



Redeemer

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Jesus was God and man in one person,
that God and man might be happy
together again.

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PRELUDE

(*Congregation please stand if able.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

*OPENING CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

TRINITY HYMNAL #208 (VERSES 1,3,4)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels.

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God, in the highest.
(Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing.
(Refrain)



WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

We're glad to have you joining us in worship today. If you'd like to know more about Redeemer, including ways to get involved, please scan the QR code and let us know.

We have a hearing loop. Please switch your hearing aid to T-coil.



THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:1-15

TIM ANDERSON

The Fall of man, and the first proclamation of the Gospel.

THE CAROL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

TRINITY HYMNAL #196 (VERSES 1,3,4)

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

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.

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end,
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall,
This, the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.



PARENTS AND NURSING MOMS:

We have a "wiggle room" in the back of the Sanctuary. While not soundproof, it does offer you a little extra room to move around. If you are a nursing mom in need of a quiet place on Sunday mornings, the "wiggle room" and infant nursery are available options. We also have a nursing mother's room, changing tables and changing supplies available on the lower level. Head downstairs and look for our nursery coordinator by the check-in area. She will be happy to answer any questions and help you get settled.

THE SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 7:10-14; 9:2, 6-7

ANNA BETH BADEN

The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Messiah.

***THE CAROL**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

TRINITY HYMNAL #194 (VERSES 1,3,4,5)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
(Refrain)

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
(Refrain)

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
(Refrain)

THE THIRD LESSON

MICAH 5:2-5

DAN BARNES

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

THE CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

TRINITY HYMNAL #201 (VERSES 1,3,4)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

THE FOURTH LESSON

LUKE 1:26-38

BECKY CATLETT

The Angel Gabriel greets the Virgin Mary.

THE FIFTH LESSON

LUKE 1:46-56

CAMDEN SPIRES

The Virgin Mary responds to the words of the Angel Gabriel in worship and humility.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DEACON'S PRAYER

RAY REIN

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SIXTH LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-25; LUKE 2:1-7

LARS DUNAWAY

Matthew and Luke tell of the birth of Jesus.

HOW CAN WE GIVE TO THE CHURCH?

There are several ways to give to the church. You can drop a check or cash in the offering plate as it is passed. You can mail a check, bring it by the church office, or leave it in our outside mailbox. You can also give online through your Breeze account or on our website. Online you can give by credit card or Bank ACH. Questions? Contact the church office, office@redeemerpca.net

THE CAROL

What Child Is This

TRINITY HYMNAL #213

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through;
The cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

LUKE 2:8-16

KIRKLAND LARSEN

The shepherds go to the manger.

***THE CAROL**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

TRINITY HYMNAL #203

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
(Refrain)

Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
(Refrain)

THE EIGHTH LESSON

MATTHEW 2:1-11

ANNA FALOON

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

THE CAROL

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

TRINITY #218 (VERSES 1,2,4,5)

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One.
(Refrain)

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light.
(Refrain)

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.
(Refrain)

THE NINTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-14

KEN GRAY

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

(Children ages 3 - kindergarten are invited to go to Children's Church at this time.)

***THE CAROL**

Joy to the World

TRINITY HYMNAL #195

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Children ages 3 through K are invited to go to Children's Church during Joy to the World.. Children's Church consists of a lesson, singing, and they will meet the Elder of the Week, Steve Welsh. This is an optional activity that will help to prepare your child for participating in the full worship service.

***THE CONCLUDING CAROL**

Angels We Have Heard on High

TRINITY HYMNAL #214

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
(Refrain)

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Thank You!

Thank you to our scripture readers and Christmas orchestra for leading us in worship this morning. Thank you to Corrie Franklin for directing the Christmas orchestra.

Christmas Gifts for Refugee Hope Partners

This year we are collecting gifts to support programs and activities at Refugee Hope Partners (RHP) in 2023. Gifts are due Sunday, January 1. RHP sent a list, asking for books, toys, storage supplies and gift cards. (Walmart and Food Lion Gift Cards are given to refugee neighbors going through tough times.) There are cards available in the foyer for each item they've requested. Take a card, purchase the item and return it to the table in the foyer. We'll deliver the items to RHP in the new year. Have a question? Reach out to Brook in the church office, office@redeemerpca.net.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Join us for our Christmas Eve Service, Saturday, December 24, at 4:30 p.m. There will not be childcare. Children are welcome in worship. We have flameless candles available for our younger members. The 242 Room and the nurseries will be open and available for families to use. The service will be livestreamed on our website and shown in the 242 Room.

Message from the Diaconate - Gift of Thanks to Our Staff

To the Redeemer Family: Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting the ministries and staff of Redeemer throughout 2022. The Diaconate would like to provide the opportunity for you to contribute to a year-end gift for the staff. This monetary gift will be given as a small token of appreciation for the hard work and dedication our church staff provides throughout the year.

We would like to collect your contributions by Sunday, December 25. As these funds are being collected for the express purpose of a year-end gift for the staff of Redeemer PCA, your contribution is considered a donation to a charitable organization. Please note "year-end staff gift" in the memo portion of your check. Your contribution will be included in your annual statement of giving to Redeemer. If you have any questions, please contact any Deacon.

No Sunday School: December 25 & January 1

There will not be Sunday School on Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1. Sunday School will return, Sunday, January 8.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday

- Sunday School, 9 a.m.
- Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Wednesday

- Student Ministry Christmas Movie Night, 7 p.m. at the home of Garrett and Lauren Black

Thursday

- Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m., Room 2 at Redeemer

Friday

- Church Office Closed

Saturday, Christmas Eve

- Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 25 & January 1: **Worship at 10 a.m., NO Sunday School**
- January 11: **Student Ministry Large Group** resumes
- January 13: **5th & 6th Grade Gathering**
- January 14: **Men's Breakfast**
- Week of January 23: **Women's Spring Bible Study** begins
- January 29: **Redeemer Family Meeting** during Sunday School

Church Office Holiday Schedule & Year-End Giving

The office will be closed from December 23 - January 2. If you'd like to make a contribution before the end of the year you can mail your check to the church office, and it will be counted as part of your 2022 giving as long as it is postmarked by December 31. You can also give online at redeemerpca.com. All gifts postmarked on or after January 1 will be credited to 2023.

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Upcoming Events in 2023

- February 10-11: **Discover Redeemer**
- March 3-4: **Marriage Conference**, Redeemer
- March 24-25: **Women's Conference**, Redeemer
- April 21-22: **Men's Retreat**, Welsh Farm
- June 19-23: **Vacation Bible School**, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Redeemer
- July 28-August 1: **High School RYM Conference**, Maryland

What to know more about all of the upcoming Redeemer Events? Visit www.redeemerpca.com/ewsletter-sign-up or scan the QR code to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter. E-mailed every Friday, the e-newsletter shares information about Sunday's service as well as upcoming events.





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