



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 12 with classes for all ages.

Liturgical Color: White – symbolizes the brightness of the day and the birth of Christ

Hearing enhancement devices available – please ask an usher.

WiFi: RedeemerPrivate | Password: wireless@office

THE DIVINE SERVICE

December 29, 2024

The Fifth Day of Christmas

In Preparation



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

PRELUDE

Leon Couch

Choral Preludes on *Das alte Jahr vergangen ist (The Old Year Has Passed)*

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

Aaron Andrew Hunt (1972-)

J. S. Bach, BWV 614 (1685-1750)

The old year now hath passed away; we thank thee, O our God, today^[L]_[SEP]
That thou hast kept us through the year when danger and distress were near.

We pray thee, O eternal Son, who with the Father reignest as One^[L]_[SEP]
To guard and rule thy Christendom through all the ages yet to come.

Take not thy saving Word away, our souls' true comfort, staff, and stay^[L]_[SEP]
Abide with us and keep us free from errors, following only thee.

Oh, help us to forsake all sin, a new and holier course begin!^[L]_[SEP]
Mark not what once was done amiss; a happier, better year be this,

Wherein as Christians we may live or die in peace that thou canst give^[L]_[SEP]
To rise again when thou shalt come and enter thine eternal home.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Luke 2:1-14

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, you wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in him who made himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance



CHORAL INTROIT

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.

❖ HYMN OF ENTRANCE

John Francis Wade, 1751

ADESTE FIDELES

J. F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, 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.

Minister: To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

People: **And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Minister: Sing to the LORD a new song,

People: **For he has done marvelous things!**

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

Pure and sin-less Lamb of God, who on the cross did suf - fer. Pa - tient, still, and
low - ly, thy - self to scorn did of - fer. Our sins by thee were ta - ken, or
hope had us for - sak - en: have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!

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 CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

Gloria in Excelsis

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH SEI EHR

Deutsche Evangelisch Messze, 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.

James Montgomery, 1771-1854

REGENT SQUARE

Henry Smart, 1813-1879

1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2. *Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing,* watch - ing o'er your
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions
4. *Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing,* watch - ing long in
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,
all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth. Come and wor - ship,
yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
ye have seen his na - tal star.
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear.
to th'e - ter - nal Three in One.
come and wor - ship; wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

The Service of the Word



❖ THE PSALTER

Psalm 111

Minister: Praise the Lord. I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart,
People: **in the company of the upright, and among the congregation.**
The works of the Lord are great,
sought out by all who have pleasure in them.
His work is worthy to be praised and held in honor,
and his righteousness endures for ever.
He has made his marvelous works to be had in remembrance;
The Lord is gracious and merciful.
He has given food to those who fear him;
he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people the power of his works,
that he may give them the heritage of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
all his commandments are true.
They stand fast for ever and ever,
and are done in truth and equity.
He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his Name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have all those who live accordingly; his praise endures for ever.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

English carol, 18th cent.

GOD REST YOU MERRY

English melody, 18th cent.



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;
 4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same;
 this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,
 and with true love and bro - ther - hood each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
 this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas all o - thers doth de - face:



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

THE FIRST GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

Samuel Scheidt, 1650

O JESULEIN SÜSS

Samuel Scheidt, 1650



1. O lit - tle one sweet, O lit - tle one mild, thy
 2. O lit - tle one sweet, O lit - tle one mild, with
 3. O lit - tle one sweet, O lit - tle one mild, in
 4. O lit - tle one sweet, O lit - tle one mild, help



Fa - ther's pur - pose thou hast ful - filled; thou cam'st from
 joy thou hast the whole world filled; thou cam - est
 thee love's beau - ties are all dis - tilled; then light in
 us to do as thou hast willed. Lo, all we



heav'n to mor - tal kin, e - qual to be with
 here from heav'n's do - main, to bring men com - fort
 us thy love's bright flame, that we may give thee
 have be - longs to thee! Ah, keep us in our



us poor men, O lit - tle one sweet, O lit - tle one mild.
 in their pain, O lit - tle one sweet, O lit - tle one mild.
 back the same, O lit - tle one sweet, O lit - tle one mild.
 fe - al - ty! O lit - tle one sweet, O lit - tle one mild.

Text © Oxford University Press
 CCL# 2254188

THE SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

CAROL FOR CHOIR

Ding Dong! Merrily on High — arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Ding dong! Merrily on high
In heaven the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky
Is riven with angel singing.
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And *io, io, io,*
By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

(G.R. Woodward)

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright.
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light,

Round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child; ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
 glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heav'n - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia,
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, — sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! — Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth! — Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth!

WELCOME

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

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Deacon Aaron Rhinehart

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

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

❖ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Danny Morgan

Firstborn from the Dead

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

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.**

CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

Medieval Latin carol

IN DULCI JUBILO

German melody, 14th cent.



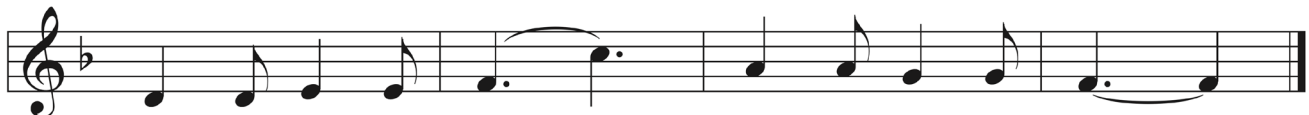
1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;



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.

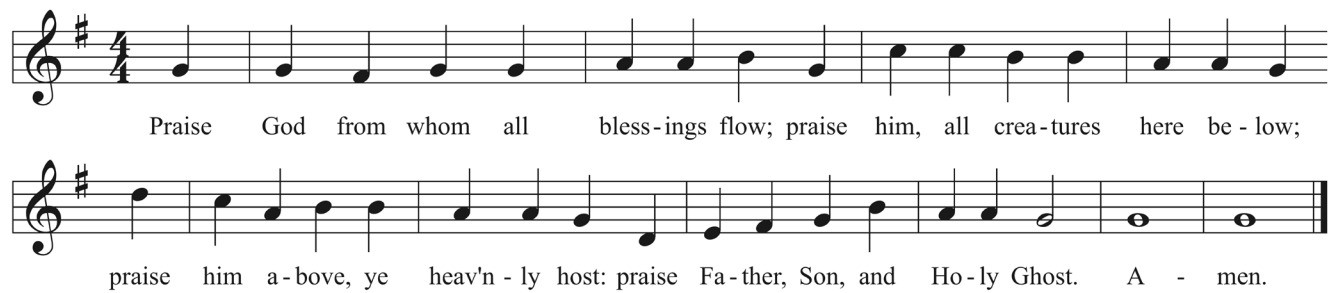


Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save!

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

- ❖ 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: Our gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of all good gifts, receive these offerings as our worship properly given to you for the glory due your name. Use them to strengthen your church, expand your kingdom, and show mercy to our neighbors. In the name of your Son we pray.

People: Amen.

❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

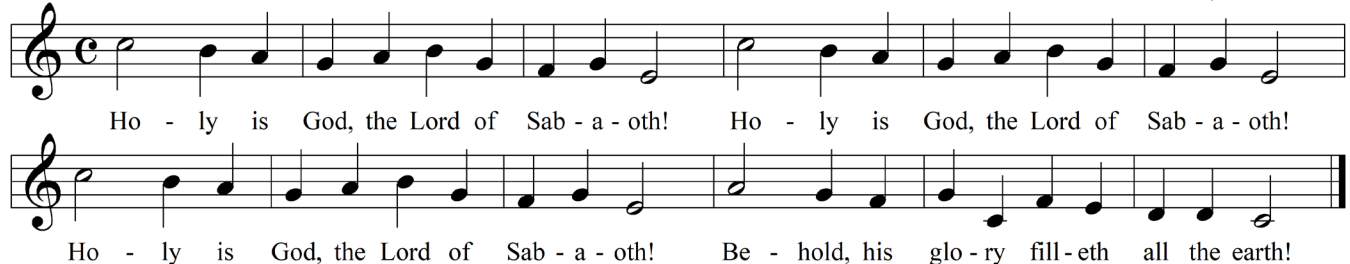
People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: **It is good and right to do so!**

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have given us a new revelation of your glory that, seeing you in the person of your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. 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)

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.

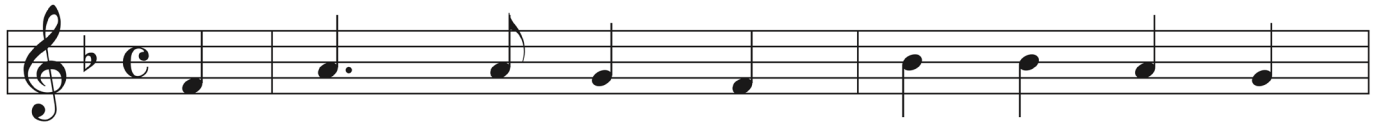
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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)

Nahum Tate, 1652-1715

WINCHESTER OLD

Este's Psalter, 1592



1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all
 2. "Fear not," said he (for might - y dread had
 3. "To you in Da - vid's town this day is
 4. "The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find to



seat - ed on the ground, the an - gel of the
 seized their trou - bled mind): "Glad tid - ings of great
 born of Da - vid's line a Sav - ior, who is
 hu - man view dis - played, all mean - ly wrapped in



Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
 Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
 swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."

5. Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith
 Appeared a shining throng
 Of angels praising God, who thus
 Addressed their joyful song:

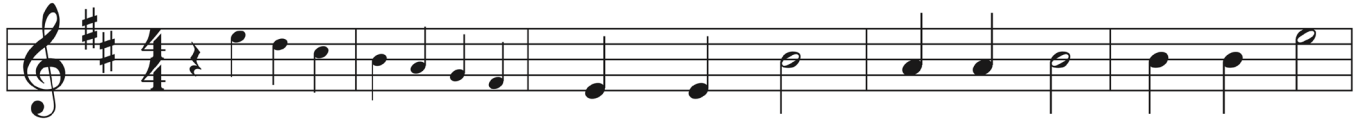
6. "All glory be to God on high,
 And on the earth be peace;
 Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men
 Begin and never cease."

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

Piae Cantiones, 1582

PERSONENT HODIE

Piae Cantiones, 1582

1. On this day earth shall ring with the song
 2. His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came
 3. God's bright star o'er his head, wise men three
 4. On this day an - gels sing; with their song



chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to
 down to earth, Beth - le - hem saw his birth; ox and ass be -
 to him led; kneel they low to his bed, lay their gifts be -
 earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, Heav - en's king, born on earth to



save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.
 side him from the cold would hide him. I - de - o - o - o,
 fore him, praise him and a - dore him.
 save us; peace and love he gave us.



I - de - o - o - o, I - de - o, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

LESSONS

Psalm 111

¹Praise the Lord. I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, and among the congregation.

²The works of the Lord are great, sought out by all who have pleasure in them.

³His work is worthy to be praised and held in honor, and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴He has made his marvelous works to be had in remembrance; The Lord is gracious and merciful.

⁵He has given food to those who fear him; he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are true.

⁸They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and equity.

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his Name.

¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who live accordingly; his praise endures for ever.

Colossians 3:12-17

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2:1-20

¹And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. ²(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) ⁵To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. ⁶And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

¹⁵And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Sermon Text — Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-16

The Lord said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” ³Then Moses said to the people, ¹¹“When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord’s. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’ ¹⁶It shall be as a mark on your hand or frontlets between your eyes, for by a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt.”

Redeemer Calendar

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sun, Dec 29	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service , Rev. Danny Morgan preaching
Wed, Jan 1	—	Happy New Year! , No choir rehearsal
Sat, Jan 4	8:00 a.m.	Redeemer Men's Workout , Redeemer Parking Lot

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Sun, Jan 5	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service , Rev. Eric Landry preaching
Mon, Jan 6	—	Epiphany Feasts Begin , see below
Wed, Jan 8	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal , Covenant Hall
Thu, Jan 9	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy , Contact Marcus Serven
Sat, Jan 11	8:00 a.m.	South Men's Breakfast , Contact Steven Loomis
Sun, Jan 12	—	School of Discipleship & Evening at Redeemer resume
Thu, Jan 16	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood , Library, child care provided
Fri, Jan 17	7:30 p.m.	AoA Presents: Holbrook Organ Series , artsonalexander.org
Sun, Jan 19	12:30 p.m.	Newcomers Lunch , Contact Pastor Danny
Sat, Jan 25	8:00 a.m.	Women's Pray for One Another Breakfast , Contact Rebecca Loomis
Sun, Jan 26	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	Elder Conversations and Prayer , Calvin Hall

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.



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!



Redeemer Theological Academy

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

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

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: rligon@yahoo.com

Monthly Financial Report

(Fiscal year beginning Oct 1, 2024)

	Receipts	Expenses	Surplus / Deficit
Annual Budget	\$ 2,029,000	\$ 2,015,555	\$ 13,445
YTD Budget	\$ 303,921	\$ 338,694	\$ (34,774)
YTD Actual	\$ 237,130	\$ 339,239	\$ (102,109)
<i>Favorable (unfavorable)</i>	(66,790)	(545)	(67,335)

PASTORS

Rev. Eric Landry, Senior Pastor: elandry@redeemerpres.org

Rev. Jon Herr, Associate Pastor: jherr@redeemerpres.org

Rev. Danny Morgan, Associate Pastor: dmorgan@redeemerpres.org

Rev. Dr. George Dupere, Chief Musician: gdupere@redeemerpres.org

Rev. Dr. Marcus Serven, Pastor of Christian Discipleship: mserve@redeemerpres.org

STAFF

Dan Allen, Facilities Manager: dallen@redeemerpres.org

Jared Chacon, Publications & Communications Coordinator: jchacon@redeemerpres.org

Catherine Collier, Office Manager: ccollier@redeemerpres.org

Grace Einkauf, Director of Children's Choirs: geinkauf@redeemerpres.org

Nate Esbenshade, Youth Director: nesbenshade@redeemerpres.org

Teresa Hendrix, Kitchen Manager: thendrix@redeemerpres.org

Susanna McBee, Director of Small Groups: smcbee@redeemerpres.org

Lisal McDonald, Nursery Coordinator: macfam61990@gmail.com

Carol Waller, Children's Ministry Coordinator: cwaller@redeemerpres.org

Tisha Welch, Director of Operations: twelch@redeemerpres.org

ELDERS

session@redeemerpres.org

Dan Allen

Rick Boccock

Gerson Brisola

Scott Brister*

Jon Herr

Ken Kieley

Eric Landry

Landy Ligon

Rick Mealer

Bret Mercer

Barry McBee

Danny Morgan

Joel Pafford

Randy Scott

Joshua Torrey

Andrew Waller

DEACONS

rpcaustindeacons@googlegroups.com

Kelly Baker

Ben Haguewood

David Hendrix

Micah Koch

Victor Longstreth

Mike Matlock

Chris Price

Aaron Rhinehart

*on sabbatical

