

Prelude | God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Welcome | Ellen Boker, Director of Care & Counseling

Call to Worship | Psalm 36:5-6,9

Leader: Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep.

All: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Song of Praise | O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful

Joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him

Born the King of angels

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

Christ the Lord

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

Christ the Lord

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee

Born this happy morning;

Jesus, to Thee be all glory given

Word of the Father

Now in flesh appearing

Sing, choirs of angels

Sing in exultation

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above

Glory to God

Glory in the highest

O come, let us adore Him

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Christ the Lord

Song of Praise | In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,

He is my light, my strength, my song;

This cornerstone, this solid ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all,

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory

Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,

For I am His and He is mine,

Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,

Fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness,

Scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on that cross as Jesus died,

The wrath of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid;

Here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,

This is the power of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath,

Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,

Can ever pluck me from His hand;

'Til He returns or calls me home,

Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Prayer of Adoration *(concluded by the Lord's Prayer)*

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. 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.

Silent Praise and Thanksgiving

Doxology | Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
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Prayer of Confession

All: Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement | John 1:4-5

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Song of Praise | *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Infant holy, infant lowly
Heaven's highest love come down
For the poor you left your glory
And you laid aside your crown
Weak and helpless here you slumber
In a stable with your mother
As the shepherds gather 'round
Do they know you've left your crown?

Infant holy, infant lowly
You who once held heaven's power
Now you lie here cold and hungry
In the silent midnight hour
With your parents wrapped in worry

Still exhausted from their journey
You were helpless in that hour
Yet you set aside your power

Infant holy, infant lowly
King of kings and Lord of lords
You have come to us with nothing
As the poorest of the poor
So we come to you in wonder
See you helpless as you slumber
And we lay our gifts before
Christ the Savior weak and poor

Greeting & Announcement | Nominate members to serve by December 10: redeemerws.com/nominate
Members, please attend a Member Meeting tomorrow December 6 at 8 pm via Zoom: redeemerws.com/meeting

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Scripture Reading | Isaiah 9:1-7

¹ Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Sermon | *The Sacred Promise: Light* preached by Rev. David Bisgrove

The Apostles' Creed

All: 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 is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come 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.

**[meaning, the true Christian church of all times and all places]*

Prayer of Approach

Words of Institution

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Distribution of the Bread and Wine

Closing Song | The True Light

The true light which gives light to everyone
Was coming into the world
The true light which gives light to everyone
He was in the world
And the world was made through Him
Yet the world did not know Him

He came to His own
And His own people
Did not receive Him
But to all who did receive Him
Who believed in His name
He gave the right to become children
The right to become children of God

The true light

The true light

The true light

Closing Song | What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord most high
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

*What a beautiful name it is
What a beautiful name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is
The Name of Jesus*

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful name it is
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave

The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the name above all names

*What a powerful name it is
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for calling us out of the darkness and into your glorious light. When we remember the price you paid, the death of your only Son, we wonder and marvel at the greatness of your love. We give our lives to you Lord, and pray that through your Spirit you would teach us how to live according to your will. Send us out now to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of your mercy. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Benediction & Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth proclaiming our Savior's death until he comes again.

All: Thanks be to God!

Worship Musicians

Lou Garrett, mandolin
Sung Kim, electric guitar
Brandon Lewis, drums
Elizabeth Lewis, song leader
Leo Traversa, bass
Jessie Wagner, song leader
Chris Weldon, piano

Song Credits

O Come All Ye Faithful
Words and Music: John F. Wade, trans. Frederick Oakeley
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In Christ Alone
Words and Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty
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Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
by Thomas Ken
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Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Music: Polish Folk Melody; Words: Isaac Wardell, Kate Bluett, Paul Zach
CCLI Song # 7186106

The True Light (John 1:9-12)
Music: Chris Weldon
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What a Beautiful Name
Words and Music: Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood
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