

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. Our School of Discipleship classes have suspended for the winter break, and will resume on January 14 with classes for all ages.

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 17, 2023

The Third Sunday in Advent

In Preparation



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

PRELUDE

Michael Phillips

Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 699 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 – J. S. Bach

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.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, you once proclaimed salvation; now grant that we may know this salvation and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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.

❖ HYMN OF ENTRANCE

Ambrose of Milan, 340-397

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524



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 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

Liber Usualis DORIAN SERVICE KYRIE Thomas Tallis

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on
 us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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 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.

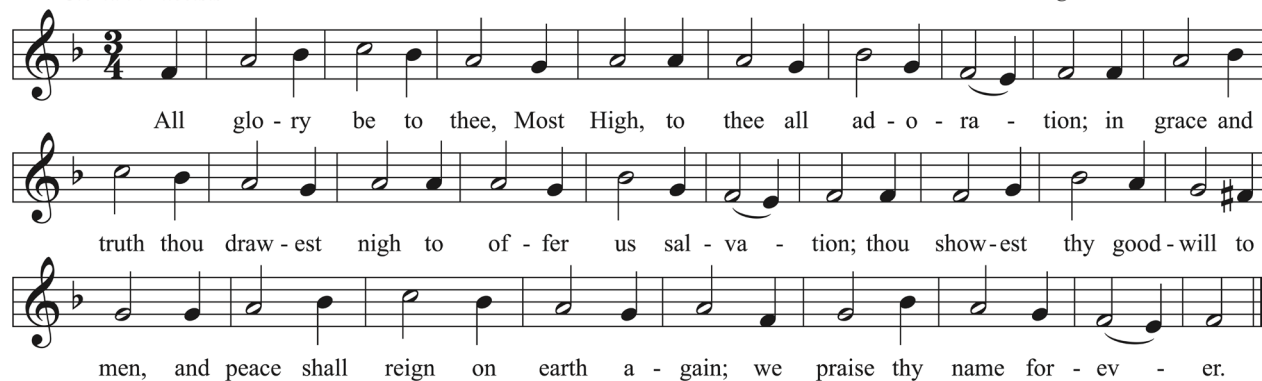
❖ Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: the Maker of heaven and earth.
 Minister: O Lord, open our lips,
People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

❖ THE GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Gloria in Excelsis

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH SEI EHR

Deutsche Evangelisch Messe, 1539



All glo - ry be to thee, Most High, to thee all ad - o - ra - tion; in grace and
truth thou draw - est nigh to of - fer us sal - va - tion; thou show - est thy good - will to
men, and peace shall reign on earth a - gain; we praise thy name for - ev - er.

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.

The Service of the Word



CHORAL ANTHEM

Isaiah 40:5

And the Glory of the Lord (Messiah) – George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 16:25-27

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 89



*Choir: My song shall be always of the loving-kindness | of the Lord;
with my mouth will I ever be proclaiming your faithfulness, from one generation to a- | nother.
For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up for | ever;
your faithfulness shall be established | in the heav'ns."*

**All: I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;
I have sworn to David my | servant:
"Your seed will I establish for | ever,
and set up your throne from one generation to a- | nother."**

*O Lord, the heavens will praise your | wondrous works
and your faithfulness in the assembly | of the saints.
I will give him dominion o- | ver the sea,
and with his right hand shall he rule the | rivers.*

**He shall say to me, "You are my | Father,
my God, and the rock of my sal- | vation."
And I will make him | my firstborn,
higher than the kings | of the earth.**

*My mercy will I keep for him for | ever,
and my covenant shall stand | fast with him.
His seed will I make to endure for | ever
and his throne as the days of | heaven.*

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;
As it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

❖ OUR RESPONSE

Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55
 Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1965

WOODLANDS

Walter Greatorex, 1919



1. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord:
 2. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his name:
 3. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might:
 4. Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word:



un - num - bered bless - ings give my spir - it voice;
 make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by;
 firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - jice.
 his ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more.

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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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Samuel 7:1-17

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

❖ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Jon Herr

David's Gift and God's Greater Blessing

2 Samuel 7:1-17

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

Psalm 98, Isaac Watts, 1719

ANTIOCH

George Frideric Handel, 1742



1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -
2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King: let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

- ❖ 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!

* 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)

Paul Gerhardt 1607-1676 WIE SOLL ICH EMPFANGEN Johann Crüger 1598-1662

1. O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you are?
2. Your Zion strews before you green boughs and fairest palms;
3. I lay in fetters, groaning; you came to set me free.
4. Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me.

Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
and I too will adore you with joyous songs and psalms.
I stood, my shame be-moaning; you came to honor me.
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.

O kin-dle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast
My heart shall bloom forever for you with praises new
A glorious crown you give me, a treasure safe on high
Oh, love beyond all telling that led you to embrace

to do in spirit low-ly all that may please you best.
and from your name shall never withhold the honor due.
that will not fail or leave me as earthly riches fly.
in love, all love excelling, our lost and fallen race.

5. Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot his love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by his grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
Eternal life in heav'n.

6. He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to his foes,
A light of consolations
And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

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)

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Latin 12th-15th cent.



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan to be,
 2. *O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,*
 3. This is he whom heav'n-taught sing - ers sang of old with one ac - cord,
 4. *O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;*
 5. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the Source, the End - ing he,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of our race;
 whom the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
all do - min - ions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our God and King;
 hymn, and chant, and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wear - ied prais - es be,



of the things that are, that have been,
and the babe, the world's Re - deem - - - - er;
 now he shines, the long - ex - pect - - - - ed;
let no tongue on earth be si - - - - lent,
 hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - - - - ion,



and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 let cre - a - tion praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

Magnificat

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



bles - sing, 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 - cure - 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 89

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord;
with my mouth will I ever be proclaiming your faithfulness, from one generation to another.
For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up for ever;
your faithfulness shall be established in the heav'ns."
I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
"Your seed will I establish for ever,
and set up your throne from one generation to another."
O Lord, the heavens will praise your wondrous works
and your faithfulness in the assembly of the saints.
I will give him dominion over the sea,
and with his right hand shall he rule the rivers.
He shall say to me, "You are my Father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation."
And I will make him my firstborn,
higher than the kings of the earth.
My mercy will I keep for him for ever,
and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
His seed will I make to endure for ever
and his throne as the days of heaven.

Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Sermon Lesson—2 Samuel 7:1-17

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." ³And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'" ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel.

⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

¹⁷In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

Redeemer Calendar

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun, Dec 17 8:45 & 11:15 a.m. **The Divine Service**, Rev. Jon Herr preaching
10:15 a.m. **Missions Presentation: Safe Families**, Room 206
Mon, Dec 18 7:00 p.m. **Women's Bible Study** (via Zoom), contact Tami White
Wed, Dec 20 7:00 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal**, Covenant Hall

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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
Dec 27, Jan 3 — **No Choir Rehearsal**
Sat, Jan 6 — **Epiphany Day**, celebrated with feasts in host homes, RSVP in the courtyard
Sun, Jan 7 — **Redeemer Connect**, brief reception in Room 100 for newcomers
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
Sun, Jan 14 — **School of Discipleship classes and Evening at Redeemer resume**
12:30 p.m. **Intro to Redeemer class**, contact Danny Morgan
Tue, Jan 16 6:00 p.m. **Session Meeting**, Library
Fri, Jan 19 7:30 p.m. **Holbrook Organ Series**, Donald Meineke, organist

Presentation from *Safe Families*

Join us today 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.

Epiphany Feasts Next Month

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 Eve at Redeemer Sunday, Dec. 24

Morning Lord's Day Worship

We will begin the day by gathering for worship at our two usual times: 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Pastor Eric Landry will be preaching on Psalm 96.

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Come back to Redeemer at 4:00 or 6:00 p.m. 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. The service features music from the Redeemer Choir and congregational carol singing. Bring the family and join us for this beautiful celebration of our Savior's incarnation!

Special Exhibit: *God with Us*

Be sure to take some time to visit our exhibit in the narthex: "God with Us," a display of engravings, etchings, and woodcuts from the 1500s to the 1700s, which tells the story of our Savior's incarnation. The display includes scenes that convey the Annunciation, Visitation, and the birth of Christ, with angels, shepherds, and magi represented as well. We are grateful to Dewayne and Faith Perry for sharing these prints from their collection.

Missions Spotlight: Hill House

In December, we are featuring the ministry of Hill House, a ministry located on the campus of the University of Texas. Scan the code to learn more about Hill House:



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