

# Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2020



## Church of the Redeemer

*A Spiritual Harbor of Hospitality*

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Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer, Daily 7:00 a.m.

## We welcome you to the Church of the Redeemer

We are delighted to have you visit. We hope you will come again and again to worship Our Lord Jesus at Redeemer. We are a constituent parish of the Anglican Church in North America and the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic.

The **Mission** of the Church of the Redeemer is to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to maintain the truths, values and beliefs of the historic and apostolic Christian faith, and to affirm the authority of the Bible as the rule for our lives. As a loving, caring congregation, we reach out to each other, to our community and to the world, boldly proclaiming the good news that salvation comes through Christ alone.

Our **Vision** and hope for our worship and ministry is that it will be thoroughly Biblical and Holy Spirit-filled. This means we strive for it to be **EPIC**:

- Evangelical - promoting salvation through Jesus Christ by the proclamation of the gospel of the Kingdom of God
- Pentecostal - experiencing the Holy Spirit and ministering to one another by the gifts he gives.
- Inspirational - blessed and inspired by God and His Word to engage in the Mission of God in the church and world.
- Catholic - participating in the "one holy catholic (universal) and apostolic Church" through sacramental liturgy.

Our **EPIC** elements are expressed in the areas of **worship, mission, discipleship and fellowship**.

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# Holy Eucharist Service

**Processional Hymn:** "Lead On, O King Eternal" *1982 Hymnal: 555*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Worthy is the Lord our God

*People* To receive glory and honor and power. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

*The following is said at both services*

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us;

*People* Christ, have mercy upon us,

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*A Time of silent prayer for the congregation*

*Celebrant* Amen.

## Gloria in Excelsis S—280

*Said at 8:00 a.m. and Sung at 10:30 a.m.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you;  
*People* And with your spirit;  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### The First Lesson *Ezekiel 34:11-20*

The first lesson is a reading from the book of Ezekiel

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. <sup>17</sup>“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? <sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

*Reader* The word of the Lord  
*People* Thanks be to God

## The Psalm      *Psalm 95:1-11*

Let us read responsively by the whole verse from Psalm 95

- 1    Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2    Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- 3    For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- 4    In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5    The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
- 6    Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- 7    For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice,
- 8    do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 9    when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- 10   For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.”
- 11   Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”

*The following is said at the 8 a.m. service and sung at the 10:30 a.m. service.*

† Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## The Second Lesson      1 Corinthians 15:20-28

The second lesson is a reading from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians

\*But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under

him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

*Reader* The word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

**Sequence Hymn** “Now Thank We All Our God” *1982 Hymnal: 397*

**The Gospel** Matthew 25:31-46

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?’ <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Susan Witwer

## The Nicene Creed

*Celebrant:* Let us declare our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

*Reader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy.

*People* Hear our prayer.

O Lord our Governor, whose glory fills all the world: We commend this Nation to your merciful care, that we may be guided by your providence, and dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of this Nation, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them continually mindful of their calling to serve this people in reverent obedience to you.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy.

*People* Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Ministers, and especially to your servants Foley Beach—our Archbishop, to John—our Bishop, to Jessica—our Priest and to all who minister at Church of the Redeemer, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

*Reader* Lord in your mercy.

*People* Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission; making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

*Reader* Lord in your mercy.

*People* Hear our prayer.



Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this Parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission.

*Reader* Lord in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, persecution, or any other adversity. We especially lift up to you:

*Reader* Lord in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We remember before you all your servants who departed this life in your faith and fear; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good example of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

*Reader* Lord in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer**

*Reader* Your prayers, praises and prophetic words are invited at this time.

## Confession and Absolution of Sin

*Celebrant:* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,**

we confess that 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.

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

*The congregation may greet one another with the peace of the Lord at this time*

## The Offertory

Today's loose offering is designated by the Vestry for the Vivancos, missionaries to Ecuador.

*If there is no anthem, the following may be sung:*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## Anthem:

## The Presentation of the Offering

*The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following may be said.*

**Celebrant:** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

**People:** And of your own have we given you. *1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

### *At Holy Communion*

*All baptized Christians who have sincerely repented of their sins and are in love and peace with their neighbors are encouraged to receive Holy Communion standing or kneeling at the altar. Others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing that can be requested by folding your arms over your chest as the minister approaches.*

*Bread and wine may be received by eating the bread and drinking from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine and then eating it. If you do not want to receive the wine, you may take bread only by returning to your seat after receiving bread or by folding your arms as the cup is presented to you.*

*The sanctus (altar) bells are rung three times during the Communion prayers to make a joyful noise to the Lord in thanksgiving for the miraculous gift of the bread and the wine becoming for his faithful people the body and blood of Christ.*

*Private Confession and/or Pastoral Counseling with a priest are available by appointment. If you would like a home visit, please let Tim know. Our Associate Priest, Mother Jessica Lee has offered to make herself available for pastoral counseling and prayer ministry on Sundays between the services. For private time with her, you can contact her directly at (910) 358-1164.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you anointed your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to be prophet, priest, and king; making your whole creation subject to his rule, that he may present it to you, Heavenly Father, in beauty, truth, and love. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

## The Sanctus S 129

*All say together at 8 a.m. and sing together at 10:30 a.m.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

## The Prayer of Consecration

*The People stand or kneel as they are able. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."



After supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.



Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.  
**Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*Celebrant and People together pray 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 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*

## The Fraction

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,  
once for all upon the cross.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

## The Prayer of Humble Access

*Celebrant and People together*

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## The Agnus Dei

*Said at the 8 a.m. service; Sung at the 10:30 a.m. service (3 times)*

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace. [Give us your peace.]

## The Ministration of Communion

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Song:** “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?” *Please see the next page*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People together*

Heavenly Father,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn** “Jesus Shall Reign” *1982 Hymnal: 544*

*The Deacon* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# 306 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

*The message of the cross is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18*

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system covers measures 1 through 8, and the second system covers measures 9 through 16. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a bass line with guitar chord diagrams. The lyrics are as follows:

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed And did my Sov - reign die?  
 2. Was it for sins that I have done He suf - fered on the tree?  
 3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And shut His glo - ries in,  
 4. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The debt of love I owe;

Would He de - vote that sa - cred head For sin - ners such as I?  
 A - maz - ing pit - y! grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!  
 When Christ, the great Re - deem - er, died For man the crea - ture's sin.  
 Here, Lord, I give my - self a - way - 'Tis all that I can do.

TEXT: Isaac Watts  
 MUSIC: Hugh Wilson

MARTYRDOM  
 C.M.



*Today's Lay Assistants*

8:00 Service Lay Minister: Stephanie Miller  
 10:30 Service Lay Reader: Bobby Justiss  
 10:30 Service Prayers: Marie Justiss  
 Altar Guild: Stephanie Miller  
 CEO: Maureen Gravgaard

Cont. Breakfast and Coffee Hour sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

*A Prayer for the Search Committee*

Almighty God, look graciously on your people at Church of the Redeemer. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next rector for our church. We ask your direction and guidance for those who serve on our search committee, that we may receive an upright and faithful pastor who will care for us, your people, and will equip and guide us for our ministries.

We pray particularly for the members of our search committee: Kevin Hooley, Andy Dalstra, Dennis Dudley, Beth Fraser, Marie Justiss, Jeanie Kuhl, Stephanie Miller, and George Stonikinis. Grant them your spiritual perception, faithfulness, and joy, so that they hear your voice in all their deliberations; lead and direct them by your Holy Spirit.

Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and those who have entrusted them with this process. We pray for our vestry; David Scavey, Kevin Hooley, Suzanne Stonikinis, Beth Fraser, Alex Furches, Maureen Gravgaard, Marina Stevenson, Marty Surface, and Steve Wolff. Grant to them and to all of us the understanding and courage to respond and act as You lead us; direct them and us by Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Altar Flowers*

Altar flowers are sponsored by Bobby & Marie Justiss in memory of R.G. Justiss, Sr. & Elise Hendly Justiss, Albert J. & Helen Podratsky, and J. Danforth & Nell Coxwell Wright.

*Attendance*

8:00 Service: 16  
 10:30 Service: 32

*Tithes & Offerings*

Offering Given:	\$ 3,173.00
Budgeted need each week:	\$ 4,261.00
Mortgage Balance:	\$ 74,751.32
2020 Pledge Drive:	\$ 173,983 of \$ 181,598.00

# Advent Family Liturgy



In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiah 40:3

## Magnificat; The Song of Mary

<p>My soul magnifies the Lord, * and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;</p> <p>For he has regarded * the lowliness of his handmaiden.</p> <p>For behold, from now on, * all generations will call me blessed;</p> <p>For he that is mighty has magnified me, * and holy is his Name.</p> <p>And his mercy is on those who fear him, * throughout all generations.</p> <p>He has shown the strength of his arm; * he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.</p>	<p>He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, * and has exalted the humble and meek.</p> <p>He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent empty away.</p> <p>He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, * as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.</p> <p>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 1:46-55</p>
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## A Reading From Holy Scripture

Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

Mark  
13:35-36

## Silent Reflection

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Prayer Time

### The LORD's Prayer



Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Thessalonians 5:23



### Poinsettia and Wreath Order and Dedication Form

You are invited to join us in making our church more beautiful and festive this coming Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia or wreath. We would like to have as many poinsettias as possible but are limited to 40 plants. There will be two 36" wreaths, two 24" wreaths, and three 14" wreaths.

Simply place this page, along with your payment to Church of the Redeemer, in the offering plate or in the depository on the wall in the Volunteer Office. You may also mail this form, along with payment to the Treasurer.

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of 36" Wreaths \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

24" Number of Wreaths \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

14" Number of Wreaths \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

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## A Singer's Heart

Adam R. Holz

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
(Psalm 95:1, ESV)

Read: Psalm 95:1-7

The praise song drifted downstairs . . . at 6:33 on a Saturday morning. I didn't think anyone else was awake, but my youngest daughter's scratchy voice proved me wrong. She was barely conscious, but there was already a song on her lips.

My youngest is a singer. In fact, she can't *not* sing. She sings when she wakes up. When she goes to school. When she goes to bed. She was born with a song in her heart—and most of the time, her songs focus on Jesus. She'll praise God anytime, anywhere.

I love the simplicity, devotion, and earnestness of my daughter's voice. Her spontaneous and joyful songs echo invitations to praise God found throughout Scripture. In Psalm 95, we read, "Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation" (v. 1). Reading further, we learn that this praise flows from an understanding of who He is ("For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods," v. 3)—and whose we are ("For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture," v. 7).

For my daughter, those truths are her first thought in the morning. By God's grace, this little worshiper offers us a profound reminder of the joy of singing to Him.

*What prompts you to praise God for His faithfulness to you? What songs help you to remember and focus on His character and goodness?*

God, thank You for who You are and for what You've done for me—and for all Your people—by inviting us to be sheep in Your pasture. Let today be filled with my songs of praise for Your goodness.