



REDEEMER
PRESBYTERIAN

DECEMBER 4, 2022

Hospital for the Broken / Rehabilitation Center for Healing / Gym for Strength & Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP
REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Silent Preparation

If the only thing human beings needed were a little external tweaking of their life circumstances, then the coming of Jesus to earth wouldn't make any sense. But if the greatest danger to all of us lives inside us and not outside us, then the radical intervention of the incarnation of Jesus is our only hope.

— Paul Tripp

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

/ **GOD'S SUPREMACY** /

Call to Worship

Luke 2:8-14

Rev. Clay Wooten

Minister: And there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them,

People: "Fear not, for behold I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Minister: And this will be a sign for you; you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

All: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Prayer of Invocation

* **Hymn of Wonder** **"Angels From The Realms of Glory"** (Hymnal #218)

1. 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.

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: **(Refrain)**
4. Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: **(Refrain)**
5. All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son; ever more your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One – **(Refrain)**

* Hymn of Joy

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (Hymnal #203)

1. 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.

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. **(Refrain)**
3. 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 Second Advent Candle – The Shepherd's Candle

Micah 4:1–7; Luke 2:8–12, 15–18; Jeremiah 33:14–18

/ GOD'S RENEWAL /

Seeing Ourselves Rightly

Psalm 51

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-19

Minister: Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hymn of Comfort

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" (Hymnal #197)

1. Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God; comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load. Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.
2. Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed; all that well deserved his anger he no more will see or heed. She hath suffered many a day, now her griefs have passed away; God will change her pining sadness into ever springing gladness.
3. For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near, bidding all men to repentance, since the kingdom now is here. O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
4. Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain; let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad; and all flesh shall see the token, that his word is never broken.

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.

/ **G O D ' S G R A C E** /

Extending the Kingdom

Sermon

Meeting God at Mount Sinai – Exodus 19

Rev. Clay Wooten

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.

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 Wonder "Joy Has Dawned/Angels We Have Heard" (Folder #48)

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: Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o , glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

5. * Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King — **(Refrain)**

* **Benediction**

Romans 15:12-13

Minister: Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even He who arises to rule the Gentiles; in Him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

ALL: Joy to the world! The Savior Reigns!

*The Congregation stands

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation Service

The installation service for Clay Wooten as Redeemer's pastor will take place during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 11. We look forward to being joined by Revs. Ryan Baker and Scott Morris to assist in the installation. A celebration for Clay and Wooten family will take place during the Redeemer Christmas Party.

Women's Fellowship & Wine Night

Ladies of Redeemer, mark your calendar for Wednesday evening December 7 at 6:30pm. Kitty Wooten will be hosting a Fellowship and Wine Night. Please RSVP directly with Kitty Wooten or Kristin Wade and bring a favorite appetizer or bottle of wine.

* 3704 Coachlight Drive, Edmond; Kitty Wooten (817) 798-3520

Redeemer Christmas Party

Mark your calendar for Sunday evening, December 18 at 5:30pm for the annual Redeemer Family Christmas Party! There will be fun activities for both adults and children, and a catered dinner will be served. Join us as we reflect upon the many ways God has shown us His graciousness this past year and look forward to continued Gospel-growth.

* Please RSVP by December 11 (link found in RPC Weekly or at redeemerpcaedmond.org)

New Member Course

Redeemer's New Member Course continues to meet place prior to morning worship service at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Whether you are merely interested or intently looking to join Redeemer, in the course you will learn more about the mission of Redeemer and why we strive to share Good News, not good advice.

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.



Online 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.



SERMON NOTES

Redeemer Roots Weekly Report



\$109,051.43 (109% raised)

\$100,000 (goal by end of 2022)