

We are glad you are worshipping 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.....immediately following worship

This Week . . .

Youth Fellowship Meeting Wednesday • 5:00-7:00PM

Women’s Christmas GatheringSaturday • NOON
Please RSVP to: melsdrm@att.net today!

Next Lord’s Day . . .

Christmas learning and fun for children (ages 6-13)..... 9:30AM

Each week there will be a short lesson, activity and/or song. The nursery will be available for families with younger children. Those who desire to do so may bring a small baby gift each Sunday for the children to place in our "manger" allowing the children to experience the joy of giving. The collection will be donated at a later date to families in need.

Looking Ahead . . . Sunday, December 20

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.

Serving You

Chris Vandegrift, *Liturgist* • Ann Galya, Emily Griffin, & Kaci Puckett, *Vocalists*
Pam Spence, *Music Director* • Juli Robertson, Patti Robertson, & Nan Traxler, *Pianists*
Donna Taylor, Children’s Ministry Director
Maureen Litchfield, *Women’s Ministry President* • Emily Griffin, *Youth Ministry Coordinator*
Betty Jacobson, *CD Ministry* • Dick Jacobson, *Finance Clerk*
Robyn McKinney, *Redeemerlink Editor* • Emily Griffin, *Meal-train Coordinator*
Ann Galya • Lily Gray • Clay & Robyn McKinney • Vickie Stevens,
Nan Traxler, *Sound & Recording* • Boyd Taylor, *Treasurer*

Leadership Team

Ken Litchfield • Patrick Rist • Ron Robertson • Pastor Spence, *Elders on the Session*
Jim Berkey, *Elder Emeritus*
Dick Jacobson • Clay McKinney • Boyd Taylor • Rick Traxler, *Deacons*



Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord’s Day

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

Words of Greeting

Hymn 193*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Prayer for the Lord’s Assistance and Blessing

Call to Worship Luke 3:4-6 ESV

As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,
“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make His paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

Hymn*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

Scripture Reading Romans 15:4-7

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God our Father,
by Your grace, prepare our hearts to welcome Christ as Lord
and one another in His name.

Turn us from the crooked paths of pride and self-seeking,
take away the rough places of indifference
and harsh judgment toward our brothers and sisters
and every sin against our Lord’s New Commandment,
and teach us to serve in humility and to walk in love.

We are truly sorry.

We repent and turn to you.

Forgive us and renew our lives

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

My Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

My Prayer Request

Please pray for

who lives at

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.

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

Scripture Reading.....2Thessalonians 3:1-5

Sermon.....**Brothers (and Sisters), Pray for Us**
by Pastor Neil Spence

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

*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.)

Hymn*Magnificat*

My soul will magnify the Lord;
I rejoice in God my Savior,
In the wonder of His favor.
For He has done great things for me;
He was mindful of His servant.
Ev'ry age shall call me blessed.
The Hope of Abraham come
In the giving of a Son;
For He who promised is mighty
In remembering His mercy.

My soul will magnify the Lord
For His grace to those who fear Him
Through every generation
The proud He scatters to the wind
As the ruler's strength is broken,
And the rich are left with nothing.
The humble lifted high,
And the hungry satisfied;
Our Portion and our Treasure,
Our Hope and Help forever.

From Luke 1:46-55. Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Towend.
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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.

Psalter Psalm 40:1-10

The Blessing

SOLA SCRIPTURA/**Scripture alone** • SOLA GRATIA/**grace alone**
SOLUS CHRISTUS/**Christ alone** • SOLA FIDE/**faith alone**
SOLI DEO GLORIA/**to God's Glory alone**

Psalm Notes

Psalm 40 is a psalm of David. Christ was *in* David and David's reign represented Christ and the covenant of grace. David's enemies were, in reality, enemies of Christ and His church. Christ was *with* David in his trials and was the source of his joyful testimony (verses 2-3). Christ was *with* David in "the slimy pit." This fact is a promise of the same to us. Our Lord went deeply into our distress to rescue us from sin and death.

At the heart of the psalm is the declaration found in verse 7, "Then I said, 'Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.'" This verse illustrates the psalter as a whole. The psalms are the *word* of Christ and, very often, the very *words* of Christ. In this psalm, Christ speaks concerning His coming in flesh and willingness to become our Savior.

Christ is in us and we are His church. When we pray or sing this psalm, our Lord Himself leads our praying and our singing, remembering for us and teaching us to place our trust in God's precious Word which can never fail.

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.