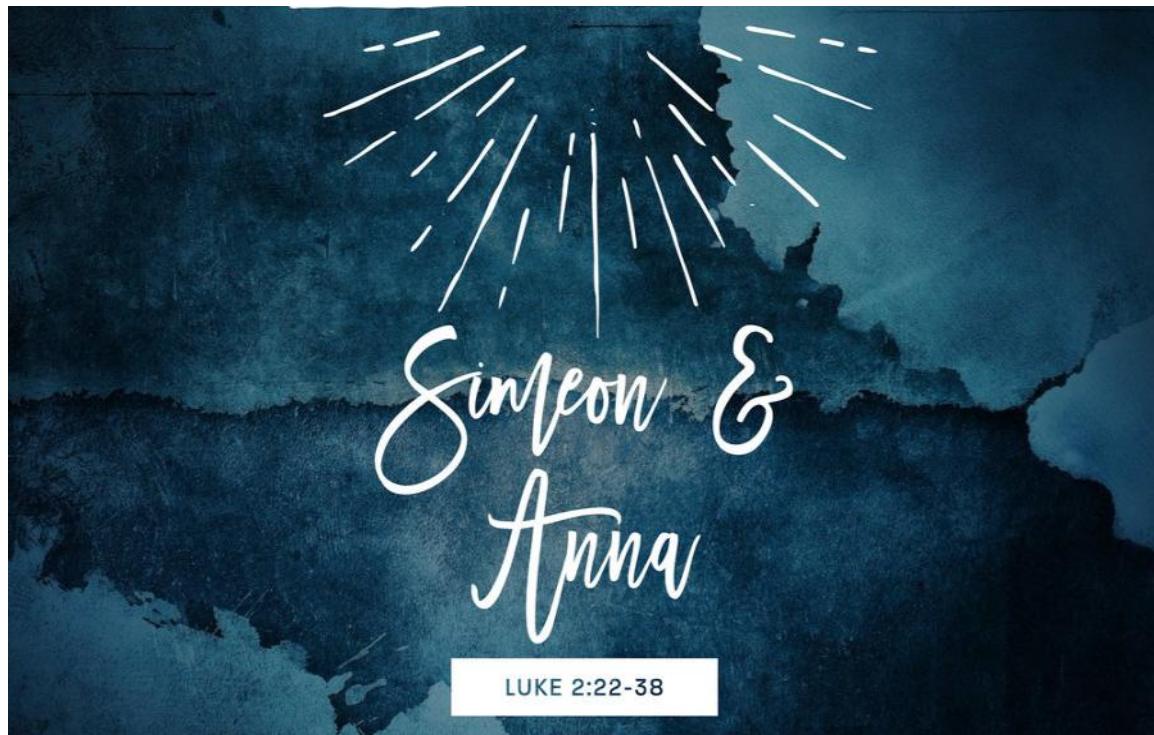




REDEEMER  
TRAVERSE CITY

*December 27, 2020*



## 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

December 27, 2020

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

*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 95:1-3*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

† = Stand if able

**Bold Words** = Congregation

# † Opening Hymn #208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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; come and be - hold him  
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God  
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

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born the King of an - gels;  
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted;  
 in the high - est; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let  
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

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

## † 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**

## **Confession of Sin**

Nehemiah 9:1-3

Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the LORD their God.

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**Have mercy on us, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy,  
blot out our transgressions.  
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
For we know our transgressions,  
and our sin is ever before us.  
Against you, you only, have we sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words, and blameless in your judgment.  
Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us.  
Cast us not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.  
Amen.**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

*Colossians 2:13-15*

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

# † Hymn of Assurance "I Will Glory in My Redeemer"



The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#), indicating the key of D major. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The hymn consists of two main parts, each with a repeat sign at the beginning. The first part has three lines of lyrics, and the second part has two lines. The final line of the second part is a double bar line, indicating the end of the hymn.

I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, whose price - less blood has ran - somed  
I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, my life He bought, my love He  
I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who car - ries me on ea - gle's

me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit - ter nails and hung Him on that judg - ment  
owns. I have no long - ings for an - oth - er, I'm sat - is - fied in Him a -  
wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing - kind - ness. His tri - umph song I'll ev - er

tree. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who crushed the pow'r of sin and  
lone. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, His faith - ful - ness, my stand - ing  
sing. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who waits for me at gates of

death, my on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the ho - ly Judge, the  
place. Though foes are might - y and rush up - on me, my  
gold. And when He calls me it will be par - a - dise, His

Lamb who is my right - eous - ness, the Lamb who is my right - eous - ness.  
feet are firm, held by His grace, my feet are firm, held by His grace.  
face for - ev - er to be - hold, His face fo - ev - er to be - hold.

# Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

## Scripture Reading

*Luke 2:8-21*

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and 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 among those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

*Luke 2:22-38*

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation  
<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup> And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

This is the Word of the Lord!


**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “Spirit-Led Saints”


Reverend Robert Knuth

# † Sermon Hymn #214 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.*  
 Luke 2:14



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2. Shep- herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

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# 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.**

## 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.

Psalms 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**

### **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 #195 "Joy to the World" (Vss. 1-3 only)

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

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

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

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.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

## † Benediction

### † Benediction Response #195 “Joy to the World” (Verse 4 only)

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

# Prayer Requests

## Redeemer Family:

- Leslie Paladino and family as they mourn the loss of her grandmother, Emily Shaw.
- Susan Johnson who is recovering from back surgery; pray for healing and strength. For Darryl, pray for comfort and peace.
- For the work of our pulpit search committee, the elders, and our church during this transition season.

## Churches in our Presbytery:

**New City, Royal Oak** - Praise God for being able to worship in our new building. Pray that all of us will find great joy in our Savior through the Christmas Season!

**Knox, Harrison Township** - Pray that God will be glorified and His Word heard.

**Daniel Equiluz** - Pray for our Lord to bless our support raising efforts in south Florida.

# Financials

| Year to Date            | <u>Nov. 30, 2019</u> | <u>Nov. 30 2020</u> | <u>2020 Budget</u> | Over<br>(Under)<br>Budget |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Total Giving + Rentals: | \$285,544            | \$292,828           | \$316,657          | (\$23,825)                |
| Total Expenses          | \$291,417            | \$280,800           |                    |                           |



## Announcements

**Guest Pastor** - This morning we welcome guest pastor Robert Knuth. Robert is the campus pastor for Reformed University Fellowship at the University of Michigan where he has served for the past year. Just recently, our church has committed to supporting Robert and his work at U of M. Robert and his wife Katherine have two children, Peter and Abigail.

**Women's Ministries** - Beginning the week of January 11th, Women's Ministries will offer a 7 week study on Spiritual and Emotional Growth. Both morning and evening opportunities will be available. In person or Zoom, to be determined! See Connie Van Til with questions or to sign up (231-218-4356 / cgvantil@gmail.com).

**Safe Harbor** - We have an opportunity to serve dinner to the guests at Safe Harbor on Thursday, January 14th between 4 & 8 pm. Please contact Dave VanDyk (517-242-2912, vandykdav78@gmail.com) if you can help. Covid protocols will be followed.

**Ladies Winter Book Study** - Please join us in reading The Covenantal Life: Appreciating the Beauty of Theology and Community by Sarah Ivill in January! We'll meet via zoom the last week of the month to fellowship and discuss (Monday 7 pm and Thursday 10 am). Our February book will be Becoming Elisabeth Elliott by Ellen Vaughn. For more details, contact Heidi Van Til.

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

**Volunteers Needed** - We need volunteers to help set up communion before the 8:30 am service on Sunday mornings. Please contact Deb Long if you can help.

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

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

### **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)

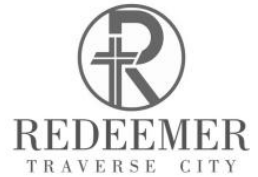
**vonDrehle:** Following the 8:30 am worship service on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

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

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

December 2020

| Sun   | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu  | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|
| 27<br>Worship<br>Service<br>8:30 & 10:30 am | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31<br>Men's Study, 7:30 am<br><br>New Year's Eve |     |     |



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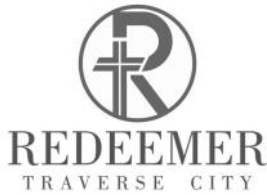
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1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

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**

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Dave VanDyk

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**Sunday School: (suspended)**

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

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