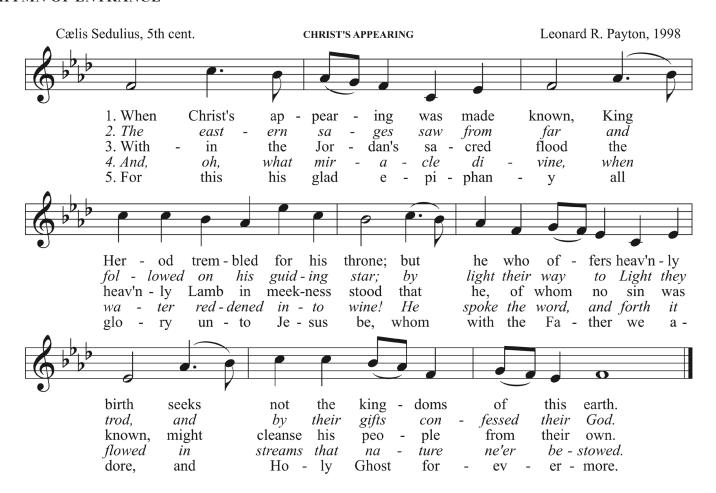
CHORAL INTROIT

Coventry Carol — arr. Martin Shaw

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, By by, lully lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do For to preserve this day this poor youngling, For whom we do sing, by by, lully lullay?

***** 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!

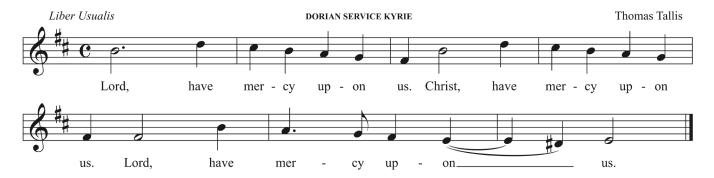
Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.
Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. Amen.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN



Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Whoever has

my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me

does not keep my words."

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

People: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We

have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober

life, to the glory of thy holy 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.

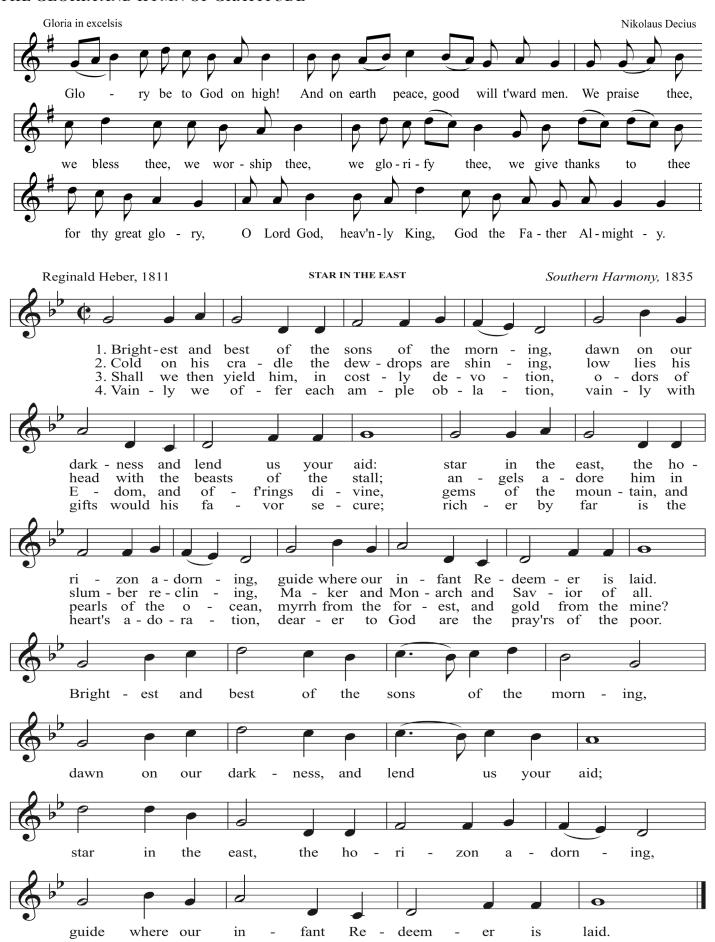
Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

❖ THE GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE



The Service of the Word



THE PSALTER Psalm 72

Antiphon:



All kings shall bow down be-fore him;



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.

All: Antiphon

Choir: 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.

All: Antiphon

Choir: 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.

All: Antiphon

Choir: 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.

All: Antiphon

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THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHORAL ANTHEM

There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob — arr. Felix Mendessohn (1809-1847)

There shall a star come out of Jacob And a scepter 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!

(Numbers 24:17)

THE EPISTLE LESSON

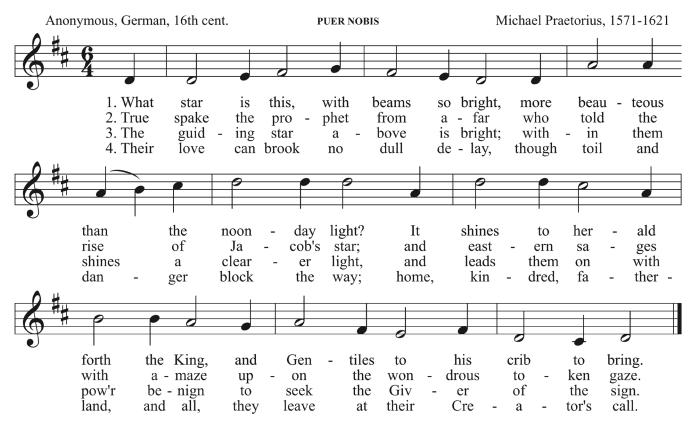
Ephesians 3:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

***** CAROL FOR CONGREGATION



- 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 Ken Kieley

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 2:7-12

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON Rev. Eric Landry

"Y'all Come!"

Matthew 2:1-12



***** 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.

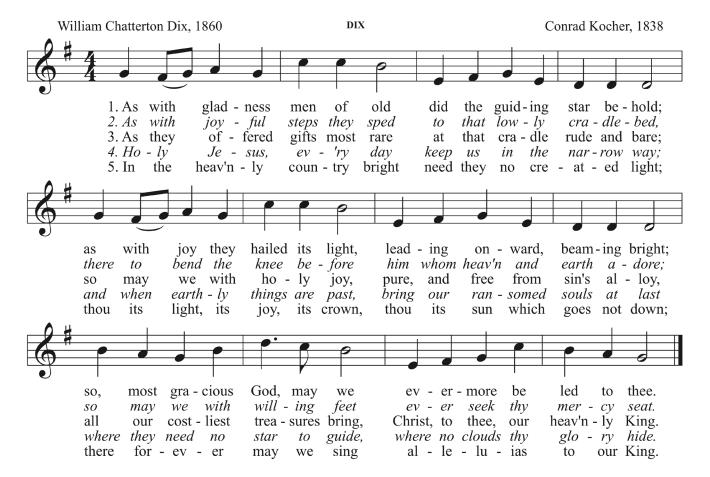
Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

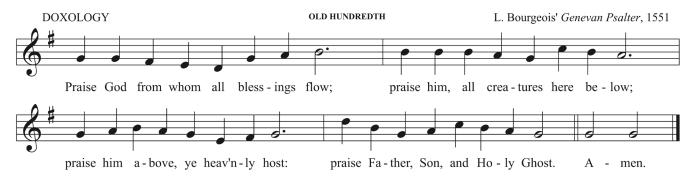
Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: the world, and they that dwell therein.

CAROL FOR CONGREGATION



❖ 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: Our gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of all good gifts, receive these offerings

as our worship properly given to you for the glory due your name. Use them to strengthen your church,

expand your kingdom, and show mercy to our neighbors. In the name of your Son we pray.

People: Amen.

❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

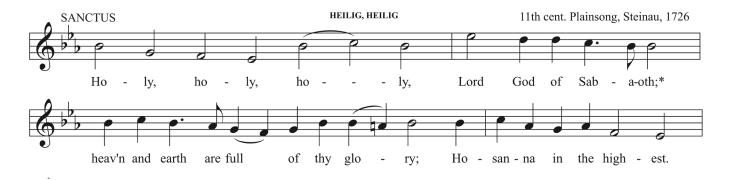
People: We lift them up to the Lord!
Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

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:

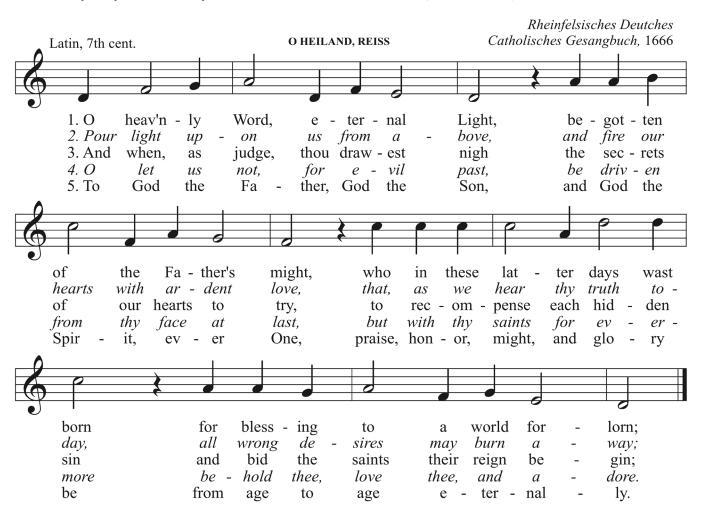


INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

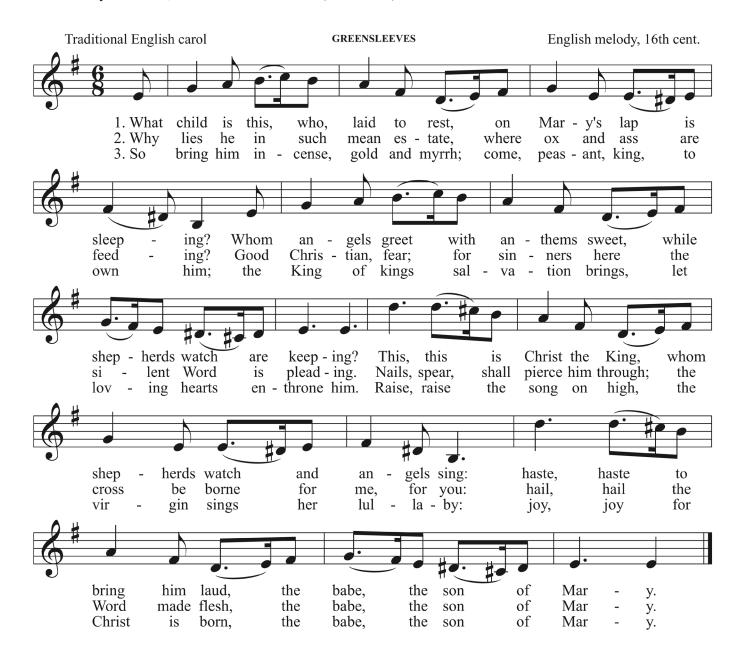
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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)



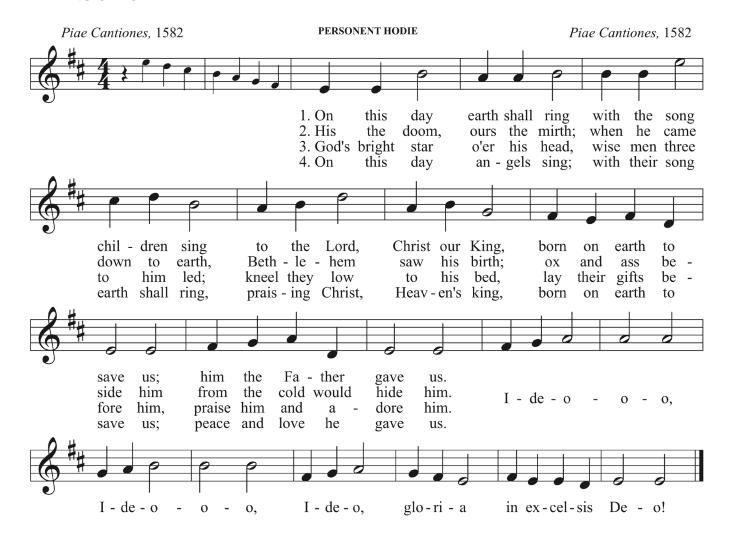
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 CAROL**



LESSONS

Psalm 72

¹ Give the King your judgments, O God, and your righteousness to the King's son. ²Then shall he judge your people with righteousness and defend the poor with justice. ³ The mountains also shall bring peace, and the little hills righteousness to the people. ⁴ He shall vindicate the poor among the people, defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrongdoer. ⁵ They shall fear you as long as the sun and moon endure. from one generation to another. ⁶He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, even as showers that water the earth. ⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish. even an abundance of peace, so long as the moon endures. ⁸ His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other, and from the river unto the world's end. ⁹ Those who dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him: his enemies shall lick the dust. ¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring gifts. ¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service. ¹² For he shall deliver the poor when he cries, the needy also, and the one that has no helper. ¹³ He shall be favorable to the lowly and needy, and shall preserve the lives of the poor. ¹⁴ He shall deliver them from falsehood and wrong, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ There shall be an abundance of grain on the earth, thick upon the hilltops; its fruit shall flourish like Lebanon, its grain like the grass upon the earth. ¹⁷ His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain as long as the sun. All the nations shall be blessed through him and shall call him blessed. ¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel,

Isaiah 60:1-6

who alone does wondrous things;

¹⁹ And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever; and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen.

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. ³And 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. 5Then 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. 6A 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 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which 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. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of 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. ⁸To 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, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Sermon Text — Matthew 2:1-12

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "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." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They 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.'"

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EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Sun, Jan 5	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
Mon, Jan 6	_	Epiphany Day, See below for the feasting opportunities
Wed, Jan 8	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsals resume, Covenant Hall
Thu, Jan 9	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Contact Marcus Serven
Sat, Jan 11	8:00 a.m.	South Men's Breakfast, Contact Steven Loomis
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY		
Sun, Jan 12	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
	10:15 a.m.	School of Discipleship, Classses for all ages in Calvin Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Evening at Redeemer, Adult Study, Youth Group, Children's Choirs, with nursery care available
Thu, Jan 16	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Contact Marcus Serven
	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood, Library, child care provided
Fri, Jan 17	7:30 p.m	AoA Presents: Holbrook Organ Series, artsonalexander.org
Sun, Jan 19	12:30 p.m.	Newcomers Lunch, Contact Pastor Danny
Sat, Jan 25	8:00 a.m.	Women's Pray for One Another Breakfast, Contact Rebecca Loomis
Sun, Jan 26	8:45 & 11:15 a.m	Elder Conversations and Prayer, Calvin Hall

Elder Conversations and Prayer

Later this month, you will have an opportunity to meet with two elders during each service for a time of conversation and prayer. On January 26, two teams of two elders will be available during each service in classrooms in Calvin Hall to answer questions, hear concerns, and pray. If you haven't had a chance to speak with an elder recently or if you have questions that haven't been answered or if you simply want to spend some time in prayer, please plan on coming early or staying late on a Sunday to take advantage of this opportunity.

Elder teams will be available at both the 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. service. More details will be made available in the weeks leading up to January 26.

Epiphany Feasts

Our potluck Epiphany Feasts will be happening this month in host homes across the Austin area. Scan the code below for the list of dates and locations, then RSVP for a gathering near you!



Redeemer Theological Academy

Redeemer Theological Academy will resume on January 9 and will continue the course "History of the Early Church", taught by Pastor Marcus Serven. We will also be offering a Tuesday evening course starting January 14 that will cover "The New Testament Scripture" taught by Max Smith.

Contact Marcus Serven for questions and more information: mserven@redeemerpres.org

Sunday Activities Resume Next Week

Next Sunday, January 12, our School of Discipleship classes will resume for the spring semester, meeting at 10:15 a.m. in the classrooms of Calvin Hall. We have classes for all ages, including four electives for adults.

At 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings, both the adults and youth will begin studies in the book of Ephesians, and our children's choirs will resume their class schedule as well.

Nursery care is provided for all Sunday activities.

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