

REDEEMER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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. During the school year between services, we offer School of Discipleship classes for all ages. The next semester of School of Discipleship will begin January 12th.

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 15, 2024

The Third Sunday of Advent

In Preparation



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

PRELUDE

Leon Couch

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211 — Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 — J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.

Here a maid was found with child, virgin pure and undefiled.
In her virtues it was known God had made her heart his throne.

Then stepped forth the Lord of all from his pure and kingly hall;
God of God, becoming man, his heroic course began.

God the Father was his source. Back to God he ran his course.
Into hell his road went down, back then to his throne and crown.

Father's equal, you will win victories for us over sin.
Might eternal, make us whole; Heal our ills of flesh and soul.

From the manger newborn light sends a glory through the night.
Night cannot this light subdue. Faith keeps springing ever new.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the Lord.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore you to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation; 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

The Truth from Above — Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love:
Therefore don't turn me from your door, but hearken all, both rich and poor.

And at this season of the year our blest Redeemer did appear,
And here did live, and here did preach, and many thousands he did teach.

❖ HYMN OF ENTRANCE

Ambrose of Milan, 340-397	NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND	<i>Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524</i>
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1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come,
 2. *No* man's pow'r of mind or blood,
 3. Here a maid was found with child,
 4. *Then* stepped forth the Lord of all
 5. God the Fa - ther was his source,

show your - self the vir - gin's son.
but the Spir - it it of our God,
vir - gin pure and un - de - filed.
from his pure God and king - ly hall;
back to God he ran his course.

Mar - vel, heav - en, won - der, earth,
made the Word of God be flesh,
 In her vir - tues it was known
 God of God, be - com - ing man,
 In - to hell his road - went down,

that our God chose such a birth.
wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 God had made her heart his throne.
his he - ro - ic course be - gan.
 back then to his throne and crown.

6. Father's equal, you will win
 Vict'ries for us over sin.
 Might eternal, make us whole;
 Heal our ills of flesh and soul.

7. From the manger newborn light
 Sends a glory through the night.
 Night cannot this light subdue.
 Faith keeps springing ever new.

8. Glory to the Father sing,
 Glory to the Son, our king,
 Glory to the Spirit be
 Now and through eternity.

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

Psalm 51:10-12

FREYLINGHAUSEN

Johann A. Freylinghausen

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Cast me not a - way from thy pre - sence, and take not thy Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of thy sal -
va - - - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

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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: 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

2nd cent.

GLORIA PATRI

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be-

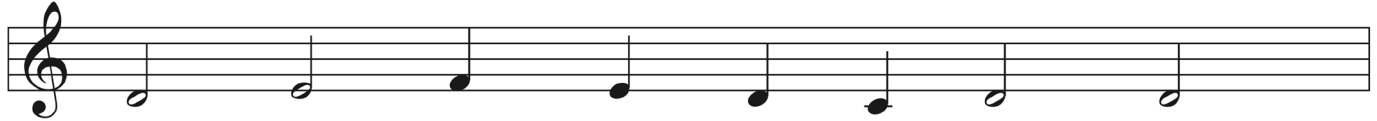
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

❖ HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Latin hymn, 1632

FREUEN WIR UNS ALL IN EIN

Michael Weisse, c. 1480-1534



1. Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing!
 2. *Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing,*
 3. See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed,
 4. *So, when next he comes in glo - ry*
 5. Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion



"Christ is near," we hear it say.
let the earth - bound soul a - rise;
 comes with par - don down from heav'n.
and the world is wrapped in fear,
 to the Fa - ther and the Son



"Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
Christ, its sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,
 Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
he will shield us with his mer - cy
 with the ev - er - liv - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"
shines up - on the morn - - - ing skies.
 one and all to be for - giv'n.
and with words of love draw near.
 while e - ter - nal a - - - ges run.

CAROL FOR CHOIR

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming — Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Lo! how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

O flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air
Dispel in glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God!
From sin and death now save us,
And share our every load.

(German hymn, 16th century)

The Service of the Word



THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-20


Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER

Psalm 85

Antiphon:



Organ: 3 Everyone: 3

Show us your mer-cy, O Lord, and
grant us your sal - va - tion.

Choir: I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,
For he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
That his glory may dwell in our land.

All: Antiphon

Choir: Mercy and truth have met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth,
And righteousness shall look down from heaven.

All: Antiphon

Choir: The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

All: Antiphon

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

❖ OUR RESPONSE

Johann Rist, 1651

AUS MEINES HERZENS GRUNDE *Neu Catechismus-Gesangbüchlein, 1598*



1. A-rise, sons of the King - dom! The King is draw - ing nigh;
 2. A-rise, ye droop - ing mourn - ers! The King is ver - y near;
 3. A-rise, ye much af - flict - ed! The King is not a - far.
 4. A-rise, ye poor and need - y! The King pro - vides for you;



a - rise and hail with glad - ness the Ru - ler from on high.
 a - way with grief and sor - row! For, lo, your Help is here.
 Re-joice, ye long de - ject - ed, be - hold the Morn - ing Star!
 he comes with suc - cor speed - y, with mer - cy ev - er new.



Ye Chris - tians, hast - en forth! Your praise and hom - age bring him
 Be - hold, in man - y a place— Oh, bless - ed con - so - la - tion!—
 The Lord will give you joy; tho' trou - bles now dis - tress you,
 Re - ceive your gra - cious King, the Giv - er of all bless - ing,



and glad ho - san - nas sing him; naught else your love is worth.
 you find him, your Sal - va - tion, with - in his means of grace.
 with com - fort he will bless you, e'en death will he de - stroy.
 hail him, his name con - fess - ing, and glad ho - san - nas sing.

5. Be righteous, ye his subjects,
 The King is just and true;
 Prepare for him a highway,
 Make all things straight and new.
 For, lo, he means it well;
 Then willing bear the crosses
 That he himself imposes,
 Nor let your courage fail.

6. Oh, rich the gifts thou bringest,
 Thyself made poor and weak!
 O Love beyond expression,
 That thus can sinners seek!
 For this, O Lord, will we
 Our joyous tribute bring thee
 And glad hosannas sing thee
 And ever grateful be.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

HOLY BAPTISM

Adelina Christiana Notis (8:45)

❖ Baptism Response (8:45 service only)

Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

FRANCONIA

Johann B. König, 1691-1758



1. Our chil-dren Je - sus calls to his most dear em - brace.
2. "Let them ap - proach," he says, "nor scorn their hum - ble claim;
3. With joy we bring them, Lord, de - vot - ing them to you,



He holds them in al - might - y arms, en - folds them in his grace.
the heirs of heav'n are such as these; for such as these I came."
and pray, "As you show love to us, so love our chil - dren too."

WELCOME

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

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Dan Allen

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 GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 7:18-28

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

❖ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Eric Landry

The Eschatology of Christmas

Luke 7:18-28

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

John Newton, 1779

ST. PETER

Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836



1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!
2. It makes the wound-ed spir - it whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;
3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing place,
4. Je - sus, my Shep-herd, Broth-er, Friend, my Proph-et, Priest, and King,

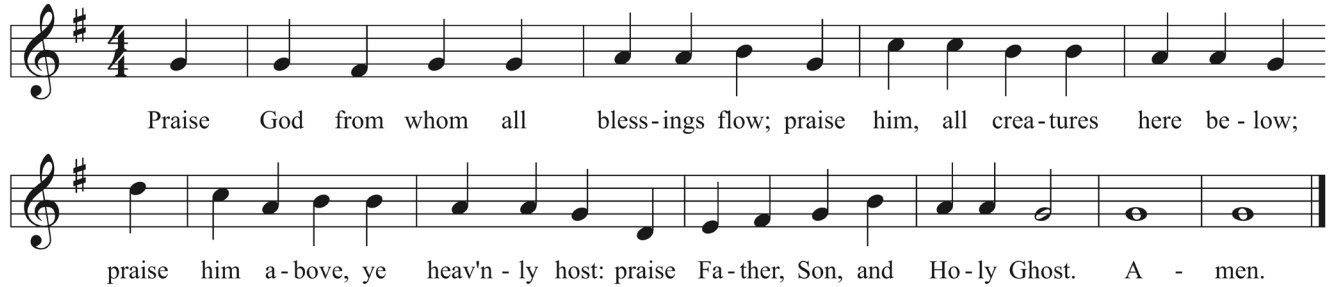


It soothes his sor - rows, heals his wounds, and drives a - way his fear.
'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry rest.
my nev - er - fail - ing trea - s'ry filled with bound-less stores of grace;
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.
6. Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

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

DOXOLOGY TALLIS CANON Thomas Tallis, c. 1567



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-low;
 praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

❖ 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!**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

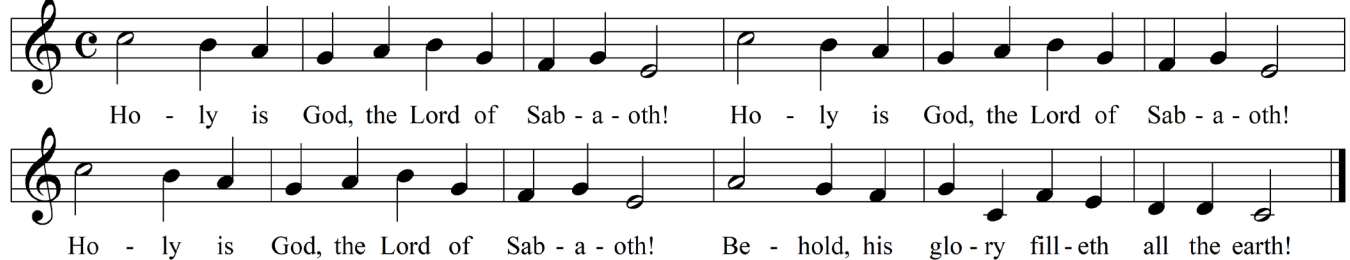
People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

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, 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:

SANCTUS JESAIA DEM PROPHETEN Martin Luther, 1483-1546



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!
 Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Be - hold, his glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!

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)

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

SOUTHWELL

William Damon, c. 1540-c. 1591



1. What off - 'ring shall we give or what a - tone-ment bring
2. For all the blood of beasts on priest - ly al - tars slain
3. But Christ, the heav - 'nly Lamb, takes all our sins a - way—
4. In faith I lay my hand up - on his head di - vine



to God by whom a - lone we live, high heav'n's e - ter - nal king?
could nev - er give the con-science peace or wash a - way its stain.
a sac - ri - fice of no - bler name and rich - er blood than they.
while as a pen - i - tent I stand and there con - fess my sin.

5. So I look back to see
The weight he chose to bear
When hanging on the cross for me—
Because my guilt was there.

6. Believing, we rejoice
To know our sins forgiv'n;
We bless the Lamb with heart and voice
And join the praise of heav'n.

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)

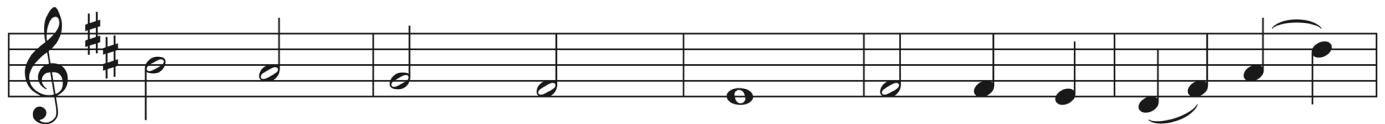
Samuel Watts, 1719

DUKE STREET

John C. Hatton, d. 1793



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
 2. *To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es*
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4. *Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner*
 5. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leaps to loose his chains; the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume, shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955

IN DIR IST FREUDE

Giovanni Gastoldi, c. 1556-c. 1622



1. My soul re - joic - es, my spir - it voic - es- Sing the
2. His arm now bar - ing, his strength de - clar - ing- Sing the

great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud he scat - ters, their rule he

fa - vor- Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters- Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion

bless - ing, join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly might - y and
halt - ed; the meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; emp - ty, the

ho - ly- O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y- O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the

sure - ly shall rest se - cre - ly on all who fear him, love and re -
to - ken all that was spo - ken to A - br'ham's off - spring God is ful -

vere him- O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
fill - ing- O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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LESSONS

Psalm 85

- ¹Lord, you have been gracious to your land;
you have turned away the captivity of Jacob.
- ²You have forgiven the offence of your people
and covered all their sins.
- ³You have taken away all your displeasure
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- ⁴Restore us then, O God our Savior,
and let your anger cease from us.
- ⁵Will you be displeased at us for ever,
and will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?
- ⁶Will you not turn again and quicken us,
that your people may rejoice in you?
- ⁷Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸I will hearken to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.
- ⁹For his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- ¹¹Truth shall flourish out of the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- ¹²Indeed, the Lord shall show goodness,
and our land shall give its increase.
- ¹³Righteousness shall go before him,
and he shall direct his going in the way.

Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the Lord.

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Sermon Text — Luke 7:18-28

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’ ” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” ²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written, “ ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ ” ²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

Redeemer Calendar

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun, Dec 15	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service , Rev. Eric Landry preaching
Wed, Dec 18	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal , Covenant Hall
Thu, Dec 19	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood , Library, child care provided
Sat, Dec 21	8:00 a.m.	Women;s Pray for One Another Breakfast , Contact Rebecca Loomis

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun, Dec 22	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service , Rev. Eric Landry preaching
Tues, Dec 24	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Redeemer Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols , Nursery care available Redeemer Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols , Nursery care available
Wed, Dec 25	—	Merry Christmas!
Wed, Jan 1	—	Happy New Year! , No choir rehearsal
Sat, Jan 4	8:00 a.m.	Redeemer Men’s Workout , Redeemer Parking Lot
Sat, Jan 11	8:00 a.m.	South Men’s Breakfast , Contact Steven Loomis
Sun, Jan 12	—	School of Discipleship & Evening at Redeemer resume
Sat, Jan 25	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Ministry Brunch , Save the date

Mission Spotlight: Arts on Alexander

Arts on Alexander (AoA) seeks to provide a place where community development and artistic and cultural development can grow together.

In addition to the many world-class concerts and musicians they bring each year to perform in Covenant Hall, AoA envisions building education and outreach and youth programs into its core offerings, including opportunities to engage in the culinary, literary, and visual arts. Learn more and get involved at the link below.



Join the Communion Team

We are looking for new members to join the Redeemer Communion Team! Communion is an important part of our Sunday services and our volunteers are crucial to making it happen each week. Roles include baking of the bread, setting up the elements prior to each service, and tearing down & cleaning up afterwards. We welcome families and friends serving together! Please contact Robin Ligon for more information: lrlligon@yahoo.com

Epiphany Feasts

It’s time to plan for our January Epiphany Feasts, which take place in host homes across the Austin area. Watch for details to come soon, and be ready to RSVP for a gathering near you!

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 in the narthex for the next couple of weeks.

Christmas Eve at Redeemer

Join us on Christmas Eve at Redeemer for our traditional service of Nine Lessons & Carols, patterned after the service of readings and music begun in 1918 at King’s College Chapel, Cambridge. The lessons will include prophetic Old Testament texts and the unfolding of the Christmas narrative.

There will be a 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. service that each feature music from the Redeemer Choir and congregational carol singing. Bring the family and join us for this beautiful celebration of our Savior’s incarnation! Nursery care will be available.

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