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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

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

LUKE 2:14

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:14

Leader: 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. Of the increase of his government and of 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 of hosts will do this.

People: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace among those with whom He is pleased."



WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

We're glad to have you joining us in worship today. If you'd like to know more about Redeemer, including ways to get involved, please scan the QR code and let us know.



We have a hearing loop. Please switch your hearing aid to T-coil.

INVOCATION

O Come, All Ye Faithful

TRINITY HYMNAL #208

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.

Refrain O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light; Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb, Very God, begotten, not created. (Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; Glory to God, in the highest. (Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing. (Refrain)



PARENTS AND NURSING MOMS:

We have a "wiggle room" in the back of the Sanctuary. While not soundproof, it does offer you a little extra room to move around. We are also livestreaming tonight's service in the 242 Room, which offers space to move and wiggle. If you are a nursing mom in need of a quiet place our infant nursery and nursing mother's room is available on the lower level. These rooms also have changing tables and changing supplies available.

READING OF GOD'S WORD

LUKE 2:1-7

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 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, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 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.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery In the dawning of the King He the theme of heaven's praises Robed in frail humanity In our longing, in our darkness Now the light of life has come Look to Christ, who condescended Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery He the perfect Son of Man In his living, in his suffering Neither trace nor stain of sin See the true and better Adam Come to save the hell-bound man Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery Christ the Lord upon the tree In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured, love untold Come behold the wondrous mystery Slain by death, the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord, He is alive! What a foretaste of deliverance How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected As we will be when He comes What a foretaste of deliverance How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected As we will be when He comes.

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READING OF GOD'S WORD

LUKE 2:8-20

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 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. 10 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. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

15 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." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

TRINITY HYMNAL #203

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."

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 Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. (Refrain) 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)

SERMON Songs of Christmas: The Angels' Song

Luke 2:8-20 dan seale, senior pastor

PRAYER

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come TRINITY HYMNAL #195

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Silent Night! Holy Night! TRINITY HYMNAL #210

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.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight! Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

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 Thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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

As you exit the Sanctuary, please place your candle in a metal basket in the foyer.

WELCOME TO REDEEMER

Helpful tips for families this evening:

- Pick up a candle in the foyer. We have battery-operated candles available for little ones who need a safer option.
- Children's bulletins and worship bags are available in the foyer. Please return the bags at the conclusion of the service.
- Green sensory bags are available in the foyer. If you are the parent of a child with special needs, and would like to discuss how our children's ministry team can come alongside and support the specific needs of your family, please reach out to Anna Baughman at childrensministry@redeemerpca.net
- If your children need a little more space to move and wiggle, visit the 242 Room. The service is livestreamed in the 242 Room.
- Our nurseries and nursing mother's room are available for use on the lower level; however volunteers are not present to watch children tonight. Changing tables and supplies are available.
- A family restroom is available on the lower level.

Please return your candle (traditional and flameless) at the end of the service.

Join us for worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Note: There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 25 or

January, 1.

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