

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. At 10:15 a.m., we offer School of Discipleship classes for all ages in Calvin Hall, with nursery through kindergarten downstairs, and first grade through adults meeting on the second floor.

Liturgical Color: Purple – the color of penitence and fasting as well as the color of royalty to welcome the advent of the King

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THE DIVINE SERVICE

December 3, 2023

The First Sunday of Advent

In Preparation



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

PRELUDE

Guy Whatley, guest organist

Præludium in C Major, BWV 566 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Psalm 80:1-7

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance

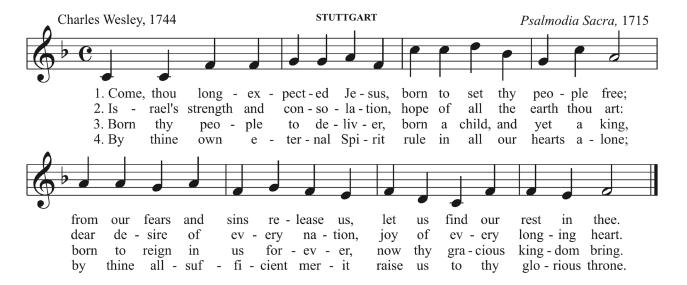


LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Savior of the nations, come, show yourself the virgin's son. Marvel, heaven, wonder, earth, that our God chose such a birth.

No man's power of mind or blood, but the Spirit of our God, Made the Word of God be flesh, woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

***** HYMN OF ENTRANCE



Minister: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. **People:** Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Minister: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

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

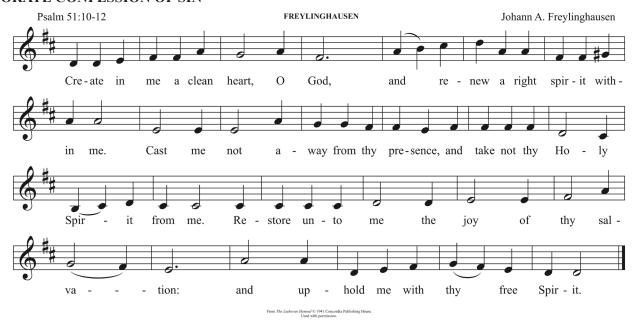
People: Amen.

Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. Amen.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN



Minister: Hear what the LORD our God says, "The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD

your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Isaiah 64:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHORAL ANTHEM Youth Choirs

Down in Yon Forest – arr. John Rutter (1945-)

Down in yon forest there stands a hall: The bells of paradise I heard them ring: It's covered all over with purple and pall And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

In that hall there stands a bed: The bells of paradise I heard them ring: It's covered all over with scarlet so red: And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

At the bed-side there lies a stone: The bells of paradise I heard them ring: Which the sweet Virgin Mary knelt upon: And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

Under that bed there runs a flood: The bells of Paradise I heard them ring: The one half runs water, the other runs blood: And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

At the bed's foot there grows a thorn: The bells of paradise I heard them ring: Which ever blows blossom since he was born: And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

Over that bed the moon shines bright: The bells of paradise I heard them ring: Denoting our Savior was born this night: And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

(Traditional English Carol)

Please wait until the choir is finished before turning the page.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:24-37

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

OUR RESPONSE



WELCOME

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

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Joel Pafford

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 PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 80:1-7

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON Rev. Eric Landry

Turn and Return
Psalm 80:1-7

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.

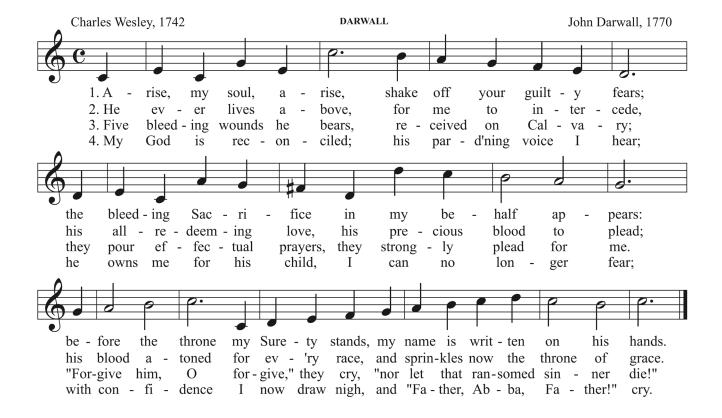
Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

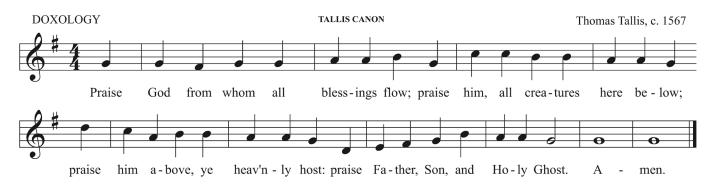
Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

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!

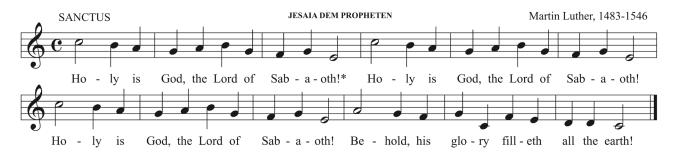
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when he comes again in 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:



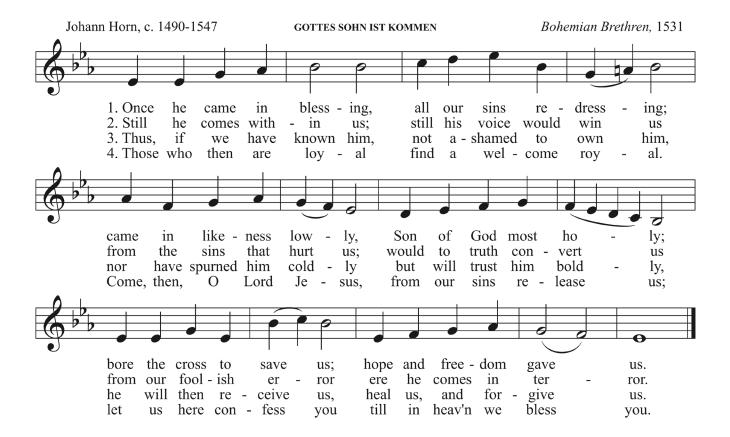
^{*} One of the many biblical names for God; in this case the Lord God of hosts or angelic armies. Pronounced "Sah-bah-oat"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

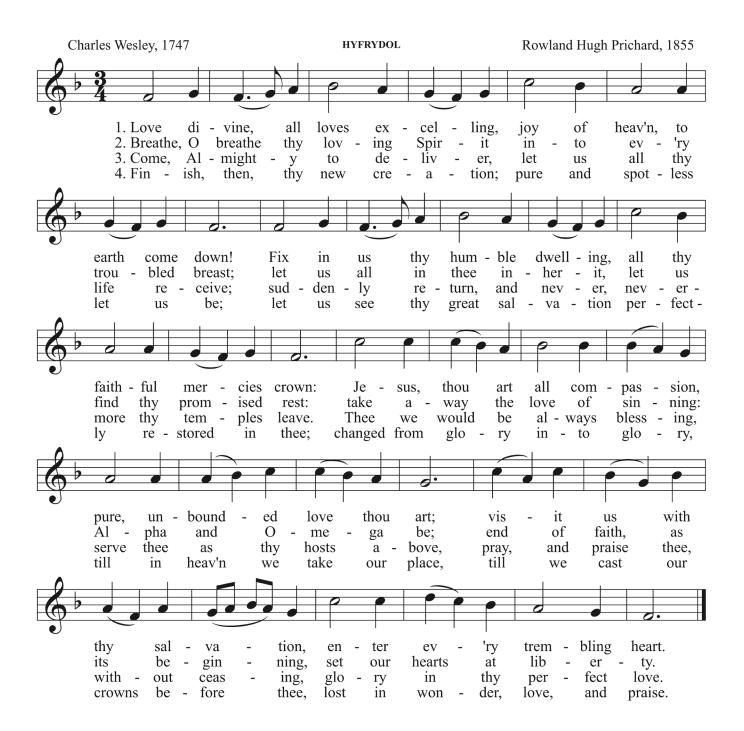
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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." (2 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." (2 Cor.11:25)



❖ DEPARTING HYMN Magnificat



We welcome Guy Whatley to our services today as guest organist. He is an accomplished harpsichordist and organist and played for our Festival of Music this past week. He is currently organist at Camelback Bible Church in Paradise Valley, Arizona. This is the church that George Dupere served before coming to Redeemer.

Congregation stands as able

LESSONS

Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard

or perceived by the ear,

no eye has seen a God besides you,

who acts for those who wait for him.

You meet him who joyfully works righteousness.

those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;

in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

We have all become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf.

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls upon your name,

who rouses himself to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,

and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Matthew 25:31-46

"In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

Sermon Lesson—Psalm 80:1-7

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!

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Redeemer Calendar

		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sun, Dec 3	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
	_	Last day of School of Discipleship classes
	_	Redeemer Connect, brief reception in Room 100 for newcomers
		Carol Sing, all welcome for singing Covenant Hall, bring cookies to share
Mon, Dec 4	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Romans, contact Tami White
Tues, Dec 5	6:00 p.m.	Joint Session and Deacons meeting, Library
Thu, Dec 7	9:30 a.m.	5, · · ·
Sat, Dec 9	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Jim's Restaurant at the Y, contact Steven Loomis
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		SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sun, Dec 10	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
	_	Installation of Associate Pastors, in both Divine Services
	10:15 a.m.	Missions Presentation: Safe Families, Room 206
	6:00 p.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting, Covenant Hall
Mon, Dec 11	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Romans, contact Tami White
Thu, Dec 14	9:30 a.m.	Theology Study Group, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood, Library, child care provided, contact Alaina Torrey
Sat, Dec 16	8:30 a.m.	Men's Shoot Out at Capital City Clays, lunch afterwards, contact Rick Mealer
	6:00 p.m.	Young Adults Hymn Sing & Happy Hour, Strickland home, contact Danny Morgan
Sun, Dec 24	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
	4:00 & 6:00 p.m.	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols, nursery care provided
Sun, Jan 14	_	School of Discipleship classes and Evening at Redeemer resume

12:30 p.m. Intro to Redeemer class, contact Danny Morgan

Carol Sing and Cookies!

Join us at 6 p.m. tonight in Covenant Hall for a seasonal carol sing and cookies! All are welcome—we'll sing and learn the history of some of the classic Advent and Christmas hymns/carols of the church. Please bring cookies to share if you'd like!

Presentation from Safe Families

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 10, between services in Room 206 to hear about the mission and values of an organization called Safe Families for Children. They provide support and host homes for families who are isolated and in crisis, until parents can get back on their feet. Learn about their model, support systems, and even how we can help! More info: safe-families.org.

Christmas Ornaments Fund Missions

Our beautiful ornaments in two designs are made of lasercut wood, and all the proceeds go to RPC Missions! They will be available for purchase for the next couple of weeks in the narthex between services. Thanks to the Russell family for making these available again!

Redeemer Connect

Today after each service, all guests and new regular attenders are invited to a quick meet-and-greet with Pastor Danny Morgan and others in Room 100. Redeemer Connect, a gathering on the first Sunday of the month, provides an opportunity for newcomers to meet some of our ministry leaders. Come on over to Calvin Hall—the room is on the lower level by the elevator.

Fellowship Opportunities: Dec 16

Men's Shootout at Capital Clays

Redeemer men, please join us at 8:30 a.m. for a fun time at Capital City Clays. Plan to go to lunch together afterwards at Lazarus Brewing on Airport Blvd. around 11:30. Contact Rick Mealer with any questions: freedomfire@snakebite.com.

Young Adults Hymn Sing & Happy Hour

Young adults will gather from 6 to 9 p.m. for a festive time at the Stricklands, with songs of the season and happy hour refreshments. Plan to come and bring friends! (1701 Alguno Rd.)

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