



REDEEMER  
TRAVERSE CITY

*December 18, 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.

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## Redeemer at a Glance

We are a church that seeks to glorify God by making disciples who are growing in love for God, love for each other, and love for our neighbor. Please join us for any of our weekly events, more information is in the back of the bulletin.

- Community Groups
- Men's & Women's Ministry
- Service opportunities

## Nursery: Johanna & Esther

# The Lord's Service

December 18, 2022

## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude: See, Amid the Winter's Snow** (based on Hymn #199)

*Alleluia!*

See, amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below,  
See, the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.  
Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, Hail redemption's happy dawn,  
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

*Alleluia!*

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies,  
He, who throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim.  
Hail thou ever-blessed morn, Hail redemption's happy dawn,  
Sing throughout Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

*Alleluia!*

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this.  
Hail thou ever-blessed morn, Hail redemption's happy dawn,  
Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

*Alleluia!*

*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 7:14***

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold,  
the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his  
name Immanuel.

† = Stand if able

**Words** = Congregation

# † Opening Hymn: #207 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;  
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;  
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## † 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**

*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

*Galatians 3:1-6*

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

## 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

*Galatians 3:13-14*

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” - so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

† Hymn of Assurance: Hymn #230 "Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor"

1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -  
 2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -  
 3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we

cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,  
 cam - est man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,  
 wor - ship thee. Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,

sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -  
 heav'n - ward by thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who art God be -  
 make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -

yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.  
 yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.  
 yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.



### **Profession of Faith and Transfer of Membership:**

Jenny Washburne, Benjamin, Jonathon, and Charity Buchanan; Donna and Peace Buchanan

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 Jenny, Benjamin, Jonathon, Charity, Donna, and Peace 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 him true Christian community and true Biblical church life?

**We do.**

### **Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Scripture Reading:** *2 Chronicles 7:1-3*

As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house. When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

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 : *Matthew 1*

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup> and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, <sup>4</sup> and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup> and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, <sup>7</sup> and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, <sup>8</sup> and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, <sup>9</sup> and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup> and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, <sup>11</sup> and Amos the father of Josiah, <sup>11</sup> and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

<sup>12</sup> And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup> and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup> and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, <sup>15</sup> and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

<sup>17</sup> So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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

**Sermon Title:** "The Book of Genesis of Jesus Christ"

Reverend Austin Reed

**Sermon Outline**

- 1.) The Book of Genesis
- 2.) The Book of Revelation

**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**

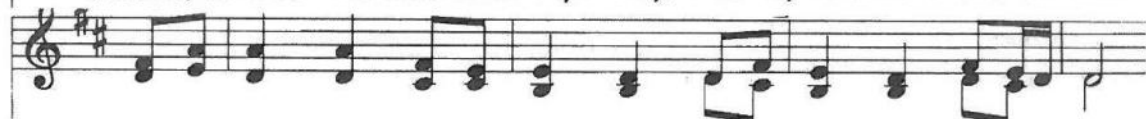
### **Prayer after Communion**

**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 "Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"



1. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, in the dawn-ing of the King.
2. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, He the per - fect Son of Man.
3. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, Christ the Lord up - on the tree.
4. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, slain by death the God of life.



He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.  
In His liv - ing, in His suf - fer - ing, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.  
In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.  
But no grave could e'er re - strain Him; praise the Lord; He is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come!  
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man.  
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold.  
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope.



Look to Christ Who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.  
Bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.  
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as we will be when He comes.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"



## Prayer Requests

### Redeemer Family:

- **Drew** (8 yr old grandson of Randy and Gail Lawton) Praise God Drew has returned home! Please pray with us that 1. his body (especially his kidneys) will continue to heal, 2. the leukemia will be removed from his body, 3. he will not catch any other illnesses so that he may remain at home (his treatments and procedures will be given on an outpatient basis). Please also pray for his parents and siblings that the Lord will continue to give them strength and encouragement.
- **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:

**Michiana Covenant, Granger IN – Pray for:** Caylor House - singles living together in Christian community - as we finish the rehab of one of the houses and have new residents moving in; servant leadership training class (including several potential deacon candidates); wisdom in following Jesus to seek and save the lost. **Praise for:** several new families, and lots of babies on the way!

**Faith Presbyterian Church, Jenison MI - Praise** the Lord that we've closed on the purchase of our new property. **Praise** the Lord for the transition into the new building over the last few weeks. **Pray** for our congregation's health as we've had a significant increase in people that are considering becoming members. **Pray** for our Christmas Eve service and the many invitations that are going out to our new neighbors. **Pray** for FPC's officers as we try to manage all these wonderful blessings. Thank you!

**Rev. Paul Engle —Thanks** for opportunities this year to teach pastors in overlooked countries where there are limited opportunities to purchase books or receive training. **Pray** for coming weeks devoted to preparation of lectures, slides, and workbooks to use in 2023 international teaching. Some are in-person and others are via Zoom.

## Announcements

**Church closers needed—**We need some volunteers who would be willing to close the building after the service on Sunday. Please see Deacon Rick Harkert for details.

**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

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

**This Week at Redeemer:**

Paladino Small Group—Wednesday, 6:00 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:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6pm

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about us:

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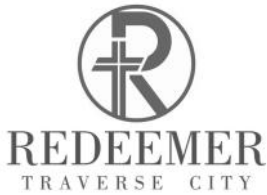
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1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_

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**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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**Worship Service 10:15 am**

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