



REDEEMER

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**December 14, 2025**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Silent Preparation

*Here is wonder of wonders: he came below to raise me above, was born like me that I might become like him. God-incarnate, to save me to the uttermost, as man to die my death, to shed satisfying blood on my behalf, to work out a perfect righteousness for me*

*-Valley of Vision*

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

## GOD'S SUPREMACY

### Call to Worship

**Mark 1:20-23**

**Rev. Clay Wooten**

Minister: While Joseph was contemplating these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying – Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call him Jesus -

**People: For he will save his people from their sins.**

Minister: All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

**All: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means – God with us).**

### Prayer of Invocation

### \* Hymn of Wonder

***Joy Has Dawned / Angels We Have Heard***

1. Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation – God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation. Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory, but a humble gift of love – Jesus born of Mary.
2. Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels, as the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable. Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness, cling now to a mother's breast, vulnerable and helpless.

3. Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory; gifts of men from distant lands, prophecy the story. Gold – a King is born today, Incense – God is with us, Myrrh – His death will make a way, and by His blood He'll win us.
4. Son of Adam, Son of heaven, given as a ransom; reconciling God and man, Christ our mighty Champion! What a Savior! What a friend! What a glorious mystery! Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of history.

**Refrain:** *Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

5. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

**(Refrain)**

**\* Hymn of Wonder**

***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear***

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heavens all gracious King; the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world: above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
3. And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing: O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.
4. For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold, when with the ever circling years comes round the age of gold; when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

## Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

### THE ANGEL'S CANDLE

Today is the third Sunday in the season of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation, but also of celebration. The church celebrates God's in-breaking into history in the Incarnation, and anticipates a future consummation to that history for which "all creation is groaning awaiting its redemption." In this double focus on past and future, Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. We acknowledge that as people who live between the First and Second Advents of Christ, we are called to be faithful stewards of what has been entrusted to us as God's people. Today we light three candles on the Advent Wreath. The first candle is the Prophets' candle, and the second is the Shepherd's candle. The third candle is the Angel's candle. Angels seem to appear everywhere in the Christmas story, bringing God's message of hope and salvation to people waiting for the fulfillment of his promises. The angels who came to the shepherds also sang heavenly songs of praise, reminding us that the birth of Jesus is cause for great celebration in heaven and on earth.

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 among those  
with whom he is pleased!"

Luke 2:13-14

Because of the angels' announcement that night, we can rejoice and take comfort that God has come for His people, just as He promised:

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,  
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:1-8

## **GOD'S RENEWAL**

### **Seeing Ourselves Rightly**

**Mark 9:24**

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Hebrews 7:22, 25**

Jesus is the guarantor of a better covenant. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

## Hymn of Need

## ***O Come, O Come, Immanuel!***

1. O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear -  
**Refrain:** *Re-joice! Re-joice! Im-man-u-el shall come to thee, O Israel.*
2. 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)**
3. 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)**

Minister: People of God, receive the goodness and mercy of your Savior.

**People: We receive His mercies with thanksgiving!**

Minister: Now, lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

## The Greeting of Peace

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **GOD'S GRACE**

### Extending the Kingdom

#### Sermon

**Rev. Clay Wooten**

*I Am The Good Shepherd* (John 10:1-21)

#### Celebration of Holy Communion

Redeemer welcomes to the table all those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Savior and who acknowledge Him as Lord. And yet, because communion is a sacrament of the Church, all are welcome to partake who are baptized members in an evangelical church (a church where the Gospel is loved and proclaimed). It is our request that children not participate in the Lord's Supper until they themselves have become communing members of such a church.

*However, children are encouraged to come up with their families, even though they may not be taking communion.*

### **The Communion**

We will go row by row and walk down the center forming a line in the front. You will receive both elements. Take them back to your seat by way of the outer aisle. The elements are taken together as a unified body following recitation of the Words of Institution noted below. *We use wine to represent the bittersweetness of Christ's death. Grape juice is available in the center. Gluten-free crackers are available in the center as well.*

### **The Words of Institution**

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God. Come, eat and drink with thanksgiving.

**People: Hallelujah!**

## **GOD'S BLESSING**

### **Offertory Prayer & Offering**

#### **Hymn of Comfort**

#### ***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

1. 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.
2. For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.
4. \*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.

**\*Benediction**

**Luke 2:10-11**

Minister: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy  
that will be for all people. For unto you is born a Savior,  
who is Christ the Lord.

**ALL: Immanuel, God is with us!**

*\*Congregation Stands*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Upcoming Sunday School Dates

There will be no Sunday School for adults or children on **December 21 and 28**. (Nursery will still be available.)

## Church Christmas Party

Join us for our Churchwide Christmas Party on tonight, **December 14th** at 5:30 PM! We can't wait to celebrate together with good food and fellowship.



## Christmas Eve Service

Our annual Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve service will be **December 24th** at 5pm. Join us as we celebrate together!

## Financial Summary YTD (as of November 30, 2025)

Tithes and Offerings ..... *actual \$305,064.54 (budgeted \$319,000)*  
Expenses ..... *actual 295,246.33 (budgeted \$312,247.93)*

# SERMON NOTES

## Visitors

Thank you for joining us! We would love to hear more about you, and give you the opportunity to learn more about us. If you are interested, please scan the QR code to be taken to the New Visitor form on our website.



## Giving

Redeemer Presbyterian Church operates on tithes and offerings from our members and friends. Please consider giving to support our efforts to spread the Gospel in Edmond and beyond! You may drop your gift in the offering plate at the end of the service or scan the QR code to give online.



## Children & Youth Ministries

Nursery (birth - 3Y) ..... available during sermon only  
Children's Church (PreK-Kinder).....available during sermon only  
Children's Sunday School (1st-5th)...before the service, 9:15am-10am  
Youth ... .....before the service, 9:15am-10am  
Adults ..... before the service, 9:15-10am