

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.

My Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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My Prayer Request

Please pray for

_____ who lives at

AREA(S) OF NEED

- Spiritual Life
 - Relationships
 - Physical Health
 - Finances
 - Emotional Health
 - Vocation
- Please keep my request confidential and do not add it to the prayer list.
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December 18, 2022

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..... *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises Robed in frail humanity,
In our longing, in our darkness Now the Light of Life has come;
Look to Christ, Who condescended Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry He the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suffering Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam Come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law; In Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold;
Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance How unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected As we will be when He comes.
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The Blessing

Service for the Lord's Day

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

Words of Greeting

Prayer for the Lord's Assistance and Blessing

Ministry in Song *Birthday of a King*
Redeemer Choir

A Season of Praise

While by the Sheep We Watched (Hymn 215)
God Rest You Merry Gentlemen (Hymn 211)

Invitation to Confession of Sin

Prayer of Confession

O King and Father, your Son died and was raised up in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to new life in Him. We confess to you:

**Lord, though you should guide us,
we inform ourselves;
though you should rule us,
we control ourselves;
though you should fulfill us,
we console ourselves.
We think your truth too high,
your will too hard,
your power too remote,
your love too free.
But they are not!**

**And without them,
we are of all people most miserable.**

**Now heal our confused minds with your word,
heal our divided wills with your law,
heal our troubled consciences with your love,
heal our anxious hearts with your presence,
all for the sake of your Son,
who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

—based on 1Peter 2:9-10 *ESV*

Scripture Reading.....Romans 15:8-13

Sermon **Christ Our Hope**
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.

*The word "catholic" in the creed 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.)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister leads the prayer of Thanksgiving.

Breaking of Bread & Communion of the People

Psalter Psalm 8

- 1 O LORD, our Lord, in all the earth
How glorious is Your name!
For You have set above the heav'ns
Your glory and Your fame.
- 2 From infants' and from children's lips
You ordered praise to sound
To silence all Your enemies,
The wicked to confound.
- 3 When I regard the heav'ns You made,
Your fingers' work I trace;
I see the moon and shining stars
Which You have set in place.
- 4 I ask myself, "What then is man
That You should give him thought –
The son of man, that You to him
Such gracious care have brought?"
- 5 Yet You created him to be
Just less than one divine;
You gave him honor as a crown,
And made his glory shine.
- 6 You made him ruler of the works
Created by Your hand;
You placed all things beneath his feet
To be in his command.

Psalm 8:1-6. From The Book of Psalms for Worship.
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Psalm Notes

Psalm 8 is a psalm of contrasts, the "excellent" name of God is proclaimed and seen in the heavens above in all their expanse and in the small infant as well. Mankind, in comparison with this glory, is small—"What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

Yet, in another contrast, God has made man "a little lower than the angels," crowning him with glory, honor, and dominion. This exalted vision of our humanity is fulfilled in **the Son of Man**, the Lord Jesus Christ (See Hebrews 2:6-8; 1 Corinthians 15:27). At His triumphal entry into Jerusalem the praise of infants was fulfilled (Matthew 21:16). In His perfect and glorified humanity, our divine Savior reigns and will reign until death—"the last enemy"— is destroyed at His coming again in power and great glory (1Corinthians 15:26).

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Tithing has been the practice of the covenant people of God since ancient times. Our giving—as an act of worship and consecration—gives expression to the love and faith of the grateful people of God. An offering plate is positioned at each entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you for your faithfulness!

WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

Coffee and other refreshments are available after the service. Today we show our love for **Cameron Boswell** and **Genesis Kovacs** with a shower-reception in anticipation of their wedding later this month.

Also Today . . .

Sunday School for all ages (a nursery is provided) 11:00AM

150 Questions About the Psalter

What You Need to Know About the Songs God Wrote

Pastor Spence will lead his Sunday School class in a study of the content and arrangement of the Psalter, Psalm genres and groupings, the historical context of the author, the Psalms' relationship to the rest of Scripture and the life of Christ, and their use in private and public worship.

Please invite your friends to join us for

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

This Evening • 6:00PM

This service proclaims the gospel through Scripture readings, carols, and hymns to enrich our celebration of this blessed season. Please bring finger foods for a time of fellowship afterwards.

This Week . . .

Youth Discipleship will not meet.

Looking Ahead . . .

Worship on Christmas Day & New Year's Day..... 11:00AM

Redeemer Christmas Mailbox . . .

Those who wish to "send" Christmas greetings to Redeemer friends may bring their cards to church and place them in our "Christmas Mailbox" (an alphabetical file box on the information table) for pickup.



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