

*Christmas Eve*  
**December 24, 2022**



*Welcome to worship at Redeemer! May we truly be blessed  
as we celebrate the coming of our Lord in the birth of His Son, Christ Jesus.  
May His peace and joy surround you this season!*

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## *Order of Worship*

*The worshipers are invited to speak or sing the words in bold print throughout the worship service.*

### **Pre-Service Music**

“Little Drummer Boy”

Sterling – Voices of Praise

### **The Processional** (*Light all candles*)

“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

green book hymn #45 st. 1-2

**Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!**

**Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;**

**Come and behold Him born the King of angels:**

*Chorus:* **Oh, come, let us adore Him, oh, come, let us adore Him,**

**Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,**

**Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;**

**Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!** (*chorus*)

### **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations (Ps. 90:1)

**So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.** (Ps. 90:12)

Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them; to them belongs the kingdom of God.  
(Lk 18:16)

**Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child shall not enter it.** (Lk 18:17)

Let no one despise you for your youth

**But set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.**  
(1 Tim 4:12)

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me

**Until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.**  
(Ps 71:18)

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations

**So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

### **Hymn**

“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

green book hymn #45 st. 3

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,**

**Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God in the highest:**

*Chorus:* **Oh, come, let us adore Him, oh, come, let us adore Him,**

**Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

## ***Confession & Pronouncement of Forgiveness***

Lord, one of the worst feelings is to be left out of the celebrations of joyous events. You want everyone to enjoy the blessing of Your presence. There is nothing in all the world that will surpass this. However, sin ruins us. We get weighed down with guilt, shame, conflict, worry, fear, and stress. We need Your help. We need Jesus. This is why He came at Bethlehem. This is why He died on the cross. This is why He rose from the dead. This is why He sends the Holy Spirit to give freedom and faith to be joyous and at peace.

**Lord Jesus, please restore to me the joy of Your salvation and renew me in the Holy Spirit. I put my faith in You as my Savior and Lord who died and rose for me. I take hold of the gift of Your forgiveness and ask for Your joy to fill my heart and life. Amen.**

The Lord Jesus hears your prayer and tells me to proclaim His words, “Your sin is paid for and forgiven. I have taken your away the guilt and shame of your sin. You are free. Rejoice and be glad!”

**Amen.**

## ***Hymn***

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

green book hymn #50 st. 1 & 4

**Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Once you sang creation’s story; Now proclaim Messiah’s birth:**

***Chorus:* Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ the newborn King.**

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,**

**Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One. (*Chorus*)**

## ***Anthem (10:00)***

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Lezy – Redeemer Handbells

## ***The Christmas Gospel***

Luke 2:1-20 ESV

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in the same region 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 great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 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, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning

this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

### *Children's Message*

*Sermon Hymn* (4:00 & 6:00) "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" hymn #60

*Anthem* (10:00) "Angel Medley" Osman – Redeemer Handbells

### *The Message*

#### *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### *The Christmas Prayers*

#### *Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings*

*(Please stand when pastor stands and approaches the altar.)*

"Christmas Is for All Ages Testimonials"

#### *The Offering Prayer*

#### *The Lord's Prayer* (4:00)

#### *Holy Communion* (6:00 & 10:00)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

With the angels let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

**Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo**

#### *The Lord's Prayer*

#### *The Lord Invites Us to His Table (The Words of Institution)*

### ***The Sharing of the Peace***

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### ***Distribution Hymns***

*(Holy Communion is a special meal for the baptized followers of Jesus. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine. He says, "This is My body... This is My blood." If you share this belief in His real presence, are repentant of your sins, and are baptized in the Triune God, you are welcome. (Please join in singing:)*

"Hope of the World"

McClure - Voices of Praise

"Away in a Manger"

hymn #67

"I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"

hymn #69 st. 1-4

"Lo, How a Rose Is Growing"

hymn #58 st. 1-3

### ***The Communion Blessing***

### ***The Prayer of Thanksgiving***

### ***The Candle Lighting***

*(Only tip the unlit candle. Ushers will collect candles and holders at the exits after the service.)*

The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light

**The light of Christ dawns.**

Lord, shine into our darkness

**And dispel the darkness of our lives with the light of Christ.**

### ***Anthem***

"Were You There on That Christmas Night"

Sleeth – Voices of Praise

### ***Hymn***

"Silent Night"

green hymn book #65

Sage Hanley – sign language (10:00)

### ***The Benediction and Sending***

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

*(Please extinguish your candles. Ushers will collect them at each door.)*