



REDEEMER  
TRAVERSE CITY

*November 29, 2020*

Rejoice  
in  
The Lord  
always  
Philippians  
4:4

*First Sunday of Advent*

## Welcome to Redeemer!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Especially if this is your first time with us, we are glad you are here. Please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters or anyone with a nametag regarding location of the nursery, restrooms, or just a cup of coffee!

We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar, so there are notes in the margins that will help you participate and offer some explanations. Our service is designed to be both biblical and Christ centered, as each week we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel. We gather weekly not for a lecture, conference, or concert, but for an encounter with God, and so our service follows the pattern God gave his people thousands of years ago: God speaks and we respond.

- Calling – Worship begins with God's invitation to worship. He always takes the initiative and moves towards us.
- Cleansing – God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children
- Consecration – God builds us up through his Word
- Communion – God brings us as children to his table to affirm his relationship with us.
- Commission – God sends us out in the power of his Spirit to live as his ambassadors before a watching world.

Whether you are a committed believer, skeptic, or somewhere in the middle, we are glad you are here today. Please feel free to participate actively or just listen and observe. Jesus Christ makes audacious and wonderful claims, and our church is a place where you can process those freely and safely.

We would love to know that you were here this morning. The back of this bulletin contains a tear off sheet that you can put in the offering basket during service. If there is any way we can pray for you, or you have questions about Christianity or our church, you can indicate that as well. There is more information about our church activities, events, and beliefs in the back pages of this bulletin and on our website.

## A Word to Parents with Young Children

We have a staffed nursery available for children ages 0-4 (**not available at this time**). For those who have younger children remaining in the service, please relax and take a deep breath! We want them in the service and they are not a distraction. Keeping our children in as much as possible is one of the best gifts we can give them, as they will not only learn the importance of worship but will also pick up much more than we sometimes think. Feel free to sit up front where it is easier for your kids to see and hear what is happening. So again, relax and take a deep breath. The noises and excitement that comes with having children in our worship is not a distraction, but a gift from God to our entire church.

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### Redeemer at a Glance

We are a church that seeks to Glorify God by making disciples who are growing in love for God, love for each other, and love for our neighbor. Please join us for any of our weekly events, more information is in the back of the bulletin.

- Community Groups
- Men's & Women's Ministry
- Service opportunities

# The Lord's Service

November 29, 2020

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

## First Sunday of Advent

Reading, Prayer and Candle Lighting

*The Call to  
Worship gives  
God the first  
word in our  
service. God  
always comes  
to us before we  
come to him.  
God graciously  
invites us to  
enter His  
presence with  
Thanksgiving!*

## Call to Worship

*1 Chronicles 16:23-25*

Sing to the LORD, all the earth!  
Tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and he is to be feared above all gods.

† = Stand if able

**Bold Words** = Congregation

# † Opening Hymn #115 "All Creatures of Our God and King"



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and strong, ye clouds that sail in

2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so clear, make mu - sic for thy

3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,

4. And all ye men of ten - der

5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in

with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing  
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing  
 • Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so  
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long  
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,  
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,  
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,  
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,  
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and • praise the Spir - it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## † Invocation

*Psalm 124:8*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

## † The Greeting

*1 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14*

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen**

*The Call to Confession invites us to honest expression before God that we are not as we were made to be. The church is not a gathering of perfect people, we are all sinners in various stages of recovery.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Micah 6:8*

He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,  
word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Declaration of Forgiveness breaks through the accusations of our conscience, the lies of the evil one, and proclaims the amazing truth of the gospel to our heart!*


## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

*Isaiah 55:7; Romans 5:1-2*

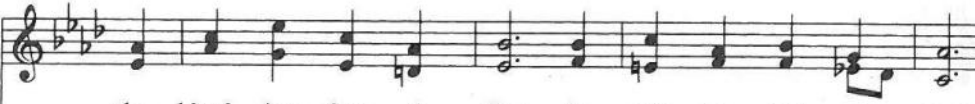
“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon...”

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”


# † Hymn of Assurance #305 "Arise, My Soul, Arise"




1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;  
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,  
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;  
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;



the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears;  
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;  
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.  
 he owns me for his child, I can no lon - ger fear;



be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my  
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned for  
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O for -  
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I



Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.  
 ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.  
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"  
 now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

## Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

### † Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Scripture Reading

#### *Psalm 46*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## † Sermon Text Reading

*Philippians 4:4-7*

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

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “Prayer’s Surpassing Peace”

Reverend Tony Garbarino

I. Plea

II. Provision

III. Promise

† Sermon Hymn #253 "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins;  
 2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;  
 3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup - ply,  
 4. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
 5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r,  
 and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains:  
 and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way:  
 • re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
 when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave:  
 till all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more:  
 lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;  
 washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way;  
 • and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
 lies si - lent in the grave, lies si - lent in the grave;  
 be saved to sin no more. be saved to sin no more;  
 and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains.  
 and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.  
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 till all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more.

## Holy Communion

*We celebrate communion each week to remember what Christ has done and to be nourished spiritually.*

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

*We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized, and are in good standing with any church that proclaims the Gospel. Please note that we use wine for Communion, but the inter rings (colored cups) contain non-alcoholic wine if you prefer. A gluten free wafer is available in place of bread, just ask the minister when you come forward. We come forward in two lines as each row is dismissed. We encourage children to come forward, but ask that they not take the elements unless they have met with their Elders to make a profession of their faith. There is no pressure to take communion if you are not ready. Feel free to stay in your seat or come forward but indicate that you are not partaking.*

*We recite a creed each week as a way to prepare for communion and also to connect our worship to generations of Christians who have gone before us.*

### **Affirmation of Faith    The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church, (\*universal)  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*The "Sursum Corda" (Lift up your hearts!) has been used in Christian worship for centuries. The prayer that follows asks God to set apart the ordinary bread and wine for this special use.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration**

The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

Lamentations 3:41

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 118:1

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise for you are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. As we come now to the supper which he gave to us, we ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that the bread that we break and the cup that we bless would be a participation in the body and blood of our Lord. And now, with the angels, and all the company of heaven, we magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

## **Sanctus**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of his glory,  
the whole earth is full of his glory,  
the whole earth is full of his glory,  
Holy is the Lord.

## **Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread**

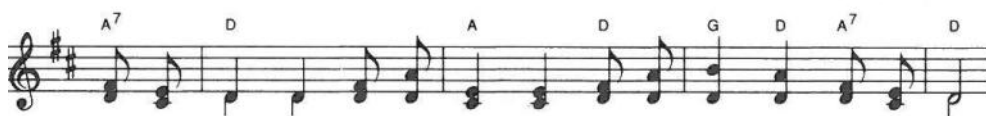
### **Prayer after Communion**

We give thanks to you almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# † Post Communion Hymn #457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



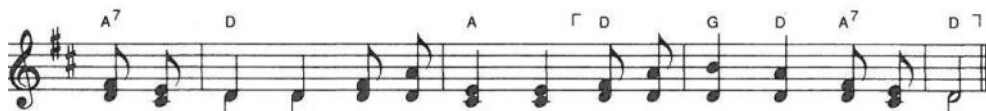
1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.



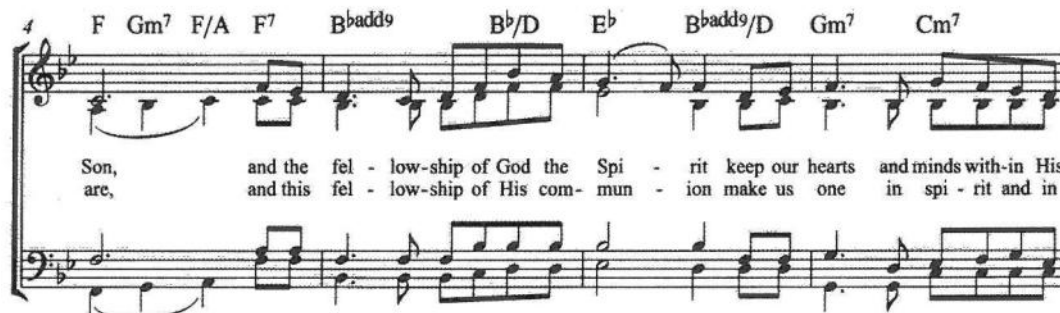
# † Benediction

## † Benediction Response “May the Peace”



1. May the peace of God our Heav-nly Fa - ther, and the grace of Christ the ris - en  
peace which pass-es un - der - stand - ing, and this grace which makes us what we

4 F Gm7 F/A F7 Bbadd9 Bb/D Eb Bbadd9/D Gm7 Cm7



Son, and the fel - low-ship of God the Spi - rit keep our hearts and minds with-in His  
are, and this fel - low-ship of His com - mun - ion make us one in spi - rit and in

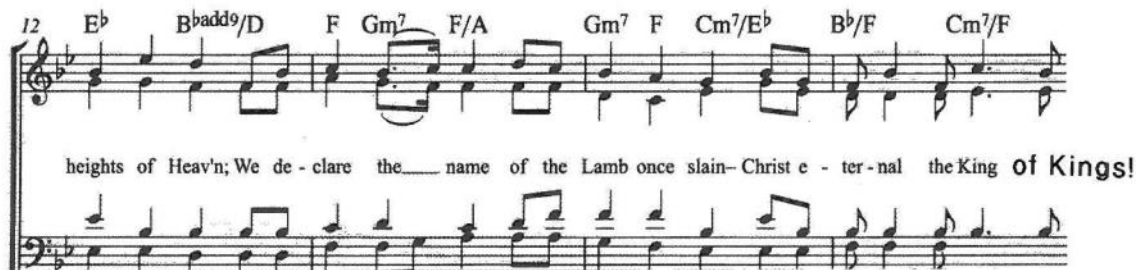
Chorus

8 F/A Gm7 F Bb/D F Gm7 F/A Ebadd9/Bb Bbadd9 F/A Gm7 F/A



love. And to Him be\_\_\_ praise for His glo - rious reign, from the depths of\_\_\_ earth to the  
heart.

12 Eb Bbadd9/D F Gm7 F/A Gm7 F Cm7/Eb Bb/F Cm7/F



heights of Heav'n; We de - clare the\_\_\_ name of the Lamb once slain- Christ e - ter - nal the King of Kings!

## Prayer Requests

### Redeemer Family:

- Dirk Van Til, pray for healing and strength.
- Bill & Jenny Morrison who have the coronavirus, pray for healing and strength.
- For the residents, staff, and management at Traverse Manor where there is an outbreak of the coronavirus, pray for healing and strength. Note, no visitors are allowed at this time.
- Susan Johnson who is in the hospital with sciatica, pray for healing and relief from pain.
- For the work of our pulpit search committee, the elders, and our church during this transition season.

### Churches in our Presbytery:

**Abigail Seneker**, daughter of Pastor Ben & Janae Seneker who had surgery last weekend. Pray for healing for Abigail and God's comfort for the Seneker family.

**Christ Church, Grand Rapids** - Praise for the Lord's provision through a tumultuous time. Please pray for the ongoing discipleship efforts with the very youngest to the very oldest at Christ Church.

**Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo** - Praise for several families added to our church family this year. Pray for the health and safety of our congregation.

**Heart City, Elkhart** - Praise for the satisfactory inspection of our proposed building. Pray for Elkhart as it is being rocked by Covid and for preparations to move into the new building.

## Financials

Year to Date	<u>Oct. 31, 2019</u>	<u>Oct. 31 2020</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	Over (Under) <u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$253,927	\$271,777	\$287,870	(\$16,093)
Total Expenses	\$266,169	\$259,502		

## **Announcements**

**Welcome** - Today we welcome Reverend Tony Gabarino who is the pastor at a Providence Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is a graduate of Westminster Seminary in California. Tony and his wife Mica have one son and one daughter.

**Sunday School** - Is cancelled until further notice.

**Love Thy Neighbor Hygiene Pantry** - Needs the following items: toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, laundry soap and dish soap. These items can be dropped off at the Faith Reformed church campus (1109 E. Front Street, Traverse City) where Love Thy Neighbor offices are located. The items can be dropped off until Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please put items in the drop box outside of the Love Thy Neighbor door (it has their logo on it).

**Ladies Christmas Cookie Delivery**- We encourage anyone who would like to make and deliver Christmas cookies within the Redeemer Family! Please contact Angie VanDyk by November 30 if you want to help. Children can make these treats even more special by creating notes, poems, or artwork we could include with the cookie plates. Delivery will be the weekend of December 12. Thank you for sharing Christmas joy!

### **This Week at Redeemer:**

Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm (Zoom)

Weber Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm

Men's Study, Thursday, 7:30 am

Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 12 noon

### **Community Groups and meeting information:**

**Husted:** 6:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

**Paladino:** 6 pm, every Wednesday

**VanDyk:** 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 13 (then alternate Tuesdays)

**vonDrehle:** Following the 8:30 am worship service on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

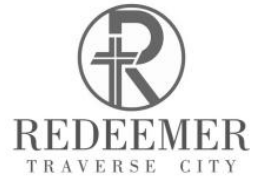
**Weber:** 6 pm, every Wednesday **except** the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am <u>No Sunday School</u>	30					

December 2020

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			Weber Small Group, 6 pm  Paladino Small Group, 6 pm	Men's Study, 7:30 am  Prayer Meeting, 12 noon		
6 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am  vonDrehle Small Group	7	8  VanDyk Small Group, 12:30 pm	9  Paladino Small Group, 6 pm	10 Men's Study, 7:30 am  Prayer Meeting, 12 noon  Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm	11	12



*1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time visitor?*

*Have a Prayer need?*

*Want to be on our weekly newsletter?*

*Want more info about ministry or  
service at Redeemer?*

*Please fill out and place in the  
Offering plate.*

*Thank You!*

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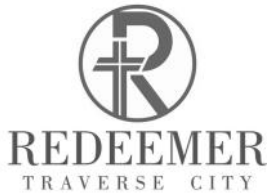
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1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

Regular Attendee: \_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_



*If you would like to be prayed for  
please fill out and place in the  
Offering Plate*

**Prayer Requests:**

Share with congregation: \_\_\_\_

Private: \_\_\_\_

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**Send me information about :**

\_\_\_ Becoming a Christian

\_\_\_ Baptism

\_\_\_ Membership

\_\_\_ Serving on a Team

\_\_\_ Small Groups

\_\_\_ Other

**The Session**

Fred Janke

Bill Morrison

Tom Nussdorfer

Fred Weber

David Schafer (Emeritus)

**The Deacons**

Tim Schramm II

Dave VanDyk

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**Sunday School: (suspended)**

**Worship Service: 8:30 & 10:30 am**

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