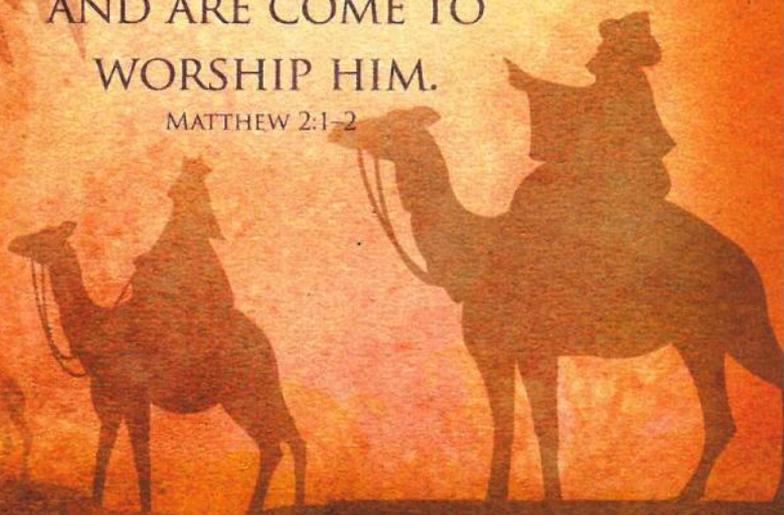


NOW WHEN JESUS WAS BORN  
IN BETHLEHEM OF JUDAEA...

# LOVE

BEHOLD, THERE CAME  
WISE MEN FROM THE EAST  
TO JERUSALEM, SAYING,  
WHERE IS HE THAT IS BORN  
KING OF THE JEWS?  
FOR WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR...  
AND ARE COME TO  
WORSHIP HIM.

MATTHEW 2:1-2



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

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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 18, 2016

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading, Prayer and Candle Lighting

Buzz & Cathy Bauers

## Order of Worship

**Call to Worship** Psalm 28:7-8

Pastor Scott Korljan

The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults,  
and with my song I give thanks to him.  
The LORD is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

†**Opening Hymn** #214 “Angels We Have Heard on High” Bulletin Pg. 10  
**Note: Youth only will sing Refrain for Verses 1 & 2; everyone will sing Refrain for Verse 3.**

†**Invocation** Psalm 124:8

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**People: who made heaven and earth.**

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** #218 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (**Verse 5 only**)

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Confession of Sin** 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our lack of contentment and failure to be thankful for all that we have. Forgive our lack of joy in Christ and our indifference to the treasures of heaven. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, and our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, do what you command, and rejoice always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness** Ephesians 2:8-10

Hear the good News!

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Brothers and sisters in the name of Christ and by the authority of his Word I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn of Assurance** “All I Have is Christ” Bulletin Pg. 11

**Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer** Elder Dennis Conant

**New Testament Reading** Luke 2:22-33

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.*

**Offertory Choral Anthem** “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”  
Bulletin Pg. 12

†**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** Matthew 1:18-25

Bulletin Pg. 8

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†**Sermon** “You Shall Call His Name Jesus”

Pastor Scott Korljan

**Prayer of Application**

†**Sermon Hymn** #172 “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” (Vs. 1 & 5 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 (Page 16). 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 ‘purple’ cups in each communion tray contain non-alcoholic wine; the ‘clear’ cups contain wine.*

**Affirmation of Faith** Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus,**

**Though he was in the form of God,**

**Did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,**

**But emptied himself,**

**Taking the form of a slave,**

**being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form**

**He humbled himself**

**And became obedient to the point of death—**

**Even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him**

**And gave him the name that is above every name,**

**So that at the name of Jesus**

**Every knee should bow,**

**In heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

**And every tongue should confess the glory of God:**

**Jesus Christ is Lord! 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 glorify you Father, and give you thanks. For you sent Jesus Christ, your Son, into this world to satisfy the longings of your people for a Savior, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed. Gracious God, as we come to your table, we ask that you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread that we break and the cup that we bless would be used to strengthen and edify your people. And now, with the 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 and Breaking of the Bread**

### **Communion Hymns**

#230 “Thou Who Wast Rich”

#226 “As with Gladness Men of Old” (Vs. 1, 3 & 5 only)

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

Bulletin Pg. 13

“The Gospel Song”

Bulletin Pg. 14

### **Prayer after Communion**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the hope this meal gives us. We thank you for the testimony that Christ has died for us, but also that he will return and we will celebrate this supper with him in heaven. Send us out from this place by your Spirit, our ears open to your Word, our minds alert to the calling you give us, our hearts full of love for your coming kingdom, our voices confessing the name of Jesus, our Lord and our God. Amen.

†Dismissal #196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (Verse 4 only)

Born thy people to deliver, born a child yet a king,

born to reign in us forever, now they gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;

by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to the glorious throne

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



**Sermon Text**  
**Matthew 1:18-25**

<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.

## NOTES

# Opening Hymn

## #214 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

**Note:** Only the youth will sing the *Refrain* during the first two verses; then all will sing the *Refrain* on the last verse.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.*  
Luke 2:14

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

REFRAIN

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

# Hymn of Assurance

## “All I Have is Christ”

$\text{♩} = 76$

D A D G A D

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that  
2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - dif - ferent to the cost, You looked up -  
3. Now Lord I would be Yours a - lone, and live so all might see the strength to

A Em G A D A

prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would  
on my help - less state and led me to the cross. And I be-held God's love dis -  
fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from me. O Fath - er, use my ran - somed

Bm G D Em7 Bm

own a reb - el to Your will. And if You had not loved me first, I would re -  
played, You suf - fered in my place. You bore the wrath re - served for me, now all I  
life in an - y way You choose, and let my song for - ev - er be my on - ly

1. 2,3.

A A D G D

fuse You still. grace. Hal - le - lu - jah! All I  
know is is You.

A Bm G Bm A (Repeat chorus after 3rd verse)

have is Christ. Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life.

## Offertory Choral Anthem by Occasional Choir

### “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King,  
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come;  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: He the perfect Son of Man,  
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man,  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: Christ the Lord upon the tree;  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold,  
bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: slain by death, the God of life;  
but no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord, He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance; how unwavering our hope:  
Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when He comes.

# Communion Hymn

## “I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

Steve and Vikki Cook

$\text{♩} = 63$

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a tempo of 63 beats per minute. It consists of a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a guitar line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The guitar line includes chord diagrams and chord names such as F/A, G/B, C, G, G/A, Am, C, C/E, F, C/E, G, C, F, G, Am, G, F, C, F/C, C, G<sup>SUS</sup>, G<sup>7</sup>, C, F, G<sup>7</sup>/SUS, C, G/B, Am, G, C, F, G, C, D, Am, G<sup>SUS</sup>, G, F<sup>major</sup>7, Am, G<sup>SUS</sup>, G, C.

I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, whose price - less blood has ran - somed  
 I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, my life He bought, my love He  
 I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who car - ries me on ea - gle's

me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit - ter nails and hung Him on that judg - ment  
 owns. I have no long - ings for an - oth - er, I'm sat - is - fied in Him a -  
 wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing - kind - ness. His tri - umph song I'll ev - er

tree. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who crushed the pow'r of sin and  
 lone. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, His faith - ful - ness, my stand - ing  
 sing. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who waits for me at gates of

death, my on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the ho - ly Judge, the  
 place. Though foes are might - y and rush up on me, my  
 gold. And when He calls me it will be par - a - dise, His

Lamb who is my right - eous - ness, the Lamb who is my right - eous - ness.  
 feet are firm, held by His grace, my feet are firm, held by His grace.  
 face for - ev - er to be - hold, His face fo - ev - er to be - hold.

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Asus4 A D A/C# Bm F#m/A G F#7

On the cross He took my

Bm2 A/G G/B F#m7 Bm Asus4 A

sin. By His death I live a -

Gmaj7/B A/C# Gmaj7/B A/C# Gmaj7/B A/C# Amaj7/C# B

gain.

**VERSE**

E B/D# C#m G#m/B A Bsus4 B E2 F#m B2

Ho - ly God, in love, be - came

E B/D# C#m G#m/B F#m A B

per - fect Man to bear my blame.

E B/D# C#m B E/B A G# C#m C#m9

On the cross He took my sin.

B2/A A G#m7 C#m Bsus4 B E

By His death I live a - gain.

Amaj9/C# E Amaj9/C# E2

gain.

## 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.



## *Prayer Requests*

### **Redeemer Family:**

- Homebound: Dale Millward, June Rusch and Reva Sharp
- For the Isaac Canfield family (neighbors of the Weber's). Isaac died suddenly in his early 30's leaving behind his wife Mary and their four young children. Pray for comfort, peace, strength and wisdom for this families future.
- Bobbie Van Til (sister-in-law to Ethan & Dirk) who was diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep Bobbie, Seth & their three daughters in your prayers.
- Kimberly Close, sister of Katina Gibson, who is struggling with physical, emotional and spiritual difficulties. Pray that God's love and comfort would meet her in this season of need.
- For Dave & Kristen Grote who are expecting a child.
- For Alyssa Strong and her family as they mourn the sudden loss of her grandmother Sandra. Pray that God would sustain them in this time of loss, and comfort them with the hope of the gospel.

### **Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches:**

Etiennes (Haiti), Millwards (Redeemer Detroit church plant), Reverend Brent Meyers (Spain) and all missionaries and their families.

### **Churches in our Presbytery:**

**Redeemer Presbyterian, Holland, Michigan:** Pray for the Lord's continued blessing on the ministries of the church, an outreach conference this fall, numerical growth and an increased joy in knowing our Lord.

**Covenant Presbyterian, Holland Michigan:** Pray for our ongoing revitalization endeavor using the Fanning the Flame ministry.

**Reverend Don Remillard:** Pray for the people I visit who are elderly, weak and shut-in.

### **Want to receive Redeemer email notifications & reminders?**

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## 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 Matthew 2:1-12

**Sunday School** - No Adult or Youth Sunday School on December 25th & January 1st.

**Opening Hymn** - Youth 14 and younger are invited up front to sing the Opening Hymn (see directions in the Bulletin). Older youth should bring a hymnal with them.

**Potluck** - Today, everyone pitch in to clean up after the potluck please!

**Christmas Caroling** - Today, following the potluck

**Studies in Theology** - Tomorrow at 5:30 PM, lead by Pastor Scott

**Christmas Eve Service** - December 24th at 5 PM

### *This week at Redeemer:*

**Studies in Theology** - Monday, 5:30 PM

**Prayer Gathering** - Tuesday, 12 Noon

**Men's Study** - Thursday, 7:30 AM

**Christmas Eve Service** - Saturday 5 PM

### **Financials Through November 30th, 2016**

Budgeted Expenses: \$236,049

Actual Expenses: \$235,607

\*Giving & Rentals: \$253,716

(\*Includes \$23,725 in Rental Income)

### **Serving Today:**

Communion Set Up: Chris & Nikki Millward

Elder: Dennis Conant

Greeter: Todd & Katina Gibson, Barb Weber, Kit Hinz

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til, Jerry Blackstone

Nursery: Bernice Gonder

Refreshments: Potluck

Sound Board: Ralph Kott

### **Serving Next Sunday, December 25th, 2016:**

Communion Set Up: Kit Hinz

Elder: Dennis Conant

Greeter: Chris & Nikki Millward, Dave & Angie Van Dyk, Deb Long

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til, Miquel Fuentes, Jerry Blackstone

Sound Board: Max Wolfe

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