



November 27, 2022

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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

Nursery: Nancy & Johanna

The Lord's Service

November 27, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "All Come All Ye Unfaithful"

Meg Van Til

O come, all you unfaithful,
Come, weak and unstable,
Come, know you are not alone;
O come, barren and waiting ones,
Weary of praying, come,
See what your God has done:

Christ is born, Christ is born,
Christ is born for you.

O come, bitter and broken,
Come, with fears unspoken,
Come, taste of His perfect love;
O come, guilty and hiding ones,
There is no need to run,
See what your God has done.

He's the Lamb who was given,
Slain for our pardon.
His promise is peace
For those who believe.

So come, though you have nothing,
Come, He is the offering,
Come, see what your God has done:

Christ is born, Christ is born,
Christ is born for you.

*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 1:17b-18

“Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.

I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have
the keys of Death and Hades.

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn: #195 "Joy to the World"

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: 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,

† Invocation

Psalm 124:8

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

People: who made heaven and earth.

† Prayer

† 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

Revelation 2:1-7

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.

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

“‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

Prayer of Confession

**“Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy upon us and restore those who repent, according to your promises declared in Jesus Christ. And grant that for His sake we may live a godly and righteous life, to the glory of your name. 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

Revelation 1:5-8

and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

† Hymn of Assurance: 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,



REFRAIN

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.



Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Genesis 3:8-15*

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
 cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
 on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
 and you shall bruise his heel."

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

Offertory

† 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 : *Genesis 4:1-16*

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. ¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

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

Sermon Title: "The Promised Son?"

Reverend Austin Reed

Sermon Notes:

† Sermon Hymn: “Christ the True and Better”

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Christ the True and Better

Words and Music by
Matt Boswell, Keith Getty and Matt Papa

Steadily, Driving (♩ = 76)

F Bb/F F F C/F F Fsus

1. Christ, the true and bet - ter Ad - am; Son of God and Son of man. Who, when
2. Christ, the true and bet - ter Is - aac; Hum - ble Son of sa - cri - fice, who would

F Bb/F F F C/E Dm7 C F

temp - ed in the gard - en, nev - er yield - ed, nev - er sinned. He, who
climb the fear - ful moun - tain, there to of - fer up his life. Laid with

F/A Bb F F C/E Dm7 Bb Csus C F/A Bb

makes the ma - ny right - eous Brings us back to life a - gain. Dy - ing, He re - versed the
faith up - on the al - tar, Fath - er's joy and on - ly son; There sal - va - tion was pro -

F/C Bb/C F/C C F Fsus F Fsus

1. curse; Then ri - sing, crushed the serp - ent's head.
vid - ed, oh what full and bound - less love. 2. Christ, the

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Christ the True and Better
(Hymnal, Key of F)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of four systems of music. Each system includes a piano accompaniment (left hand) and a vocal line (right hand). The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the piano part. The key signature is one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes a refrain section marked 'Refrain'.

place He bled and con - quered; Crown Him Lord of ma - jes - ty. His shall
 be the throne for - ev - er; We shall e'er his peo - ple be. A -
 men, a - men, from be - gin - ning to end. Christ the
 sto - ry. His the glo - ry; Al - le - lu - ia, A - men! A -

3. Christ, the true and better Moses, called to lead a people home;
 Standing bold to earthly powers, God's great glory to be known.
 With His arms stretched wide to heaven, see the waters part in two;
 See the veil is torn forever, Cleansed with blood we pass now through. Amen!

4. Christ, the true and better David; Lowly shepherd, mighty king.
 He the champion in the battle; where O death is now thy sting.
 In our place He bled and conquered; Crown Him Lord of majesty.
 His shall be the throne forever; We shall e'er His people be.

Refrain

Holy Communion

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 inner rings (colored cups) contain non-alcoholic wine if you prefer.

A gluten free wafer is available in place of bread. We come forward 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.

Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made.
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

Lamentations 3:41

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 118:1

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 “As with Gladness, Men of Old”

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;
 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
 5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 • so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 • all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
 there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 “Gloria Patri”

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- **Russell Gunn, (Richie Gunn's father)** - Please pray for healing and wisdom for treatment of his heart issues.
- **Julie Reed** (Pastor Reed's mother) Pray for peace, strength, wisdom, and God's provision as alternative treatments are being sought.
- **Drew** (8 yr old grandson of Randy and Gail Lawton) is in the hospital with complications from leukemia. He is improving but please continue to pray for effective treatment, wisdom for the doctors and those overseeing his care, and strength for him and his family.
- **Anne Smith** (mother of Scott Smith) Praise God for successful breast cancer surgery. She has begun new treatments targeting the suspected cause of the cancer that will last almost another year. Please pray for continued strength and healing.
- **Bernard Hoogland**, pray for healing.
- **Bobbie Van Til** (sister-in-law of Ethan & Dirk) returned home from the hospital. Please continue to pray for her and her family.
- **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 the Presbytery:

University Reformed Church, East Lansing MI -- Praise for a busy and full fall with lots of ministry opportunities and people visiting. Pray for wisdom and clarity as we consider a church plant in Mount Pleasant. Pray for generous giving and faithful praying toward year-end needs.

Rev. Walter (Mynda) Lorenz (Pastor at Large of GLP) Give praise to God for a wonderful year of church plants becoming particular churches in our GLP and for God leading other churches to join us in our GLP. Pray that God will raise up men strong and wise in faith as Elders and Deacons in our many newer ministries of church planting.

Great Lakes Presbytery: Pray for those who have recently begun planting works within our bounds, for the faithfulness of all our teaching and ruling elders, for the Lord's steadfast provision, and for the glory of Christ in the GLP.

Announcements

Sunday School—there will be no Sunday School on Sunday, November 27th.

The Advent Choir—will be practicing right after the service on November 27th,

Youth Christmas Party—there will be a youth Christmas party on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:30 am—12:00 pm. Preschool to High School are welcome. Please RSVP to Johanna Lashbrook for planning purposes.

Christmas Caroling—we will be caroling at Traverse Manor at 1 pm on December 11th. The church will provide snacks after the service. Please RSVP to Connie as soon as possible.

Single Momm Events—there will be a Single Momm event coming up soon. On December 10th, they are sponsoring a Christmas event. If you are interested in serving, please go to www.singlemomm.org and complete a volunteer application. Please see Deacon Brett Schut with questions.

Love Thy Neighbor is once again gearing up for Christmas with our Adopt a Family Program as we are looking for Sponsors to adopt families for Christmas! Please see Deacon Dave VanDyk for details.

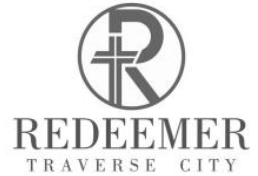
Ladies (of all ages) and Friends are invited to attend the Angels All Around Christmas Brunch and optional Cookie Exchange December 10, 2022, 9:30 a.m. in the Church fellowship hall! Enjoy a gift exchange game, photo booth, devotion, food and fellowship. A Sign up sheet to RSVP, contribute breakfast items, and participate in the cookie exchange are in the narthex or contact Jody Harkert.

Financials

	<u>Oct. 31, 2021</u>	<u>Oct. 31 2022</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$267,900	\$300,005	\$232,750	\$67,255
Total Expenses	\$209,135	\$291,095		

This Week at Redeemer:

Women's Study-Tuesday, 6:30 pm
Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 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!

Community Groups and meeting information:

vonDrehle: 1st and 3rd Sunday after Church

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

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

How did you hear about us:

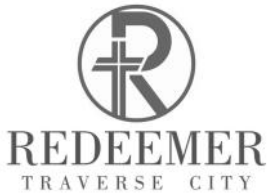
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2nd Time Guest: ____

Regular Attendee: ____

Member: ____



The Session

- Pastor Reed
- Bill Morrison
- Tom Nussdorfer
- Tony Paladino
- Fred Weber
- Rob Whims
- Fred Janke (Emeritus)
- David Schafer (Emeritus)

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

Prayer Requests:

Share with congregation: ____

Private: ____

The Deacons

- Rick Harkert
- Darryl Johnson
- Ron Sabotka
- Brett C. Schut
- Dave VanDyk

Redeemer Staff

- Jeff Kozisek, Treasurer
- Bill Morrison, Assistant to the Pastor

Send me information about :

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

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