

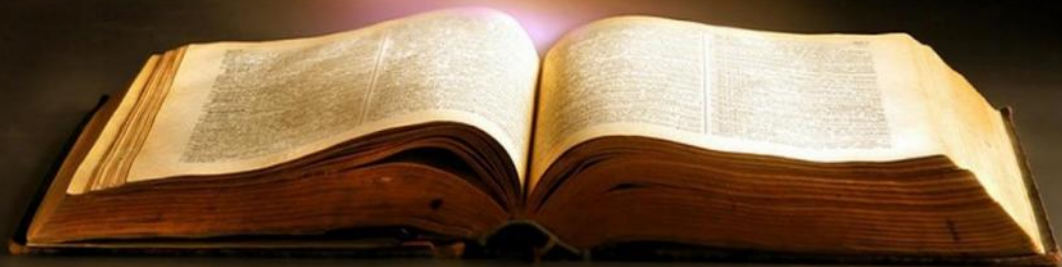


REDEEMER  
TRAVERSE CITY

*December 19, 2021*

*The Power of the Holy Spirit*

*Luke 1:57-80*



## 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.

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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 19, 2021

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

"For Unto Us a Child is Born" (from The Messiah)

*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

*Revelation 5:12*

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"

† = Stand if able

**Bold Words** = Congregation

# † Opening Hymn #195 "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come"

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,  
 play; 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,

## † 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**

*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

*Ecclesiastes 7:20*

Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

## Prayer of Confession

**“Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. You are holy and righteous in all of your ways. But we have not walked in holiness and in righteousness. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us of our sins, and cause us to walk in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Hear our prayer for we ask all of this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.”**

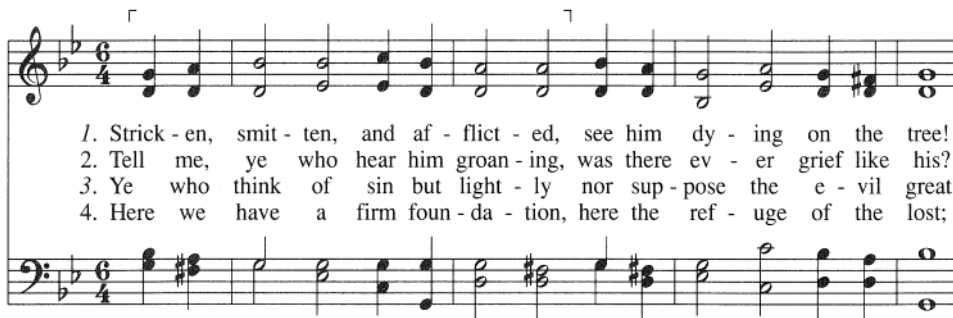
*The Declaration  
of Forgiveness  
breaks through  
the accusations  
of our  
conscience, the  
lies of the evil  
one, and  
proclaims the  
amazing truth  
of the gospel  
to our heart!*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

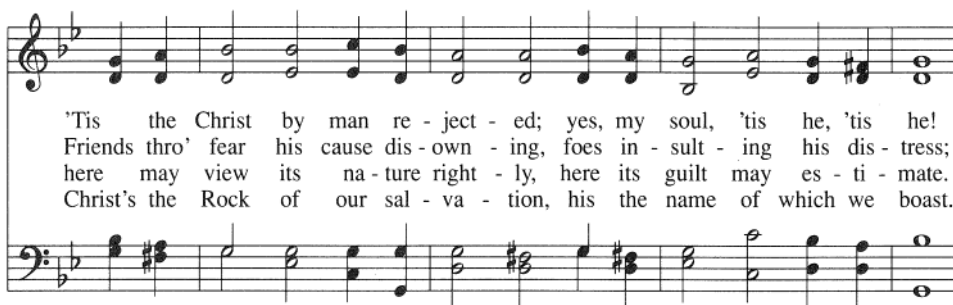
*Romans 4:20-25*

No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

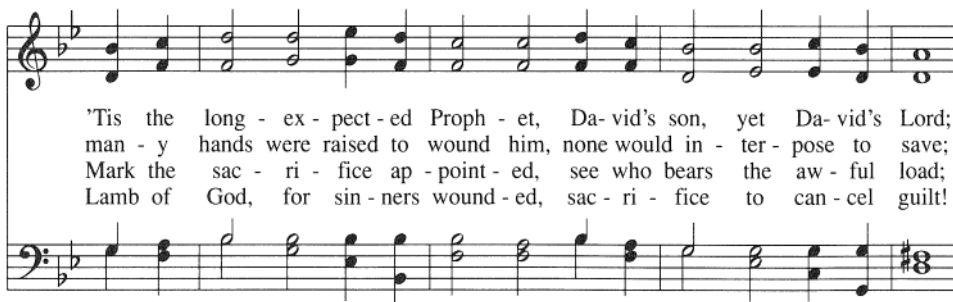
# † Hymn of Assurance #257 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"



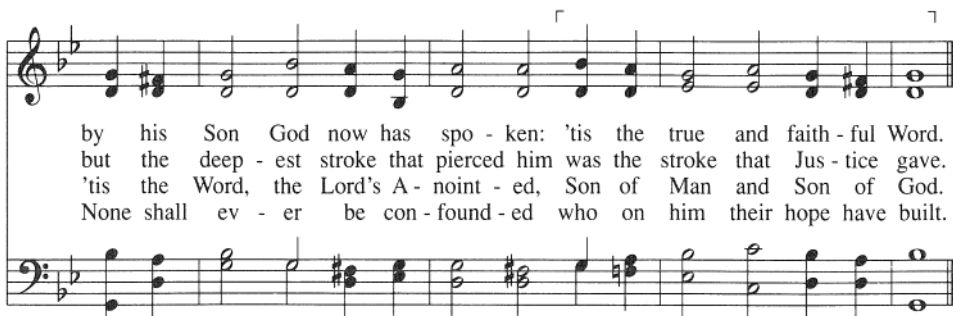
1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!  
 2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?  
 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great  
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;



'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!  
 Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress;  
 here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.  
 Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord;  
 man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;  
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;  
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!



by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
 but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.  
 'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

# Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

## † Scripture Reading

*Malachi 4*

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

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 1:57-80*

<sup>57</sup> Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup> And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup> And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, <sup>60</sup> but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." <sup>61</sup> And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." <sup>62</sup> And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. <sup>63</sup> And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. <sup>64</sup> And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. <sup>65</sup> And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, <sup>66</sup> and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup> "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people  
<sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
<sup>72</sup> to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
<sup>74</sup> that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,



<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high  
<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”  
<sup>80</sup> And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness  
until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon Title:** “Zechariah’s Prophecy”

Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline:

- 1) The Birth of a Son
- 2) The Prophetic Word

Sermon Notes:

**Sermon Hymn #194 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on  
3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's  
4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy  
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,  
Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law  
• tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,  
draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
• in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
and close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

## 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

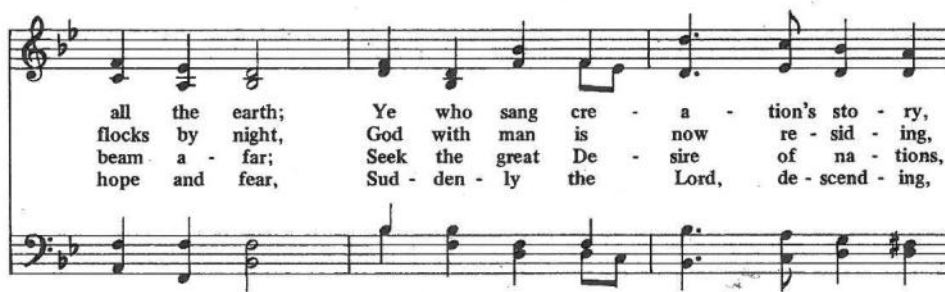
### Prayer after Communion

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 #218 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
 2. Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
 3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with man is now re - sid - ing,  
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 Yon - der shines the in - fant Light: Come and wor - ship,  
 Ye have seen His na - tal star:  
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear:



come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

## † 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.
- For the Boersma family on the passing of Barb's sister Marsha.
- 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.
- Brett Schut, recovering from surgery to remove his appendix.

### Churches in our Presbytery:

**Redeemer , Holland** - Pray for the Lord's continued blessing on the church, numerical growth, and an increased joy in knowing our Lord.

**Covenant, Holland** - Pray for families of members who have passed away over this year.

**Trinity, DeMotte** - Praise that Gabi Van Eck has completed her chemotherapy.

**For the family of Reverend Don Remillard**, who passed away on October 3rd.

## Financials

	<u>Oct. 31, 2020</u>	<u>Oct. 31, 2021</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	Over (Under) <u>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 1:57-80

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.

**Christmas Eve Service** - Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

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

vonDrehle Small Group - today after the worship service

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

Christmas Eve Service - Friday, 5 pm

# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19 Sunday School, 9 am <b>Worship Service,            10:15 am</b> vonDrehle SG	20	21	22	23 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon	24 <b>Christmas Eve            Service, 5 pm</b>	25 <b>Merry            Christmas!</b>
26 <b>No Sunday School</b> <b>Worship Service,            10:15 am</b>	27	28	29 Paladino SG, 6 pm	30 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>	

**Community Groups and meeting information:**

**Husted:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6 pm



*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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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Call/Text): \_\_\_\_\_

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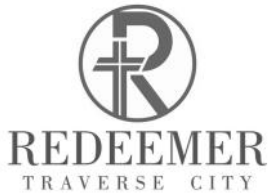
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1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

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**

Pastor Reed

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Bill Morrison

Tom Nussdorfer

Fred Weber

David Schafer (Emeritus)

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**Sunday School: 9 am**

**Worship Services: 10:15 am**

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