



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

December 11, 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: Heidi & Maya

The Lord's Service

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Joy has Dawned

Redeemer Choir

Joy has dawned upon the world, Promised from creation:
God's salvation now unfurled, Hope for every nation.
Not with fanfares from above, Not with scenes of glory.
But a humble gift of love: Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky With the songs of angels,
As the mighty Prince of Life Shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast, Vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, Gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands Prophecy the story.
Gold, a King is born today, Incense, God is with us,
Myrrh, His death will make a way, And by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven, Given as a ransom,
Reconciling God and man, Christ our mighty Champion.
What a Saviour, what a Friend, What a glorious mystery:
Once a babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of history.

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

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

† = Stand if able **Bold Words** = Congregation

† Opening Hymn: #208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2. God of God, Light of Light;
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

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born the King of an - gels;
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let
 in the high - est;
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

† 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

1 John 2:22-23

Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

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. Through 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

John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

† Hymn of Assurance: Hymn #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.

Baptism of Fiona Jayne Birdsey, daughter of Austin and Melissa Birdsey

Questions to Parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly commit your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question to Congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

We do

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Acts 26:12-18

"In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

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 : *Isaiah 9:1-7*

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

- 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
- 3 You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
- 4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- 5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.
- 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

Sermon Title: "A Child is Born"

Reverend Austin Reed

Sermon Outline

- 1.) Wonderful Counselor
- 2.) Mighty God
- 3.) Everlasting Father
- 4.) Prince of Peace

Sermon Notes:

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-vers-ed 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 (2x)

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 #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"

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- **Carol DeVries** is having surgery on Thursday, December 15th.
- **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) Praise God that Julie has been approved for the treatment she needs at no cost. Please pray the treatment will be effective.
- **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:

Good Shepherd, Valparaiso IN – Continued prayer for our member attending full time studies at Mid America, that they'd be provided for in every way (financially and spiritually). Prayer for love, strength, and endurance for our pastor, session, and diaconate as they deal with some on-going matters. Also please pray for our first ever Christmas Eve Children's Program.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Traverse City, MI - Please pray that as the gospel is proclaimed weekly, the Holy Spirit would draw unbelievers to Himself and encourage and strengthen believers to be faithful.

Rev. Satoshi (& Cally) Kawachi - Please pray for our efforts (1) to minister to the refugees and migrants living on the street in an Italian town across the border, (2) to network with Italian churches in order to establish a partnership for this work in Italy, (3) to raise up more workers for this work, especially for His blessings on David, Rashel & their family as they prepare for MTW missions candidate orientation in March 2023 and (4) that the Red Cross Center be reopened so that these migrants no longer have to live on the street; (5) for Cally's ministry to our neighbors via her ESL/Crafting groups at our home; (6) for our twin daughters' medical studies and their financial needs: Suzi is in her 4th qtr. at a PA program in Tampa, FL and Sophi continues her studies at a DO medical school in Blacksburg, VA. Merci!

Announcements

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.

Christmas Eve Service—December 24th at 5 pm.

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>Nov. 30, 2021</u>	<u>Nov. 30 2022</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$298,868	\$322,215	\$256,025	\$66,190
Total Expenses	\$226,876	\$320,227		



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This Week at Redeemer:

Leadership Meeting—Wednesday, 5:30 pm
Men's Study-Thursday, 7:30 am
Prayer Meeting– Thursday, 12:00 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:

Music Copy License Number: 2539700

1st Time Guest: ____

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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