



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

December 12, 2021

And Mary said,

*My soul
magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit
rejoices in God
my Savior*

Luke 1:46-47

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

For those who have young children, please relax and take a deep breath! We want them in the sanctuary during our worship service and they are not a distraction. Having our children with us will allow them to not only learn the importance of worship but they 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 12, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

*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

Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

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 - fring, nev - er
 tree; In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the
 life; but the 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 and of our re -
 Lord, He is a - live! What a price fore - taste of de -

dark - ness, now the light of life has come; Look to
 Ad - am come to save of 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.

† Invocation

Psalm 124:8

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

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

† 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

Romans 3:9-18

*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.*

What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have
already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it
is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;
no one understands;
no one seeks for God.

All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;
no one does good,
not even one.”

“Their throat is an open grave;
they use their tongues to deceive.”

“The venom of asps is under their lips.”

“Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

“Their feet are swift to shed blood;
in their paths are ruin and misery,
and the way of peace they have not known.”

“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Prayer of Confession

“Our Father in Heaven

Your name is holy, and all of your judgements are right and perfect. We confess that we all like sheep have gone astray, and that we are again in need of your pardoning mercy. Forgive us for all of the ways in which we have broken your holy commandments, by what we have done and left undone. Renew our hearts that we may love you with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbors as ourselves. Hear our prayer for we ask all of this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

† Hymn of Assurance “All I Have is Christ”

$\text{♩} = 7/6$

D A D G A D

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that
 2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - dif - ferent to the cost, You looked up -
 3. Now Lord I would be Yours a - lone, and live so all might see the strength to

A Em G A D A

prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would
 on my help - less state and led me to the cross. And I be-held God's lovedis -
 fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from me. O Fath - er, use my ran - somed

Bm G D Em7 Bm

own a reb - el to Your will. And if You had not loved me first, I would re -
 played, You suf - fered in my place. You bore the wrath re - served for me, now all I
 life in an - y way You choose, and let my song for - ev - er be my on - ly

G A D G D

1. A 2.3. A D G D

fuse You still. grace. Hal - le - lu - jah! All I
 know is is You. You.

A Bm G Bm A

have is Christ. Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life.

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

† Scripture Reading

Psalm 34

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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 1:39-56

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

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

Sermon Title: “Mary’s Song”

Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline:

- 1) The Prophecy of Elizabeth
- 2) The Son of Mary

Sermon Hymn “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

1 My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord;

I sing my Savior's praise!

You looked upon my lowliness,

and I am full of grace.

Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age

this blessing shall proclaim--

great wonders you have done for me,

and holy is your name.

2 To all who live in holy fear

your mercy ever flows.

With mighty arm you dash the proud,

their scheming hearts expose.

The ruthless you have cast aside,

the lowly throned instead;

the hungry filled with all good things,

the rich sent off unfed.

3 To Israel, your servant blest,

your help is ever sure;

the promise to our parents made

their children will secure.

Sing glory to the Holy One,

give honor to the Word,

and praise the Pow'r of the Most High,

one God, by all adored.

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. 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 Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 8.2

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that the two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and humanity, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which Person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

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.

Great God of Highest Heaven, who are we that we should be invited to such a feast as this? We are not worthy to come, we have no merit of our own that would make us worthy to receive your body and blood. But thanks be to you O God, that you invite us to this table and promise to refresh us and strengthen us by your grace in Christ. Now we thank you for the gift of this holy supper, and 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.

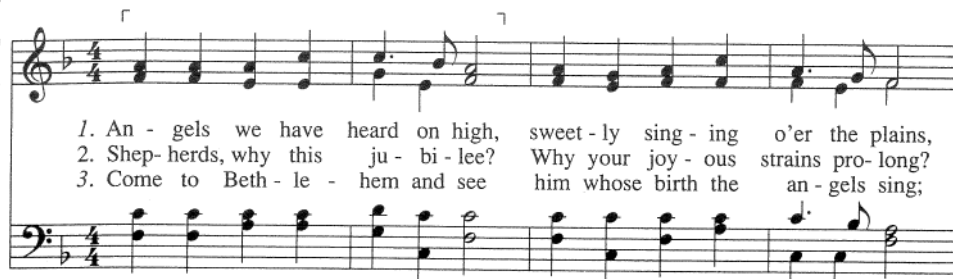
Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

Prayer after Communion

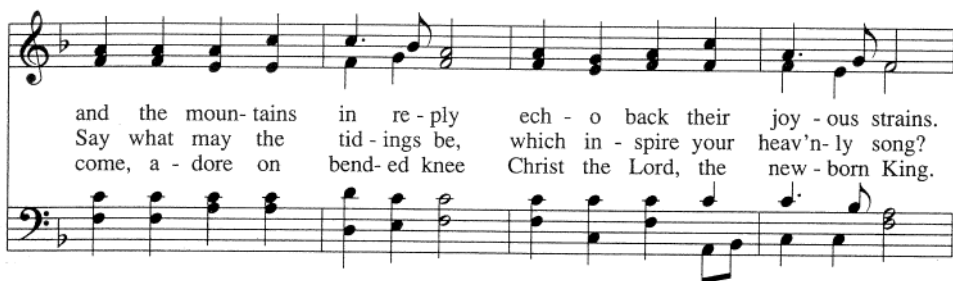
Gracious God, you love us, have chosen us, and redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, who took on flesh and dwelt among us, and who gave His life willingly for our salvation. Give us joy in His coming, and greater hope in His coming again. Until that day, help us by your Holy Spirit to go into this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

† Post Communion Hymn #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.

REFRAIN



Glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,



glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in

the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Beverly Sabotka (Ron and Cindy's sister-in-law) is on life support with complications of Covid pneumonia. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Bernard Hoogland, pray for healing.
- Jo Wolfe, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Bobbie Van Til (sister-in-law of Ethan & Dirk), still fighting cancer.
- McKinzie Robinson, pray for continued controlled breathing.
- Joyce Weise, pray for relief from back pain.
- Marsha (Barb Boersma's sister). She is suffering from terminal cancer.
- Marie Goins (Randy's mother), pray for her failing health and for faith in our great God.
- Megan Harris (niece of Jo Wolfe) has terminal cancer. Please keep the Harris family (husband Andy & 3 young daughters) in your prayers.

Churches in our Presbytery:

University Reformed, East Lansing - Pray for those people who are considering becoming members, for our campus ministry and for wisdom renovating our flooded basement.

Reverend Walter Lorenz - Reverend Steve Van Noort was officially received into the Great Lakes Presbytery as a new church planter for a PCA church in Detroit. Pray for a good transition for his family and a good start to their ministry in Detroit.

Great Lakes Presbytery - Pray for our January 8th meeting, newly elected Stated Clerk, churches as they adjust to Covid regulations, and continued growth of our churches.

Financials

	<u>Oct. 31, 2020</u>	<u>Oct. 31, 2021</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$271,778	\$267,900	\$277,410	(\$9,510)
Total Expenses	\$259,502	\$209,135		

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Reed will preach on Luke 1:39-56

Children and adult Sunday School will be held before the worship service at 9:00 am. The Worship Service will be at 10:15 am.

Pastor Reed will be leading the Adult Sunday School class in a study of reformed covenant theology. We will be learning the biblical and confessional grounds for the concepts of the Covenants of Redemption, Works, and Grace. The Lord willing, this will provide us with a helpful lens through which to read all of the Scriptures. All are welcome to attend!

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday December 26 or Sunday January 2.

Start Up of Children's Ministry - Johanna Lashbrook is coordinating, please contact her for more information. Events will be coordinated and announced in advance so all children can participate.

Children's Christmas Party - Saturday, December 18th from 10 am to 12 pm. You can drop your children off at Redeemer. Ages preschool to high-school are welcome!

Christmas Eve Service - Friday, December 24th at 5 pm.

Communion Teams - We need more teams to set up communion and clean up when the service is over. Please text Barb Weber if you are interested. Time commitment is about 30 minutes.

This Week at Redeemer:

Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm

Weber Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

Children's Christmas Party - Saturday, 10 am

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service, 10:15 am	13	14	15 Paladino SG, 6 pm Weber SG, 6 pm	16 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon	17	18 Children's Christmas Party, 10 am to 12 pm
19 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service, 10:15 am vonDrehle SG	20	21	22	23 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm	24 Christmas Eve Service, 5 pm	25 Merry Christmas!
26 No Sunday School Worship Service, 10:15 am	27	28	29 Paladino SG, 6 pm	30 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon	31 New Year's Eve	

Community Groups and meeting information:

Husted: 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6:30 pm

Paladino: 6 pm, every Wednesday

VanDyk: Dates will vary over the next months
(contact Angie for more info)

vonDrehle: Check with Jim or Cherie for dates &
times.

Weber: 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesday at 6 pm



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!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

How did you hear about us:

Music Copy License Number: 2539700

1st Time Guest: ____

2nd 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: ____

Send me information about :

___ Becoming a Christian

___ Baptism

___ Membership

___ Serving on a Team

___ Small Groups

___ Other

The Session

Pastor Reed

Fred Janke

Bill Morrison

Tom Nussdorfer

Fred Weber

David Schafer (Emeritus)

The Deacons

Dave VanDyk

Redeemer Staff

Jeff Kozisek, Treasurer

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Sunday School: 9 am

Worship Services: 10:15 am

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