



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

December 15, 2019

Psalm 40:7-8—Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

*Christmas &
Advent Psalms*



REDEEMER TRAVERSE CITY
SUNDAYS 10:15 AM
DEC. 24 - 5 PM

Third Sunday of Advent

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

We have a staffed nursery available for children ages 0-4. For those who have younger children remaining in the service, please relax and take a deep breath! We want them in the service and they are not a distraction. Keeping our children in as much as possible is one of the best gifts we can give them, as they will not only learn the importance of worship but will 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

The Advent Season

This Sunday marks the third Sunday of the Advent season, which is the four Sundays immediately preceding Christmas Day. The term “Advent” is taken from the Latin word which means coming or arrival, and is a season the church has historically set aside for special attention on the significance of the first coming of Christ, and on our waiting for him to come again.

Over the next four weeks we will begin our service with Scripture readings and prayers that help us remember the waiting of God’s people for the Messiah that was fulfilled in Christ’s first coming. The hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” captures this Old Testament longing powerfully: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.” Looking back on Christ’s birth, we rejoice that God fulfilled his promises by sending the Messiah, Jesus Christ, to save his people from sin. At the same time, the Advent season reminds us that we, like Israel, are also waiting for our full redemption. We are living in a world broken by sin, death, disease, difficulties, and trials of every kind. Just as Israel longed for the Messiah, so we long for the second coming of Christ and his promise to destroy sin and its curse in this world, that day when “He will wipe away every tear from our eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Advent is thus a season that emphasizes waiting, preparation, and repentance for God’s people. As one Christian author reminds us:

While it is difficult to keep in mind in the midst of holiday celebrations, shopping, lights and decorations, and joyful carols, Advent is intended to be a season of fasting, much like Lent, and there are a variety of ways that this time of mourning works itself out in the season. Reflection on the violence and evil in the world cause us to cry out to God to make things right—to put death’s dark shadows to flight. Our exile in the present makes us look forward to our future Exodus. And our own sinfulness and need for grace leads us to pray for the Holy Spirit to renew his work in conforming us into the image of Christ.

One of the great benefits of the Advent season is that it helps us re-focus, particularly in the midst of the consumerism everywhere around us, that our hope is not in this world. As we share in the longing of God’s people of old for Jesus’ first coming, we renew new our desire for his second coming. This season is also another opportunity for us to cultivate an attitude of repentance and humility for our sin. If we are to fully enter into the joy of Jesus’ birth on Christmas morning, we must ask God to help us mourn over our captivity to sin and failure to love and serve him which made it necessary.

The Lord's Service
December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Once In Royal David's City"

Children's Choir

Once in Royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed.
Where a mother laid her baby,
in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild.
Jesus her little child.

And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love.
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in Heaven above.
And He leads His children on
To that place where He has gone.

Third Sunday of Advent
Reading, Prayer and Candle Lighting

*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

Pastor Scott Korljan

Psalm 100:1-2

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

† **Opening Hymn** #196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
(Vss. 1-3 only)

† **Invocation**

Psalm 124:8

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

† **The Greeting**

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”

**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.**

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

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we might delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Declaration of Forgiveness breaks through the accusations of our conscious, the lies of the evil one, and proclaims the amazing truth of the gospel to our heart!

Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:24

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

† Hymn of Assurance "I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

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.

Profession of Faith and Receiving New Members:

Cheryl Dann; Joe, Johanna, & Esther Lashbrook;
Randy & Gail Lawton; Tony, Leslie, Emily, & Tony Paladino;
Stephen Ruhl

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners 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 these brothers and sister 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 them true Christian community and true Biblical church life?

We do.

Baptism of Esther Lashbrook, daughter of Joe & Johanna Lashbrook

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Chris Stevens

Giving God Our Offerings

Offertory Music "At The Right Time"

Lindsay Korljan, Teresa Kott, Jenny Morrison

At a time of God's own choosing, He came.
When we the fight were losing, He came.
Long before we knew Him,
when we were lost in sin,
at the right time, at the best time, He came.

When the night was cold and dreary, He came.
To His children worn and weary, He came.
To bring us out of darkness,
to make us His again,
at the right time, at the best time, He came.

To the great and to the lowly, He came.
To the wicked, to the holy, He came.
That we might know the Father,
that heaven we might gain,
at the right time, at the best time, He came.

† 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

Psalm 40:1-10

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! ⁵You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

⁶In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. ⁷Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: ⁸I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. ¹⁰I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Hebrews 10:1-10

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ²Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.

⁴For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Behold I Have Come To Do Your Will, O God

Pastor Scott Korljan

Questions for Discussion

1. How do we handle times of “waiting, waiting, waiting” on the Lord? How does this psalm encourage us?
2. How can we give better witness to the many “testimonies” of God’s deliverance in our lives to build up others?
3. Explain what David does and does not mean when he says “Sacrifice and offering you have not desired.” How is that a warning to us? How do we grow in our desire to do God’s will?
4. Discuss Hebrews use of this psalm as related to Jesus.

† **Sermon Hymn** #196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Holy Communion

We celebrate communion each week to remember what Christ has done and to be nourished spiritually.

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 inter rings (colored cups) contain non-alcoholic wine if you prefer. A gluten free wafer is available in place of bread, just ask the minister when you come forward. We come forward in two lines 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 heir 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.

We recite a creed each week as a way to prepare for communion and also to connect our worship to generations of Christians who have gone before us.

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.
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

The "Sursum Corda" (Lift up your hearts!) has been used in Christian worship for centuries. The prayer that follows asks God to set apart the ordinary bread and wine for this special use.

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.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. We praise you that you sent him into this world to satisfy our need and our longing for a Savior, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed. And now as we set apart these common elements of bread and wine, we ask you to bless them so that the bread that we break, and the cup of blessing which we bless, would be for us by faith a participation in the body and blood of our Lord. 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:

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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 “His Mercy is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Refrain

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (*Refrain*)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (*Refrain*)

† Benediction

† Benediction Response “May The Peace”

May the peace of God our Heav'nly Father
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit
keep our hearts and minds within His love.
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,
from the depths of earth to the heights of Heav'n;
we declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal the King of Kings!

Postlude

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Bobbie VanTil (sister-in-law to Ethan & Dirk), pray for strength and calming as her cancer has returned and spread.
- Emily Lanting, on the passing of her boyfriend. Pray for strength for her and his family.
- Cindy Sabotka, pray for peace and strength for her family in her cancer fight.
- Maggie Cairns, pray for peace and comfort.
- Dirk VanTil, pray for healing.
- Paul, (Maggie's son-in-law) pray for an opportunity to get into another cancer trial program and for salvation.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Providence - Pray for Reverend Tony Garbarino as he recovers from a recent illness.

Reverend Robert Knuth, Reformed University Fellowship - Praise God for a first semester that totally blew our expectations! We have 55 students who signed up for RUF updates. Pray for my wife Katherine as she gives birth to our second child, Abigail.

Financials

Year to Date	<u>Nov. 30, 2018</u>	<u>Nov. 30, 2019</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	Over (Under) Budget
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$278,677	\$285,544	\$318,912	(\$33,368)
Total Expenses	\$271,665	\$291,417		

Want to receive Redeemer email notifications & reminders?

Contact the Church office at:

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Redeemer Facebook (Redeemer PCATC)

Announcements

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

Sunday School - for all ages, 9 am.

Advent Sermon Series - Over Advent this year we will be looking at Psalms that find specific fulfillment in the person and work of Christ, the Messiah.

Wednesday Night Study - Pastor Chris presents on the New Covenant, 5:45 pm; food & childcare provided.

Candy Catechism - 21) Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

Hygiene Pantry Drive - Next Sunday is the last day to bring in donations.

Christmas Eve Service - Tuesday, December 24th at 5 pm. Please take a 'Celebrate Christmas' coaster (in the narthex) and pass along as an 'invitation' to our Christmas Eve service.

Ladies Winter Book Study - Please join us in January & February as we read and discuss The Praying Life by Paul Miller! Copies are available in the narthex, (suggested donation \$13). More details to come.

Budget Deficit - Going into December, we currently have a \$33,368 deficit in our 2019 Budget. Please consider if you can give joyfully to the work of Redeemer as we bring this year to a close. We are thankful for all the generous giving that has sustained Redeemer for another year, and trust that God's provision will be exactly what we need.

This Week at Redeemer:

Stevens & vonDrehle Small Groups - after worship

Korljan Small Group - Monday, 5:30 pm, dinner included

Wednesday Night Study - 5:45 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Community Groups and meeting information:

Husted: 6:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Thursday

Korljan: 6:30 pm on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Monday

Stevens: 20 minutes after worship on the 1st & 3rd Sunday

VanDyk: 6 pm on the 2nd Wednesday & 7 pm on the 4th Wednesday

vonDrehle: following our worship service on the 1st & 3rd Sunday

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 Sunday School 9am Worship Service 10:15 am Stevens & von-Drehle Small Groups	16 Korljan Small Group, 6:30 pm	17	18 Wednesday Night Study, 5:45 pm food & childcare provided	19 Men's Study, 7:30 am Men's Night, 5-7 pm Meet at church & go downtown	20	21
22 Sunday School 9am Worship Service 10:15 am	23	24 Christmas Eve Service, 5pm	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28
29 <u>No Sunday School</u> Worship Service 10:15 am No Potluck	30	31 New Year's Eve				

Serving Today:

Communion Set Up:

Nikki Millward

Greeting:

Vern & McKinzie Robinson, Brett Schut

Music Ministry:

Children's Choir, Anna & Lily Gibson,
Lindsay Korljan, Teresa Kott, Joe Lashbrook,
Jenny Morrison, Connie VanTil

Nursery:

Jessica McLennan

Fellowship:

Jenny Morrison

Serving on Sunday, December 22nd:

Communion Set Up:

Brian & Michonne Palmer

Greeting:

Vern & McKinzie Robinson, Brett Schut

Music Ministry:

Teresa Kott, Joe Lashbrook, Ashby Mizell
Jenny Morrison, Connie VanTil

Nursery:

Megan Stevens

Fellowship:

Monica Scott



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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!

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Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

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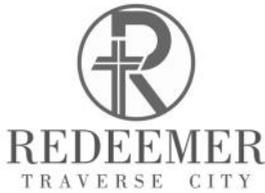
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2nd Time Guest: ____

Regular Attendee: ____

Member: ____

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*If you would like to be prayed for
please fill out and place in the
Offering Plate*

Prayer Requests:

Share with congregation: ____

Private: ____

Send me information about :

- ___ Becoming a Christian
- ___ Baptism
- ___ Membership
- ___ Serving on a Team
- ___ Small Groups
- ___ Other

The Session (Pastors and Elders)

Rev. Scott Korljan, Pastor
Rev. Chris Stevens, Associate Pastor
Fred Janke
Chris Millward
Bill Morrison
Fred Weber
David Schafer (Emeritus)

The Deacons

Bob Israel
Tim Schramm II
Dave VanDyk

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Sunday School: 9 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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