



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

December 4, 2022

Advent
Hope · Love · Joy · Peace



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: Aubrey & Jenny

The Lord's Service

December 4, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Redeemer Choir

Sing we the song of Emmanuel
This the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold
God Most High in a manger laid
Lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious Love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of heaven

Verse 2:

Come we to welcome Emmanuel
King who came with no crown or throne
Helpless He lay the Invincible
Maker of Mary now Mary's son
O what wisdom to save us all
Shepherds sages before Him fall
Grace and majesty what humility
Come on bended knee adore Him

Verse 3:

Go spread the news of Emmanuel
Joy and peace for the weary heart
Lift up your heads for your King has come
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark
Glory shining for all to see
Hope alive let the gospel ring
God has made a way He will have the praise
Tell the world His name is Jesus
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*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

Luke 1:68-72

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† 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.

Refrain

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.

† 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

Galatians 5:1-6

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

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.

Prayer of Confession

“Gracious and Eternal God,

All year long we pursue power, money, and influence. Yet you come to us in the humility of the manger. All season long we covet material gifts. Yet You alone offer us the only everlasting gift: Jesus Christ, God with us. Though the work of the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, forgive us, heal us, correct us, and transform us. We ask all these things in Jesus’ 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

Galatians 4:4-6

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

† Hymn of Assurance: Hymn #201 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

a - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by:
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Galatians 4:21-31*

Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband.”

Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

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 17*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴ “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸ And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”

⁹ And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. ¹⁰ This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹ You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹² He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, ¹³ both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴ Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” ¹⁷ Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” ¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!” ¹⁹ God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. ²⁰ As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. ²¹ But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.”

²² When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. ²³ Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him. ²⁴ Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁵ And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁶ That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. ²⁷ And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

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

Sermon Title: “The Annunciation”

Reverend Austin Reed

Sermon Outline

- 1.) The Annunciation
- 2.) The Response

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 F#sus

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 C#sus 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 1. F F#sus F F#sus

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

Refrain

**Amen, amen, from beginning to end.
Christ the story, His the glory; Alleluia, Amen!**

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.

Refrain

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 #224 "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. Luke 2:17

Unison

(Ref.) Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo! a - bove the earth rang
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger our hum - ble Christ was born, and

hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- **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 over seeing his care, and strength for him and his family.
- **Julie Reed** (Pastor Reed's mother) Pray for peace, strength, wisdom, and God's provision as alternative treatments are being sought.
- **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.
- **Russell Gunn, (Richie Gunn's father)** - Please pray for healing and wisdom for treatment of his heart issues.

Churches in the Presbytery:

Redeemer Presbyterian, Holland, MI, - Pray for the Lord's continued blessing on the church, numerical growth, and an increased joy in knowing our Lord. Pray for the Lord's blessing on our efforts to reach the over-churched in Holland with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for success for a new podcast and social media ministry. Pray the Lord would raise up biblical counselors for the Shepherd's Way of Holland Biblical Counseling Center.

Covenant Presbyterian, Holland MI – Pray 1. For our ongoing preaching and teaching ministry, 2. For our need for more musicians for worship services, 3. For our church officers for the shepherding ministry and wisdom, 4. For a couple of holiday projects we are involved in.

Trinity PCA, DeMotte IN - Praise the Lord that TE Van Eck has returned to regular duties and the Gabi Van Eck continues to do well. TE Van Eck's mother, Trudy, recently died at 99 ¼ years old. We rejoice that she is in her heavenly Mansion!!

Announcements

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.

Youth Christmas Party—(NOTE THE DAY AND TIME CHANGE) -there will be a youth Christmas party on Saturday, December 10th from 1 pm—4:30 pm. Preschool to High School are welcome. Please RSVP to Johanna Lashbrook for planning purposes even if you have already have.

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.

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.

A Drive for Thrive at Christmas—A local mission opportunity to support women and men in our community that support the unborn. Take a gift ornament and bring a gift back for a family for Christmas. Please talk with Cindy Sabotka with questions.

Financials

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

This Week at Redeemer:

Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm
Men's Study-Thursday, 7:30 am
Prayer Meeting- Thursday, 12:00 pm



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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:

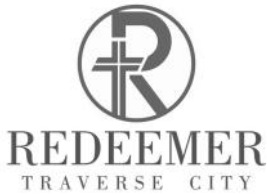
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2nd Time Guest: ____

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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