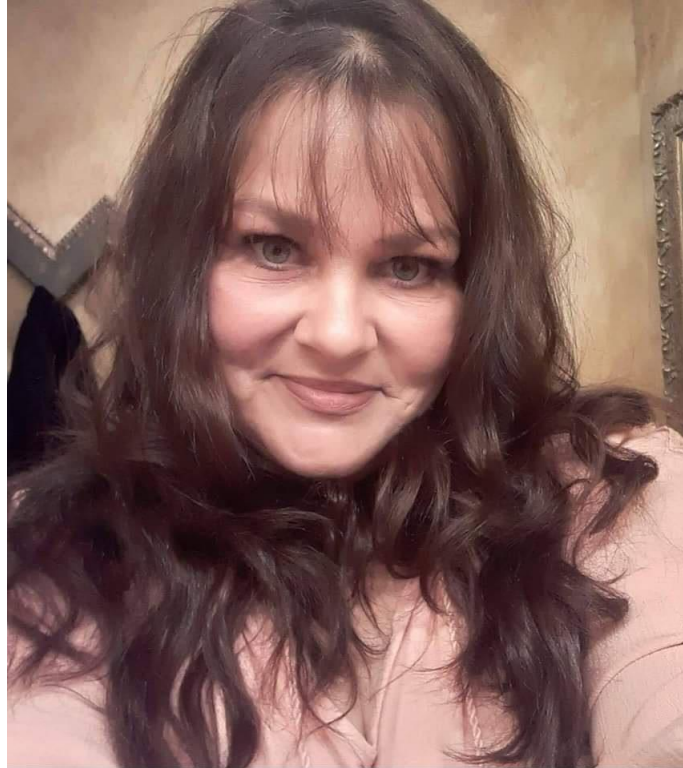


First Sunday of Advent



Angel Jayne, who shared her story of release from prison and living a life she never imagined possible with our adult education class last week.

November 27, 2022 + 10:00 am

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Please turn off your cell phone or set to airplane mode. This will help maintain our livestream.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

(a time for reflection and preparation for worship)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Mark Hayes

Advent Candle Lighting

Christ, Be Our Light

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.

Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp). The first three staves contain the main melody with lyrics. The fourth staff is the start of the refrain, marked 'Refrain'. The fifth and sixth staves continue the refrain melody. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn **Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn**

1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of
the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God.

To refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er.

To refrain

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *To refrain*

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Psalm 122

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I was glad when they [|] said to me,
“Let us go to the house [|] of the LORD.”

**Now our [|] feet are standing
within your gates, [|] O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is built [|] as a city
that is at unity [|] with itself;
**to which the tribes go up, the tribes [|] of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name [|] of the LORD.**

For there are the [|] thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the [|] house of David.

**Pray for the peace [|] of Jerusalem:
“May they pros- [|] per who love you.**

Peace be with- [|] in your walls
and quietness with- [|] in your towers.

**For the sake of my kindred [|] and companions,
I pray for [|] your prosperity.**

Because of the house of the [|] LORD our God,
I will seek to [|] do you good.”

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

Gospel

Matthew 24:3, 34, 36-44

(The Message, adapted and inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was sitting on Mount Olives, his disciples approached and asked him, “Tell us, when will the Temple be destroyed, and what will be the sign of your coming, that the time’s up?”

[Jesus replied,] “I tell you the truth: this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. But the exact day and hour? No one knows that, not even heaven’s angels, not even the Son. Only my Abba knows. The Arrival of the Son of Man will take place in times like Noah’s. Before the great flood everyone was carrying on as usual, having a good time right up to the day Noah boarded the ark. They knew nothing—until the flood hit and swept everything away.

“The Son of Man’s Arrival will be like that: Two will be working in the field—one will be taken, one left behind; two will be grinding at the mill—one will be taken, one left behind. So stay awake, alert. You have no idea what day your Master will show up. But you do know this: You know that if the homeowners had known what time of night the burglar would arrive, they would have been there with their dogs to prevent the break-in. Be vigilant just like that. You have no idea when the Son of Man is going to show up.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

CHOOSING TO STAY AWAKE

What we [wake to] is not a future but a birth, a surrender into a greater present.

What we [wake to] is not new history but new eyes to see what is already upon us.

The Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Musical Reflection

The World's Been a-Waitin' So Long

Larry Shackley
Senior Choir

There will be joy when the Messiah comes.

There will be joy when the Messiah comes.

There will be joy when the Messiah comes.

The world's been a-waitin' so long.

There will be joy when the Messiah comes.

There will be joy when the Messiah comes.

There will be joy when the Messiah comes.

The world's been a-waitin' so, the world's been waitin', been waitin' so long.

There will be peace when the Messiah comes.

There will be peace when the Messiah comes.

There will be peace when the Messiah comes.

The world's been a-waitin' so, the world's been waitin', been waitin' so long.

Come to us, Messiah, O Lord, we've been a waitin' so long.

Come to us, Messiah, O Lord, we've been a waitin' so long.

Come to us, Messiah, O Lord, we've been a waitin' so long.

Come to us, Messiah, O Lord, we've been a waitin' so long.

There will be love when the Messiah comes.

There will be love when the Messiah comes.

There will be love when the Messiah comes.

God's love, God's love.

The world's been a-waitin; so long, waitin' so long, waitin' so long.

Come, Messiah, come, Messiah, we've been waitin' so long

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy,
Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver,
Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons,
Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Sam Hudson, nephew of
Laura and Terry Warren who is deployed to Bulgaria, Kelley Frank, Becky Trover's sister
Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Kathleen Zwanziger and family, Heidi Sherer's family on
the death of Mary Sherer
The people of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Columbus; Redeemer community members
Kathy Denhard and Tony Naess

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share signs of peace with each other.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with
Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We
Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give
Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is
 right to give God thanks and praise.

This is the table of Emmanuel – God-with-us. This is the place where bread and wine remind us how to live and love as those who inhabit God’s time, and work to build God’s Beloved Community. This is the place where we recognize that the one for whom we wait is also the one who is already, and always, here with us.

So come! Whether you are watching for the dawn, or dreading first light, whether you are waiting with hope, or hiding your face, come with quiet confidence. Here Emmanuel watches for our coming, and waits with love and joy to welcome us to his table.

The story of Emmanuel is the story of God – waiting to inhabit time, who took on flesh and form, and lived among us, so that we might re-imagine life. It is the story of Jesus – waiting to be betrayed, who shared supper with his friends, where he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” And after supper he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.”

And so, taking this bread and wine, we remember and celebrate the waiting which began to change the world; and we join our voices with all who still wait and work for that change to come to completion:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

God of grace, as we follow the example of Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. May we find the imagination, the courage, and the strength to use our waiting times to build your Beloved Community of joy, justice, and peace, for which we now pray:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat.

Hymn

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

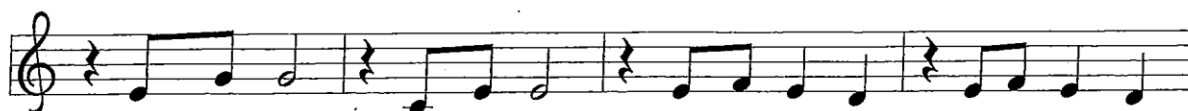
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Hymn

Here Is Bread



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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HERE IS BREAD

3 3 4 4 3 3 5 and refrain

Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy Mystery, the earth still waits for its healing. May we who are part of that waiting take and use the waiting times to re-imagine how we can be healers of creation. Open our hands and hearts to embrace and use the uncertain times to learn how to live and love. So may our watching and waiting join with that of Emmanuel to realize your beloved community here on earth.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Comfort, Comfort Now My People arr. Larry Shackley

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Sunday Adult Ed November - December

The class will welcome people who work for organizations who walk alongside those on the margins so we might know more about the realities these neighbors face, what their lives are like, what these organizations are doing, and how any of us who wish might explore these ministries.

November 27:

*Teresa Gibson, Welcome Team Coordinator
Columbus Refugee and Immigration Services*

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85766355631?pwd=enM2bDNUV3NrK0Z5UTBxTU1pVXRQdz09>.

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Phone 312-626-6799.



**Congregational
Meeting**

TODAY
following worship
To vote on Council
officers for 2023



"The Book of Hebrews"

Bible Study

Tuesdays

1:00 pm

Join us in-person or on Zoom, from 1-2:30.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89816662484?pwd=UnpVZHV3M2ZTSW14K1R1VnRySXliQT09>

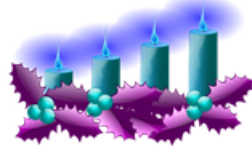
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Phone only: 646-876-9923



Advent Devotional Booklet

The Advent Devotional is now available in regular or large print. You may pick up a copy in the narthex. Take as many as you like to share with friends and family. If you like, we would be happy to mail a copy to you. The devotions will also be available on our website, or you may have each day's devotion delivered to your email. Just let the office know what you prefer.



Advent Wednesday evenings
November 30, December 7, 14, 21
6:15 Advent Desserts
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the library to *share your story*, to *serve as cantor*, or to *provide dessert at 6:15*



Birthdays this week:

28 - David Shull

29 - Mary Bowling

2 - Ruby Jacobs

3 - Julia Volfa

3 - Walton Wolfe



Poinsettia orders due December 1

*Pick up an envelope from the
hallway bulletin board*

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro
Cantor	Scott Steiner
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal / Kiara Santiago
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Zak Hinkle-Moore
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Communion Prep	Katie Jacobs, Misato In
Producers	Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner
Hospitality	Judith and Ashley Bird

*Flowers are dedicated by the **Bird family** celebrating **Judith's birthday**.
Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 4

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	immediately following	Election of 2023 Council members
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday	6:15 pm	Advent Desserts
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

Redeemer's mission: To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all
Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community

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