



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

December 6, 2020



"Transformation"
Acts 9:1-22

Second 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.

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

December 6, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Second 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

Psalm 67:1-4

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn #196 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Vss. 1 to 3 only)



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



† 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

Philippians 3:7-9

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with a willing Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

Philippians 2:5-8

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

† Hymn of Assurance “Not in Me”

F/C C Dm/C C F/C C Am G sus4 G G7

1.No list of sins I have not done, no list of vir - tues I pur - sue, no list of
 2.No hum-ble dress, no fer - vent prayer, no lift - ed hands, no tear - ful song, no re - ci -
 3.No se - pa - ra - tion from the world, no work I do, no gift I give, can cleanse my

C F G Am F C/G G C C/E

those I am not like can earn my - self a place with You. O God! be
 ta - tion of the truth can jus - ti - fy a sin - gle wrong. My righ - teous -
 con - science, cleanse my hands; I can - not cause my soul to live. But Je - sus

G F/G C C/E G F/G C C/E

mer - ci - ful to me - I am a sin - ner through and through! My on - ly
 ness is Je - sus' life, my debt was paid by Je - sus' death, my wear - y
 died and rose a - gain - the pow'r of death is o - ver - thrown! My God is

G F/G Am F C/G G C

hope of righ - teous - ness is not in me, but on - ly You.
 load was borne by Him and He a - lone can give me rest.
 mer - ci - ful to me and mer - ci - ful in Christ a - lone.

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

† 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.**

† Sermon Text Reading

Acts 9:1-22

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the

ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "A Great Conversion And A Great Commission"

Pastor Scott Korljan

† Sermon Hymn #460 “Amazing Grace” (Vss. 1 to 3 only)



1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;



I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.



5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
 and mortal life shall cease,
 I shall possess within the veil
 a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we've first begun.

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 Heidelberg Catechism

Question and Answer #1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I, with body and soul, both in life and death,
am not my own,
but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,
who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins,
and delivered me from all the power of the devil,
and so preserves me
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation,
therefore by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready, always,
to live for him.**

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.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. We praise you that you sent him into this world to satisfy our need and our longing for a Savior, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed. And now as we set apart these common elements of bread and wine, we ask you to bless them so that the bread that we break, and the cup of blessing which we bless, would be for us by faith a participation in the body and blood of our Lord. Now with the angels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, 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

Special Communion Music “O Come, All You Unfaithful”

Carrie Berkompas

O come, all you unfaithful
Come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone
O come, barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying, come
See what your God has done
Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you
O come, bitter and broken
Come with fears unspoken
Come, taste of His perfect love
O come, guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run
See what your God has done
He's the Lamb who was given
Slain for our pardon
His promise is peace
For those who believe
So come, though you have nothing
Come, He is the offering
Come, see what your God has done
Christ is born, Christ is born,
Christ is born for you.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you love us, have chosen us, and redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, who took on flesh and dwelt among us, and who gave His life willingly for our salvation. Give us joy in His coming, and greater hope in His coming again. Until that day, help us by your Holy Spirit to go into this world to love and serve you and others in His name, and for His glory. Amen.

† Post Communion Hymn “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery” (Vss. 1-3 only)

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker

$\text{♩} = 76$

1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry in the dawn - ing of the
 2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry: He the per - fect Son of
 3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry: Christ the Lord up - on the
 4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry: slain by death, the God of

King, He, the theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in
 Man, In His liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring, nev - er
 tree; In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the
 life; but no grave could e'er re - strain Him, Praise the

frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our
 trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter
 Lamb in vic - to - ry! See the price of our re -
 Lord, He is a - live! What a fore - taste of de -

dark - ness, now the light of life has come; Look to
 Ad - am come to save the hell - bound man, Christ, the
 demp - tion; see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold, bring - ing
 liv - 'rance; how un - wa - ver - ing our hope: Christ in

Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
 great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.
 man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told!
 pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as will we be when He comes.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery” (Verse 4 only)

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
slain by death, the God of life;
but no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance;
how unwavering our hope:
Christ in power resurrected,
as will we be when He comes.

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Dirk Van Til, pray for healing and strength as he recovers from hip surgery.
- Leslie Paladino and family as they mourn the loss of her grandmother, Emily Shaw.
- Bill & Jenny Morrison, Tim & Ashley Schramm, Keith & Jessica McLennan, Bev McSauby (and her parents), 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 recovering from back surgery; pray for healing & strength.
- For the work of our pulpit search committee, the elders, and our church during this transition season.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Providence, Ft. Wayne - Pray for Pastor Tony's continued healing and for his stamina & concentration to improve.

Christ the King, Hastings - We are looking forward to the Christmas season and the hope of Jesus. May God build His church.

Reformed University Fellowship - We have a kind God who hears our prayers! Also, despite the heavy university restrictions, God continues to grow our group in both breadth and depth.

Financials

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

Announcements

Sunday School - Is cancelled until further notice.

Weber Small Group - Will not meet again until January 6, 2021.

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 11th. 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! 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:

vonDrehle Small Group - Today (Zoom)

VanDyk Small Group - Tuesday, 12:30 pm (Zoom)

Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm (Zoom)

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Prayer Meeting - Thursday, 12 noon

Husted Small Group - Thursday, 6:30 pm

Community Groups and meeting information:

Husted: 6:30 pm, 2nd & 4th 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 1st & 3rd Sunday

Weber: 6 pm, every Wednesday **except** the 2nd Wednesday of each month

Note: the Weber group will not meet again until January 6, 2021.

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am vonDrehle Small Group	7	8 VanDyk Small Group, 12:30 pm (Lawton)	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
13 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	14	15	16 Paladino Small Group, 6 pm	17 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayer Meeting, 12 noon	18	19
20 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am vonDrehle Small Group	21	22	23 Paladino Small Group, 6 pm	24 Men's Study, 7:30 am Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas!	26
27 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	28	29	30 Paladino Small Group, 6 pm	31 Men's Study, 7:30 am New Year's Eve		



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1st or 2nd 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!

Music Copy License Number: 2539700

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

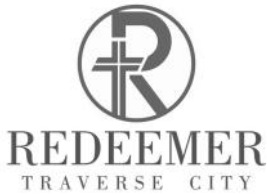
How did you hear about us:

1st Time Guest: ____

2nd Time Guest: ____

Regular Attendee: ____

Member: ____



The Session

Fred Janke
Bill Morrison
Tom Nussdorfer
Fred Weber
David Schafer (Emeritus)

The Deacons

Tim Schramm II
Dave VanDyk

Redeemer Staff

Bob Israel, Treasurer
Deb Long, Office Administrator/
Bookkeeper

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

Prayer Requests:

Share with congregation: ____

Private: ____

Send me information about :

- ___ Becoming a Christian
- ___ Baptism
- ___ Membership
- ___ Serving on a Team
- ___ Small Groups
- ___ Other

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