



# Redeemer

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 19, 2021

Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
He whose glories knew no end,  
By His life He brings us gladness,  
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.

-COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

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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)

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15

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



### 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.

## 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.

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.

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.



### **PARENTS AND NURSING MOMS:**

If you are a nursing mom in need of a quiet place on Sunday mornings, please see the nursery coordinator. During this phase of construction, Pastor Ross's office is doubling as our nursing mother's room on Sunday mornings. The infant nursery is also available. Our nursery coordinator will be happy to show you to the office or the nursery and help you get settled.

## THE SECOND LESSON

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

*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

*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

*The Angel Gabriel greets the Virgin Mary.*

## **THE FIFTH LESSON**

Luke 1:46-56

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

## **WORSHIPPING THROUGH TITHES & OFFERINGS**

### **DEACON'S PRAYER**

**JAMES RUSHING**

#### *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

*Matthew and Luke tell of the birth of Jesus.*

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### **HOW CAN WE CONTINUE TO GIVE TO THE CHURCH?**

You can drop a check or cash in the giving box on the table in the foyer. You can mail or drop a check by the church office during the week. If you stop by the office, you can leave your check in the outside mailbox. You can also give online either through your Breeze account or on the website. Online you can give by credit card or bank ACH.

## **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

*The shepherds are led by the star to Jesus.*

**\*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

*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.

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)

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

## THE NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

*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.

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.

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.

## **SERMON**

Waiting on God in Times of Uncertainty

Luke 1:26-38

*Dan Seale, Senior Pastor*

## **\*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*



### **Refugee Hope Partners Christmas Project: Due Today**

Thank you to everyone who's purchased a Walmart or Target gift card to support Refugee Hope Partners. Gift cards are due today.

### **Message from the Diaconate - Gift of Thanks to Our Staff, Due Today**

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. We would like to collect your contributions by Sunday, December 19. 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. Contact a deacon with any questions.

### **Officer Nominations: Extended through January 2**

We are accepting officer nominations through January 2. Prayerfully look around and see who is already shepherding, caring for people's souls and/or faithfully serving others. These are the men you should nominate to go through officer training.

### **A Gift for You**

Pick up your 2022 Community Bible Reading Journal today in the foyer. It includes a 2022 reading plan. You may pick one up from the foyer table or e-mail the office to coordinate delivery/pick-up during the week.

### **Redeemer Women: Book Study Opportunity**

We will be reading and discussing *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. These discussions will be held on Zoom on December 29, January 5, January 12 and January 19. E-mail Sook Cadwell, sookcadwell@gmail.com with any questions and to sign up.

### **Redeemer Women: Bible Study**

Women's Bible study groups will return the week of January 24. They will continue their study of Hebrews. If you weren't able to participate in the fall but want to join a Bible study, now's a great time. In-person and online small groups are available. For more information, reach out to Marilyn Helms, helms.mare@gmail.com.

### **No Sunday School: December 26 & January 2**

There will not be Sunday School on Sunday, December 26, and Sunday, January 2. Sunday School will return, Sunday, January 9.

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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### Sunday

- Worship, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- Sunday School, 10 a.m.
- Worship & Livestream, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

### Friday: Christmas Eve

- 4:30 p.m. Worship & Livestream, Childcare Available
- 7:00 p.m. Worship

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **DECEMBER 26 & JANUARY 2:**  
**No Sunday School**
- **DECEMBER 29, JANUARY 5, 12, & 19**  
***Mere Christianity* Book Study,**  
Zoom
- **JANUARY 12:**  
**Student Ministry New Year Party,**  
6:45 p.m. at the Phillips' home.
- **JANUARY 14:**  
**5th & 6th Grade Gathering, 7:00**  
p.m. at the Barnes' home.

### **Church Office Holiday Schedule & Year-End Giving**

The office will be closed from December 24 - January 3. 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 2021 giving as long as it is postmarked by December 31. You can also give online at [redeempca.com](http://redeempca.com). All gifts postmarked on or after January 1 will be credited to 2022.

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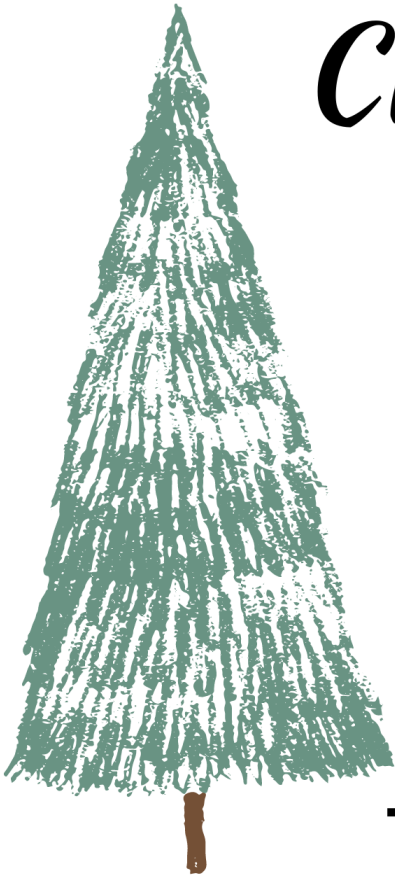
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# *Christmas Eve*

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Friday, December 24

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**4:30 p.m.**  
(Childcare Available)

**7:00 p.m.**

**The 4:30 p.m. service  
will be live-streamed:  
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