



REDEEMER

PRESBYTERIAN

DECEMBER 22, 2024

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Silent Preparation

"The incarnation took all that properly belongs to our humanity and delivered it back to us, redeemed. All of our inclinations and appetites and capacities and yearnings and proclivities are purified and gathered up and glorified by Christ. He did not come to thin out human life; He came to set it free. All the dancing and feasting and processing and singing and building and sculpting and baking and merrymaking that belong to us, and that were stolen away into the service of false gods, are returned to us in the gospel."

-Thomas Howard

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

/ GOD'S SUPREMACY /

Call to Worship

Christmas Litany

RE Andy Smith

Minister: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Minister: Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal. Jesus, King of glory, Sun of righteousness, born of the virgin Mary. Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness.

All: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!

Prayer of Invocation

*** Hymn of Need**

“O Come All You Unfaithful”

1. O come all you unfaithful, come weak and unstable, come know you are not alone.
2. O come barren and waiting ones, weary of praying, come see what your God has done.

Chorus: Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

3. O come bitter and broken, come with fears unspoken, come taste of His perfect love.
4. O come guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run, see what your God has done.

Chorus: Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

Bridge: He's the Lamb who was given slain for our pardon, His promise is peace for those who believe. He's the Lamb who was given slain for our pardon, His promise is peace for those who believe.

5. So come though you have nothing, come He is the offering, come see what your God has done.

Chorus: Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

*** Hymn of Grace**

“Of The Father's Love Begotten” (Hymnal #162)

1. Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega; He the source, the ending He, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!
2. O, that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race, and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face, evermore and evermore!
3. This is He whom heav'n taught singers sang of old with one accord, whom the Scriptures of the prophets promised in their faithful word. Now He shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore!

4. O ye heights of heaven, adore Him; angel hosts, his praises sing; all dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be silent; every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!
5. Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be. Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

The Wise Men's Candle
Matthew 2:1 - 11

/ **GOD'S RENEWAL** /

Seeing Ourselves Rightly

Matthew 6:19 - 21 and Advent Prayer

Minister: Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. No one can serve two masters.

ALL: O Lord, who has given us cause for perpetual joy by the coming of Your Son our Savior among us; Raise us up by Your power so that we might gain a greater sense of Your wonderful love; that we may not be hindered from running the race that is set before us, that we may not be anxious about tomorrow, that in You our hearts may find rest and our greatest treasure. May Your peace guard our hearts, and may Christ become more lovely to us this season we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Hymn of Wonder

“What Child Is This” (Hymnal #213)

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleep-ing? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary.
2. Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you: hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the Son of Mary.
3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh: come peasant, king, to own Him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby: joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mary.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 49:13 - 16 , 26

Minister: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted. But Zion said, ‘The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.’ Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands... I am the LORD your savior and your Redeemer, The Mighty One.

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

**"Hope in a Suffering Servant"
Isaiah 53**

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 bitterness 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 Reflection

“Silent Night! Holy Night!” (Hymnal #210)

1. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight! Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at they birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
4. *Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing alleluia to our King; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

* Benediction

Christmas Sending

Rev. Clay Wooten

Minister: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given. Go now into the world, carrying Christmas with you into everyday life. Open the inn within you and make room for that gift of gifts, even our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL : Amen!

*The Congregation stands

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Growing in Grace Update

We are excited to announce our next phase of Growing in Grace. Please use the QR code to view our informational handout and hear more about the vision and upcoming changes!



Children's Ministry Classes

The 9:15 Sunday School class and the sermon class will not meet on December 22 or December 29. Classes will resume on January 5.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Join us on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 5 pm for a ***Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service!*** We look forward to celebrating this glorious time with you!

Men's and Women's Fellowship Event

Join us on Friday, January 10 for a combined Men's and Women's ministry event! We will be at The Patriarch from 6 - 8 pm for a time of fun and fellowship.

Please RSVP to Kristin or Buddy Wade by January 3 and indicate that you are coming and whether you need childcare so that arrangements can be made.

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.



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.



Children & Youth Ministries

Nursery (birth - 4Y) available during sermon only
Children's Church (4Y - 1st grade) available during sermon only
Sunday School (K - 5th grade / Youth / Adult) Sunday mornings 9:15am - 10 am

Financial Summary YTD (as of October 30, 2024)

Income actual \$285,202 (budgeted \$290,000)
Expense actual \$232,434 (budgeted \$247,831)