

T H I R D S U N D A Y I N A D V E N T

December 16, 2007

The Order of Worship at 8:15 and 11:00 AM

We extend a warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship at Redeemer today. Following the service, please join us for coffee in the Atrium. May this time of worship encourage, inspire, and strengthen you for the days ahead. Additional information about worship at Redeemer is included on the back of the service folder.

Words to be spoken or sung by the congregation are indicated in bold type or marked with a **C**; text marked with **P** or **A** is spoken or sung by a pastor or an assisting minister. Please stand or kneel as you are able for the indicated portions of the service. Please lower your kneelers quietly during prayer.

If you are in need of an Assistive Hearing Device please ask an usher for help.

PRELUDE

Carillon for Advent
The Carillon Ringers

H. Dean Wagner

G A T H E R I N G

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week,
the day of Christ's resurrection.*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Standing

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneeling or seated

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C O M E S H A R E L I F E

☞ Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

Standing

HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

GREETING

ℙ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☞ And also with you.

KYRIE

ℙ In peace let us pray to the Lord.

ℙ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

ℙ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

ℙ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

ℙ Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ℙ Let us pray. Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen

Seated

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

HYMN

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

VENI, EMMANUEL

The Pastor will collect your prayer request cards as the children are invited to come forward for the children's sermon.

Please let us know you worshiped with us today by signing the attendance register pad as it is passed down your row. As you return it, take a moment to read the names of those seated around you so you can greet them after the service.

W O R D

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Brian Goke

THE READING

Isaiah 35:4-10 (Page 623)

After the reading

The word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

Standing
GOSPEL VERSE

GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11 (Page 10)

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

After the reading

The gospel of the Lord.

Seated
SERMON

What gifts do others see in us?

Pastor Brian Goke

Standing
HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

APOSTLES' CREED

☑ **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again 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**

P R A Y E R S

Your prayer card petitions are offered today in worship and included on The Weekly Prayer List found at the Member Care table. Through the week you may submit prayer requests to cmayfield@redeemer.org Individuals with special on-going prayer needs are continuously included on The Weekly Prayer List unless otherwise advised. Please pick up your Weekly Prayer List and offer your prayers of joy, thanksgiving and concern for one another.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

☐ Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

Kneeling or seated

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

☐ Lord, in your mercy,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

☐ Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ Amen

C O M M U N I O N

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Seated

GATHERING OF GIFTS

ANTHEM *The Spirit of God hovers, creates, descends, unfolds* Richard Hillert
The Redeemer Choir

Standing

OFFERTORY

☐ Let us pray. Blessed are you,

☑ **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

☐ It is indeed right and salutary...and join their unending hymn:

☐ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

☑ **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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek to meet the Risen Christ in the bread and wine
are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be offered by intinction. There are four stations: two at the altar rail and two by the chancel steps. The ushers will invite you to come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.

To receive the wafer extend your hand, palm up, and then lightly touch the wafer to the burgundy wine, or the white colored grape juice held by the assistant. If you would like the pastor to place the elements on your tongue, fold your hands and keep them folded in front of you.

Children who have not received communion instruction are invited to come forward with their parents for a blessing, folding their arms across their chests as a signal to the pastor.

Communion will be served in the pews to those who cannot come forward; please inform an usher. Gluten free wafers are available.

HYMN *What Child is This* GREENSLEEVES

HYMN *As With Gladness Men of Old* DIX

Standing

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☑ **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

☐ Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ **Amen**

S E N D I N G

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

☐ Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

HYMN *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SENDING

☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* Johann Pachelbel
(Savior of the Nations, Come) (1653-1700)