



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

December 26, 2021

An angel said to them,

"DO NOT BE AFRAID! I BRING YOU
GOOD NEWS OF
great joy

THAT WILL BE FOR ALL THE
PEOPLE TODAY IN THE TOWN OF
DAVID A
Savior

HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU; HE IS
Christ the Lord

Luke 2:10-11

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 26, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

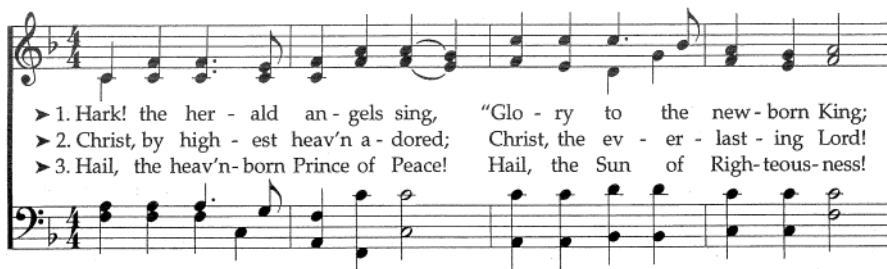
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Worship gives
God the first
word in our
service. God
always comes
to us before we
come to him.
God graciously
invites us to
enter His
presence with
Thanksgiving!*

Call to Worship


Luke 2:10-13

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!"

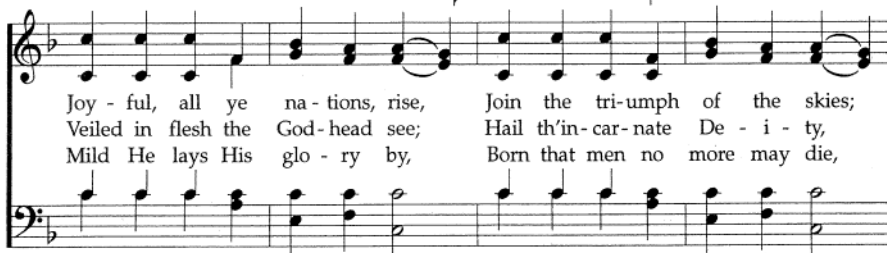
† Opening Hymn #203 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"



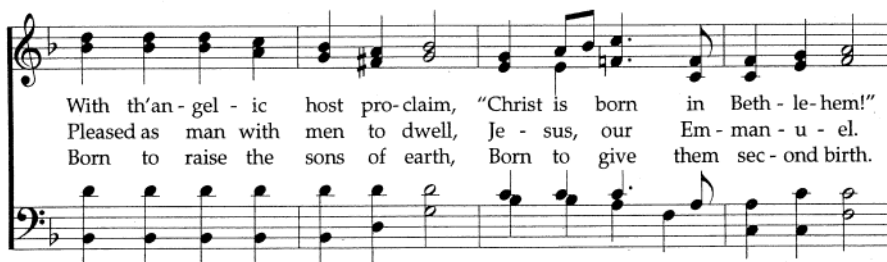
> 1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 > 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 > 3. Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb:
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that men no more may die,



With th'an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le-hem!"
 Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

† 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

John 1:1-11

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Prayer of Confession

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is well pleased! We confess all of our sins unto you, Most High God. We have broken your law, we have fallen short of your glory, we have not loved as we ought to have loved. But thanks be to you Oh God, for you have given to us knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and faith in the salvation found in His name. Through Christ our Lord we have received grace upon grace. We rejoice in our salvation, and pray that your Holy Spirit would conform us more into the gracious image 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


John 1:12-18

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.


And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

† Hymn of Assurance #213 "What Child is This"


Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

Profession of Faith:

Carolyn Hobbs, Charles Scott, & Maxwell Scott

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Questions to the Congregation:

Do you as a congregation now welcome Carolyn, Charles, & Maxwell as members of this body?

We do.

Do you promise to take seriously your responsibilities to build up these new members and to seek to practice with them true Christian community and true Biblical church life?

We do.

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

† Scripture Reading

Micah 5:1-5

Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

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 2:1-21

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹ 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!

Sermon Title: "Christmas Morning"

Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline:

- 1) The Birth of Christ
- 2) The Announcement to the Shepherds

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. 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.

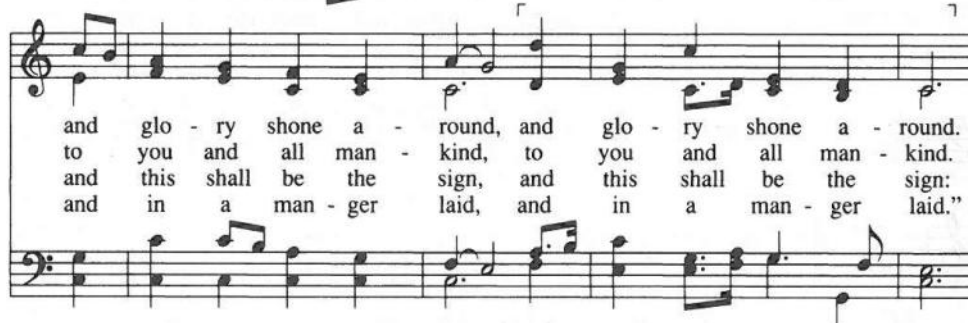
† Post Communion Hymn #223 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"



1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed
 2. "Fear not," said he— for might - y dread had seized their
 3. "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is born of
 4. "The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man



on the ground, the an - gel of the Lord came down,
 trou - bled mind— "glad tid - ings of great joy I bring
 Da - vid's line, the Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord,
 view dis - played, all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands,



and glo - ry shone a - round, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 to you and all man - kind, to you and all man - kind.
 and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:
 and in a man - ger laid, and in a man - ger laid."

5. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
 appeared a shining throng
 of angels praising God, who thus
 addressed their joyful song,
 addressed their joyful song:

6. "All glory be to God on high,
 and to the earth be peace;
 good will henceforth, from heav'n to men,
 begin and never cease,
 begin and never cease!"

† 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>Nov. 30, 2020</u>	<u>Nov. 30, 2021</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	Over (Under) <u>Budget</u>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$292,828	\$298,868	\$305,151	(\$6,283)
Total Expenses	\$280,800	\$226,876		

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Reed will preach on Luke 2:1-21

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.

This Week at Redeemer:

Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 <u>No Sunday School</u> 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:

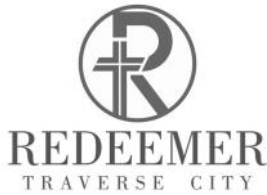
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1st Time Guest: ____

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)

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Sunday School: 9 am

Worship Services: 10:15 am

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