

We are glad you are worshiping with us.

Please complete and tear off this card to share your contact information, update your contact information, or make a prayer request.

Simply place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor.

# WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

## Also Today . . .

Christmas Choir Practice ..... 11:15AM

Activities for children of all ages .....5:00PM

Fun, activities, crafts and gifts for children ages 0 to 13.

A Festival of Lessons & Carols .....6:00PM

A telling of the gospel through Scripture readings, carols, and hymns to enrich your celebration of this blessed season.

Please invite your friends to join us for this special time of worship.

## My Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## My Prayer Request

Please pray for

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who lives at

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### AREA(S) OF NEED

- Spiritual Life
- Relationships
- Physical Health
- Finances
- Emotional Health
- Vocation

Other information:

Please keep my request confidential and do not add it to the prayer list.

December 20, 2020

## Serving You

Daniel Work, *Liturgist* • Ann Galya, Emily Griffin, & Kaci Puckett, *Vocalists*  
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# Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

Words of Greeting

Prayer for the Lord's Assistance and Blessing

Hymn 195 .....*Joy to the World!*

Call to Worship..... Luke 2:8-14 KJV

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

**And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.**

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

**And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.**

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

Hymn 215 ..... *While By the Sheep We Watched*

Scripture Reading.....Isaiah 35:1-10

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Your eternal Son became one with us in our humanity and, through His obedience and death, delivered us from sin and misery. Now He ever lives to intercede for us in heaven. Trusting in our faithful Savior, we confess our sins and we embrace the gospel promises of forgiveness, cleansing, and newness of life. By Your grace, lead us in the way of holiness and make us new in union with the One who makes all things new. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!

*Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.*

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

## Thanks be to God.

—based on Isaiah 1:18 ESV

Hymn 211..... *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*

Scripture Reading.....Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon..... *The Glory of Christmas*  
by Pastor Neil Spence

Hymn..... *Holy Child*

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,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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\*The word "catholic" means the invisible and universal Church consisting of "the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head." (*Westminster Confession of Faith* 25.6.)

## The Morning Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn.....*Across the Lands*

You're the Word of God the Father  
From before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory;  
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation;  
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry;  
With a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free!

With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wresting vict'ry from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven,  
Leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father,  
Interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation,  
You are leading sinners home!

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## The Blessing

## Joy to the World!

*Joy to the Word!* is a hymn based upon a psalm. The author is Isaac Watts (1674-1748) and the hymn was first published in his famous collection of psalm paraphrases entitled, *The Psalms of David, Imitated in the Language of the New Testament* (1719). "Joy to the World" is his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 to which he gave the title, "The Messiah's Coming and Kingdom."

In his paraphrase of the psalms, Watts sought to bring out what he considered "the first and chief sense of the Holy Scriptures." Like us, Isaac Watts acknowledged Christ as the great subject of the Bible as a whole and the psalter in particular.

## How to Become a Member

Christ's Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) is fulfilled in Christians who commit themselves to Christ and to one another in covenant relationship. Through **church membership** we acknowledge that Jesus Christ alone is the Head and Lord of the Church and we commit ourselves to do our part to build up the body of Christ for mission. Those who desire to be members are invited to fill out a **Membership Enrollment Form** and discuss membership with the pastor.

## What About the Offering?

Giving is still part of our worship, but in order to minimize contact and to social distance during the pandemic, we are not passing the offering plate during the service. An offering plate is positioned at each entrance to the sanctuary.