

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 24, 2023

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

In Preparation



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

PRELUDE

Michael Phillips

Desseins Éternels (from *La Nativité*) – Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

The Holy Boy – John Ireland (1879-1962)

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Luke 2:1-7

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come among us with great might; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; 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

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

Glory to the Father sing, glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be, now and through eternity.

❖ HYMN OF ENTRANCE

Latin, 12th cent. VENI EMMANUEL Plainsong, 13th cent.



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. *O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's*
3. O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
4. *O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our*
5. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,
Sin - ai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
and death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re -
and close the path to mis - er - y.
in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.

joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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

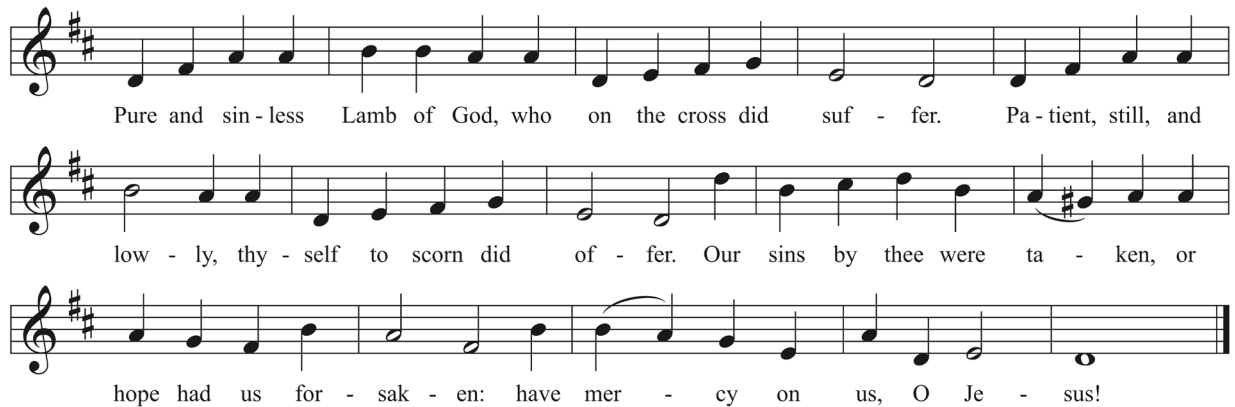
... world without end. **Amen.**

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Nikolaus Decius, 1531

O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG

German chorale, 1540



Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

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

Nicolas Decius

Glo - ry be to God on high! And on earth peace, good will t'ward men. We praise thee,
 we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee
 for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.

Phillips Brooks, 1868

FOREST GREEN

Traditional English melody

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n;
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 so God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n!
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

The Lord at First Did Adam Make – arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

The Lord at first did Adam make
 Out of the dust and clay,
 And in his nostrils breathèd life,
 E'en as the scriptures say.
 And then in Eden's paradise
 He placèd him to dwell,
 That he within it should remain,
 To dress and keep it well:

*Now let good Christians all begin
 An holy life to live,
 And to rejoice and merry be,
 For this is Christmas Eve.*

And thus within the garden
 He was set therein to stay;
 And in commandment unto him
 These words the Lord did say:
 "The fruit which in the garden grows
 To thee shall be for meat,
 Except the tree in the midst thereof,
 Of which thou shalt not eat."

"For in the day thou shalt it touch
 Or dost to it come nigh,
 If so thou do but eat thereof,
 Then thou shalt surely die."
 But Adam he did take no heed
 Unto that only thing,
 But did transgress God's holy law,
 And so was wrapt in sin.

Now mark the goodness of the Lord,
 Which he for mankind bore;
 His mercy soon he did extend,
 Lost man for to restore;
 And then, for to redeem our souls
 From death and hellish thrall,
 He said his own dear Son should be
 The Savior of us all.

(Traditional English carol)

The Service of the Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

❖ OUR RESPONSE

Isaiah 9:2-8, John Morison, 1781

LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561



1. The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat a glo - rious light have
2. To hail you, Sun of Righ-teous-ness, the gath - 'ring na - tions
3. For thou their bur - den dost re - move and break the ty - rant's
4. To us the Child of hope is born, to us the Son is



seen; the light has shined on them who long in
come; they joy as when the reap - ers bear their
rod as in the day when Mid - ian fell be -
giv'n, and on his shoul - der ev - er rests all



shades of death have been, in shades of death have been.
har - vest trea - sures home, their har - vest trea - sures home.
fore the sword of God, be - fore the sword of God.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, all pow'r in earth and heav'n.

5. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.

6. His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.

7. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us yours alone,
Who with the Father ever are
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHORAL SENTENCE

Youth Choir

This Is the Truth Sent 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.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

❖ OUR RESPONSE

John Francis Wade, 1751 ADESTE FIDELES J. F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

1. O come, all ye faithful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant,
 2. God of God, Light of Light;
 3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;
 lo, he ab-hors not the Vir-gin's womb;
 sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heav'n a-bove;
 Je-sus, to thee be all glo-ry giv'n;

come and be-hold him, born the King of an-gels;
 ver-y God, be-got-ten, not cre-a-ted;
 glo-ry to God in the high-est;
 Word of the Fa-ther, now in flesh ap-pear-ing;

O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-dore him,
 O come, let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord.

WELCOME

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

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Scott Brister

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 96

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

❖ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Eric Landry

The Good News of Judgment

Psalm 96

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, 1653

WARUM SOLLT' ICH MICH DENN GRAMEN

Johann G. Ebeling, 1666



1. All my heart this night re - joic - es as I hear far and near
2. *Forth to - day the Con - qu'ror go - eth, who the foe, sin and woe,*
3. Shall we still dread God's dis - plea - sure, who to save, free - ly gave
4. *He be - comes the Lamb that tak - eth sin a - way and for aye*
5. Hark! a voice from yon - der man - ger, soft and sweet, doth en - treat:



sweet - est an - gel voic - es. "Christ is born," their choirs are sing - ing
death and hell, o'er - throw-eth. God is man, man to de - liv - er;
his most cher - ished Treas - ure? To re - deem us, he hath giv - en
full a - tone - ment mak - eth. For our life his own he ten - ders;
"Flee from woe and dan - ger. Breth - ren, from all ills that grieve you,



till the air ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.
his dear Son now is one with our blood for - ev - er.
his own Son from the throne of his might in heav - en.
and our race, by his grace, meet for glo - ry ren - ders.
you are freed; all you need I will sure - ly give you."

6. Come, then, banish all your sadness,
One and all, great and small;
Come with songs of gladness.
Love him who with love is glowing;
Hail the star, near and far
Light and joy bestowing.

7. Dearest Lord, thee will I cherish.
Though my breath fail in death,
Yet I shall not perish,
But with thee abide forever
There on high, in that joy
Which can vanish never.

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)

Medieval Latin carol

IN DULCI JUBILO

German melody, 14th cent.



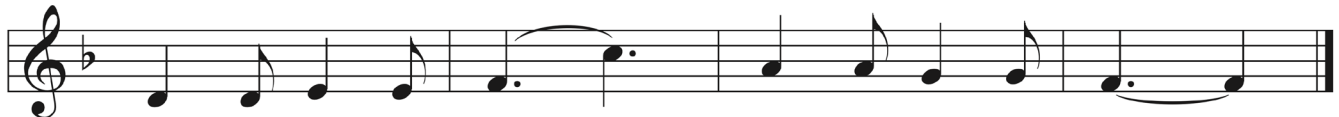
1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath ope'd the heav'n - ly door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

❖ 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 - res - 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

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Sermon Lesson—Psalm 96

¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
⁶Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
¹⁰Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.”
¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
¹²let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
¹³before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Redeemer Calendar

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. **Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**, nursery care provided
Dec 27, Jan 3 — **No Choir Rehearsal**

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

- Sun, Dec 31** 8:45 & 11:15 a.m. **The Divine Service**, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
— **Focus on Mercy Ministries**, fifth Sunday Deacon Fund offering
Sat, Jan 6 — **Epiphany season begins**, potluck feasts in host homes, use code below to RSVP
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**
Tue, Jan 16 6:00 p.m. **Session Meeting**, Library
Thu, Jan 18 9:30 a.m. **Theology Study Group**, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
Fri, Jan 19 7:30 p.m. **Holbrook Organ Series**, Donald Meineke, organist
Sun, Jan 21 12:30 p.m. **Intro to Redeemer class**, contact Danny Morgan
Sat, Jan 27 — **Texas Rally for Life**, see texasrallyforlife.org for details
Feb 2 & 3 — **Faith and Work conference**, save the dates!

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.

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Come back to Redeemer at 4:00 or 6:00 p.m. for our traditional Festival 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!

RSVP Now for Epiphany Feasts

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



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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