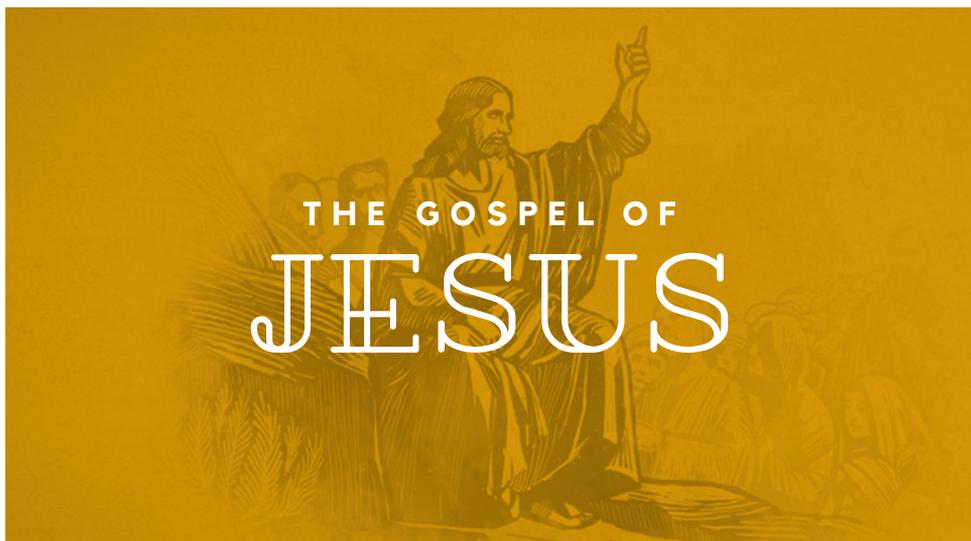




*To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.*



*January 3, 2021 – Second Sunday after Christmas*

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**Season of the Cross:** Gold for Christmastide

Christmastide runs from Christmas Day until Epiphany Sunday. It is a celebration of the birth and incarnation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God and true man. While many Christians recognize Christmas as a celebration of Jesus' birth, the season is also a time to celebrate the incarnation, that is, God becoming human in the person of Jesus. This season is commonly referred to as the twelve days of Christmas.

## Call to Worship:

*We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.*

**ALL: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done!**

Leader: The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

**ALL: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done!**

Leader: The people walking in darkness see a glorious light!

**ALL: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done!**

Leader: "Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing," unveils the hidden plan making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

**All: O come, let us adore him!**

## Songs of Adoration

*We respond to God's invitation with songs of praise. These songs are designed to draw our attention to the wonder and glory of God.*

All Creatures of Our God and King

## Reading of the Law: Micah 5:2-5

*While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.*

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men.

## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

*We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).*

## Assurance of Pardon: Romans 10:9-17

*We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.*

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved...

...For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

## **Greeting**

*In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.*

## **Song of Praise and Celebration**

*Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us*

O Great God  
Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

## **Worship Through Giving: Give Online at [redeemerwh.org/give](http://redeemerwh.org/give)**

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.*

## **Announcements & Kids' Worship Dismissal: 9am**

*Children through fifth grade are dismissed for kids' worship.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

*We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.*

## **Proclamation of God's Word**

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

Matthew 2:1-12 *(see insert)*

## **Song of Response & Sending**

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.*

All I Have Is Christ

## **Benediction**

*Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.*

May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,  
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

## Proclamation of God's Word

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Pg. 807 (Matthew 2:1-12 ESV)

**Sermon Series:** The Gospel of Jesus

**Sermon Title:** Seeking the King

**Date:** January 3, 2021

## **I. SEEKING**

*Who is seeking the King? Who isn't seeking the King? Why?*

## **II. FINDING**

*How do you find the King? What leads us to the King?*

## **III. RESPONDING**

*How do you respond to the King? Are you more like the wise men or Herod or the chief priests and scribes? Why?*

## Announcements

**Women's Spring Bible Study (The Gospel of Mark):** What would it have been like to follow Jesus in His earthly ministry as he walked the hills of Galilee, taught in parables, journeyed up to Jerusalem, healed the sick, and cared for the outcast? Come and join the women of Redeemer and walk with Jesus as he loves. See his heart for the hurting, lost, and lonely.

For additional information or to RSVP for either the Zoom or in-person meeting, please contact either Sally Goodwill ([sallyg1110@aol.com](mailto:sallyg1110@aol.com) or 863.325.5200) or Gigi Savant ([gigisavant@gmail.com](mailto:gigisavant@gmail.com) or 863.258.0268).

**Mondays, 6:30-8pm in Covenant Hall** following COVID protocols  
(Beginning January 18)

**Thursday, 9:30-11am via Zoom** (Beginning January 21)

**Through Stained Glass:** Check out our new podcast *Through Stained Glass*. The first season is called *How to Disagree Well*. We'll release new episodes on Wednesdays. Visit [redeemerwh.org/podcast](http://redeemerwh.org/podcast) to find the podcast in your favorite podcasting apps or on the RedeemerWH app.

**Get Connected:** The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter ([redeemerwh.org/newsletter](http://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](http://redeemerwh.org/app)).

**Online Directory:** Redeemer City Church's online directory is provided for Regular Attendees and Members. The great thing about this platform is that you can upload your own photo or edit your profile's information and it automatically syncs with our database. Visit [redeemerwh.org/directory](http://redeemerwh.org/directory) to access your profile.

**Worship Playlists:** Follow our weekly set list on *Spotify* and *Apple Music* so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: [redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic](http://redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic).



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