



*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.*



*December 6, 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent*

## **Advent Introduction**

Every year, for the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, we observe the season of Advent. The word Advent means "a coming or an arrival." Isaiah the prophet described his day as a time of deep darkness and gloom. Yet, he knew it would not be that way forever. God's Rescuer would come! The people were expecting a King on a throne, full of power, with a sword in his fist. But, instead, Isaiah gave a birth announcement: "It's a boy!" A baby... A baby?... Yes. The boy named Jesus. His name means "God saves!" His birth would signal the birth of God's dream for the world. This upside-down way of salvation is the only thing that could turn things right-side-up again." Celebrate with us this Advent the promise of his birth. He remains the hope of the world. "For unto us a child is born; unto us a child is given."

## Song for Advent

*We prepare our hearts, and bodies for worship by singing about our Savior and anticipating His return.*

### King of Kings

#### Advent Theme: Peace

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

The world is unkind. Full of violence, chaos and corruption. Sin is a cruel tyrant. It tears families and friendships apart. Who will deliver us from this kingdom of death? The prophet announces the promise. "To us a son is given!" A royal Son. The King... Today we light a candle in anticipation of the **peace** of His kingdom. With the angels who attended his birth we cry, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!" (Luke 2:14). Shalom! Now! Heaven's invasion of earth has already begun.

#### Advent Reading: Isaiah 9:4, 6-7

*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.*

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

#### 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: Colossians 1:10-14

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

...Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

#### 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*

Hark the Herald/Joy to the World (Joyful, Joyful)

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

Luke 1:26-33 *(see insert)*

## Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.*

**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 Pontus Pilate, was crucified dead and 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, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Sacrament of Communion

*The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.*

***A mercy offering will be collected following the end of the service***

## Song of Response & Sending

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

O Come All Ye Faithful

## 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.*

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

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26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Pg. 855 (Luke 1:26-33 ESV)

**Sermon Series:** Unto Us A Son Is Born

**Sermon Title:** The Royal Birth

**Date:** December 6, 2020

## **I. I REIGN**

*The autonomy of expressive individualism is the air we breathe and exposes our repulsion at having a king.*

## **II. JESUS REIGNS**

*The disruption of a rival's birth - Christmas changes everything, forever. The good news of Jesus' birth is only good news if he is your King.*

## **III. GRACE REIGNS**

*Living under the reign of grace transforms rebels into loyal children, into peacemakers.*

## Announcements

**Christmas Eve:** This Christmas Eve we will have three candlelight services. Join us at either **3, 4:30 or 6pm on Friday, December 24**. The same social distancing protocols as Sunday mornings will be in effect.

**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](https://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](https://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](https://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](https://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](https://redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic).



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