

# FULFILLMENT

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

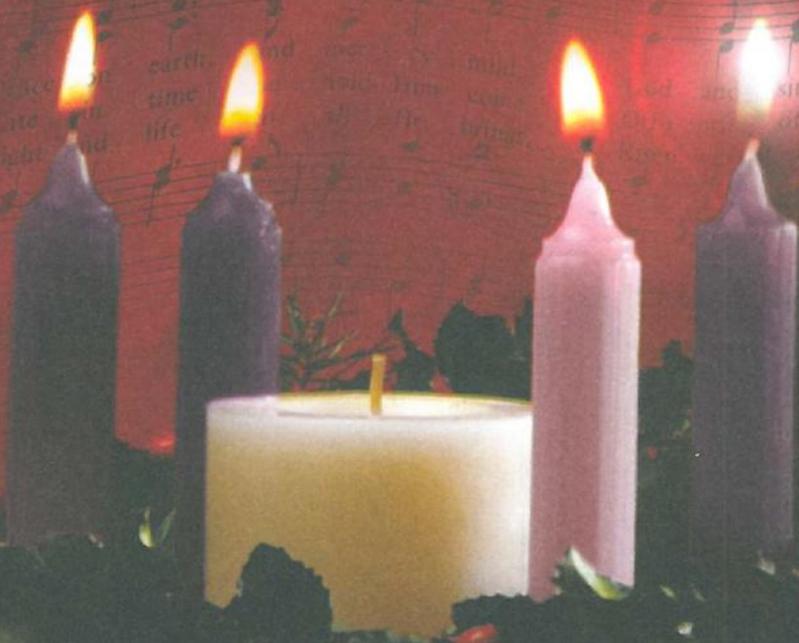
LUKE 2:13-14

1 Hark the her-ald an-ge-ling  
2 Christ, the high-est heav'n's King  
3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace

Glo-ry to the new-born King  
Christ the ev-er-last-ing  
Man, the Son of Righteous-ness

Peace on earth, and good will  
Toward men, from heav'n  
Light and life to all men  
Bring, O bring, O bring

and good will  
and sin



## Welcome!

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If you are **visiting our church** today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please be sure to fill out the Visitor Pad with your name and contact information when it is passed to you. This will help us serve you better. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall in the lower level for coffee and refreshments after the service. Our facility is equipped with a **hearing assistance system**. Please ask one of the Deacons for a receiver.

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The order of service we use at Redeemer is both biblical and gospel orientated. Every week through our liturgy we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel in what can be summarized as the 5 C's - Call, Cleansing, Consecration, Communion, Commission.

**God Calls us into His Presence:** Worship begins with God's invitation to worship. As sinners, we can only come as the result of his gracious invitation. We respond to his call by entering his presence with singing (Psalm 100)!

**God Cleanses us from our Sin:** Having entered his majestic presence, we are confronted with our own sinfulness and unworthiness. We confess our sin together, and receive God's assurance of forgiveness because of Christ.

**God Consecrates us to His Service:** God consecrates us through the reading of Scripture and the preaching of the Word. We offer prayer, offerings, and songs of praise.

**God Communes with us:** God affirms his relationship with us by inviting us to commune with him at his table.

**God Commissions us into the World:** God sends us out into the world with his blessing that we might be salt and light, living for his glory in a watching world.

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**More information about our church can be found on our website:  
“[www.redeemertraversecity.org](http://www.redeemertraversecity.org)”**

# The Lord's Service

December 20, 2015

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading, Prayer and Candle Lighting

Max & Jo Wolfe

## Order of Worship

**Call to Worship** Revelation 19:6-7 Pastor Scott Korljan

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready.

†**Opening Hymn** #195 “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

†**Invocation** Psalm 36:5-9

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;**

**your judgments are like the great deep;**

**man and beast you save, O LORD.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**The children of mankind take refuge**

**in the shadow of your wings.**

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**For with you is the fountain of life;**

**in your light do we see light.**

Let us pray.

†**The Greeting** 2 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

†**Response #208** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (**Verse 2 Only**)

**God of God,  
Light of Light;  
lo, he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;  
very God, begotten, not created;  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord**

**Confession of Sin** Proverbs 28:13; Hebrews 4:16; Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12  
“He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.” “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in the time of need.”

**Silent Confession**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words, and blameless in your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness** Romans 10:4, 8-10

Hear the good news!

“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of faith we proclaim, because if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

†**Hymn of Assurance** “He Will Hold Me Fast”

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**Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer**

Elder Fred Weber

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 25:6-9

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Giving God Our Offerings

*If you are seated on the center aisle, please pass the red Visitor Pad for all visitors to sign.*

**Special Offertory Carol** “All Is Well”

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## †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 Reading** John 2:1-11

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This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “Jesus Came for Our Eternal Joy”

Pastor Scott Korljan

## Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn** #648 “My Jesus, I Love Thee” (Vs 1 & 4 only)

*Please be seated after singing the hymn*

## 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 have publicly professed their faith as members of any evangelical Christian church. We encourage families to come forward together, but ask that young children not partake of the elements until they have met with their Elders to make a profession of their faith. We encourage those not participating to spend this time reflecting on the prayers printed on Page 10. We hope these prayers will be helpful to you as you consider your relationship to Jesus Christ and His people, the church. ***Please note that the inner rings of cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the outer rings contain wine.***

**Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended into hell.** *(continued on next page)*

**The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church, (\*universal)  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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.**

It is truly right to give you thanks and praise, eternal and ever blessed God, Lord of heaven and earth. As we set apart these common elements of bread and wine for holy use, we ask you to bless them and use them to strengthen and edify your people. Your wisdom is seen in all your works; your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son; your power and presence are given to us through your Holy Spirit. Therefore, with angels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The  
whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the  
whole earth is full of his glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord.

## Words of Institution

### Communion Hymns

“Joy Has Dawned”

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#218 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (Vs. 1-3, 5 only)

#460 “Amazing Grace!”

### Prayer after Communion

**We give thanks to you almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

†Dismissal “May The Peace” (Verse 1 only)

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†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



**Sermon Text**  
**John 2:1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.<sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”<sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it.<sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

<sup>12</sup>After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

## NOTES

## Individual Prayers for Communion

### Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I repent of my sins of self-ruling and self-saving. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Thank you that my sin and rebellion are Yours, and Your righteous, perfect, and obedient life is mine through faith in You. Knowing that you died on the cross and have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive and rest upon you alone as my Savior and Lord. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit and through the power of the gospel graciously working in my life to walk in manner pleasing to You. Amen.

### Prayer for those struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

# Hymn of Assurance

## “He Will Hold Me Fast”

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er  
2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his  
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been

would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold  
ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His  
sat-is-sied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life,

Through life's fear-ful path; For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me  
Prom-is-es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me  
He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
fast.  
last!

For my Sa-voir loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Offertory Carol

“All Is Well”

By Michael W. Smith

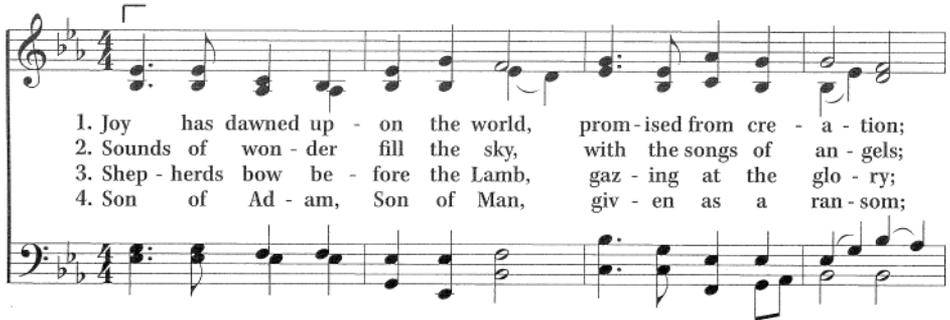
All is well all is well  
Angels and men rejoice  
For tonight darkness fell  
Into the dawn of love's light  
Sing A-le  
Sing Alleluia

All is well all is well  
Let there be peace on earth  
Christ is come go and tell  
That He is in the manger  
Sing A-le  
Sing Alleluia

All is well all is well  
Lift up your voice and sing  
Born is now Emmanuel  
Born is our Lord and Savior  
Sing Alleluia  
Sing Alleluia  
All is well

# Communion Hymn

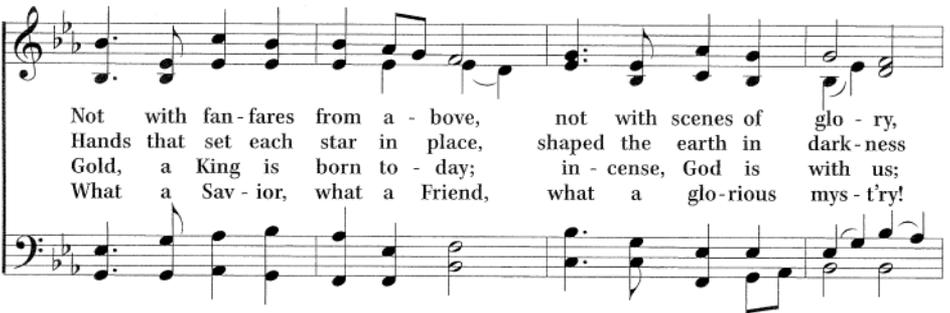
## “Joy Has Dawned”



1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion;  
2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky, with the songs of an - gels;  
3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry;  
4. Son of Ad - am, Son of Man, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.  
as the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.  
gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry.  
rec - on - cil - ing God and Man, Christ our might - y Cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,  
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness  
Gold, a King is born to - day; in - cense, God is with us;  
What a Sav - ior, what a Friend, what a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love; Je - sus, born of Ma - ry.  
cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.  
myrrh, His death will make a way and by His blood He'll win us.  
Once a Babe in Beth - le - hem now the Lord of his - t'ry.

# Dismissal

## “May the Peace” (Verse 1 only)

1. May the peace of God our Heav'nly Fa - ther, and the grace of Christ the ris - en  
 peace which pass - es un - der - stand - ing, and this grace which makes us what we

4 F Gm7 F/A F7 B<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/D E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup>/D Gm7 Cm7

Son, and the fel - low-ship of God the Spi - rit keep our hearts and minds with-in His  
 are, and this fel - low-ship of His com - un - ion make us one in spi - rit and in

### Chorus

8 F/A Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup>/D F Gm7 F/A E<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup> F/A Gm7 F/A

love. And to Him be — praise for His glo - rious reign, from the depths of — earth to the  
 heart.

12 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup>/D F Gm7 F/A Gm7 F Cm7/E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/F Cm7/F

heights of Heav'n; We de - clare the — name of the Lamb once slain - Christ e - ter - nal the King of

16 1. B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/D E<sup>b</sup> F/A B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup>/G F/A F7 B<sup>b</sup> 2. Kings!  
 Kings. 2. May this Kings!

## Announcements

**Staffed Nursery Available** - for infant to 4 years old. Please see a Deacon or Greeters for directions to the Nursery.

**Next Sunday** - Pastor Scott will preach from Acts 1.

**Reminder** - No Sunday School on December 27th

Reverend Dan Millward will be presenting on his work in Detroit during the Sunday School hour on January 3rd.

**Congregation Meeting** - Immediately following our worship on January 24th

### **This week at Redeemer:**

**Prayer Gathering** - Tuesday from Noon to 1 PM

**Catechism Class** - Wednesday, 10:45 to 11:15 AM

**Men's Study** - No study on Thursday, December 24th

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 5 PM**

#### **Serving Today:**

Communion Set Up: Chris & Nikki Millward

Elder: Fred Janke

Greeter: John & Beverly McSauby

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Caroline Whims

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Special Offertory Music: Meagan Van Til

Refreshments: John & Kathy Van Til

Sound Board: David Smith

#### **Serving Next Sunday, December 27th, 2015:**

Communion Set Up: Barb Weber / Kate Empie

Elder: Dennis Conant

Greeter: Nick & Denise Ochampaugh

Nursery Volunteer: Carey Peacock

Pianist: Rick Harkert

Refreshments: No Potluck, bring in cookies to share!

Sound Board: Max Wolfe

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