

Redeemer Reformed Presbyterian Church (PCA) exists as a fellowship of God's people, called to glorify and enjoy Him. It is our aim and purpose to **Worship** God reverently and sincerely, to **Edify** the children of God, and to **Reach** those who do not know Christ with the good news of the Gospel. We are firmly persuaded that the way to reach these three objectives is to proclaim the inerrant Word of the Living God.

We welcome you to join us as we worship God together, learn from His Word, fellowship with one another and minister to those in need by telling others about Jesus Christ's love displayed in the Gospel.

The officers of Redeemer Reformed Presbyterian Church are available to you and are willing to give assistance. Please feel free to contact them.

Website: For more information about the events at Redeemer please visit the website:

www.rrpca.org or www.RedeemerReformed.info

SESSION

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GUEST REGISTRATION

You are invited to give us your name and some of your contact information, whatever you would like to share with us, so we can stay in touch. Thanks!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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Redeemer Reformed Presbyterian Church

Service of the Word December 23, 2018

Enter prayerfully in silence. (Habakkuk 2:20)

Worship joyfully with reverence. (Revelation 19:5-7)

Depart thankfully to serve. (Hebrews 12:28-13:6)

"Since our iniquities, like a cloud cast between us and him, had completely estranged us from the Kingdom of Heaven, no man, unless he belonged to God, could serve as the intermediary to restore peace. But who might reach to him? Any one of Adam's children? No, like their father, all of them were terrified at the sight of God...The situation would surely have been hopeless had the very majesty of God not descended to us, since it was not in our power to ascend to him. Hence, it was necessary for the Son of God to become for us Immanuel, that is, God with us, and in such a way that his divinity and our human nature might by mutual connection grow together. Otherwise the nearness would not have been near enough, nor the affinity sufficiently firm, for us to hope that God might dwell with us." - John Calvin

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PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship

*Hymn "Angels From the Realms of Glory" #218

*Opening 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 the evil one.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power

and the glory forever. Amen.

*God's Greeting

*Glorifying God *The Gloria Patri* #735

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, Amen

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who used the light of a star as a guide to the holy child, Christ, the King; we confess that we have not followed the light of your word. We have not searched for signs of your love, or trusted good news to be good. Renew in us all fine desires; that we may watch and wait, and rejoice to hear the glad story of our Savior. Amen

Congregational Singing

All my heart this night rejoices

as I hear far and near sweetest angel voices.

"Christ is born," their choirs are singing

till the air ev'ry-where now with joy is ringing.

Forth today the Con-qu'ror goeth,

who the foe, sin and woe, death and hell, o'er-throweth.

God is man, man to deliver;

his dear Son now is one with our blood forever.

Shall we still dread God's displeasure,

who, to save, freely gave his most cherished Treasure?

To redeem us, he hath given

his own Son from the throne of his might in heaven.

He becomes the Lamb that taketh sin away

and for aye full atonement maketh.

For our life his own he tenders;

and our race, by his grace, meet for glory renders.

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading Matthew 2:1-12 (insert)

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

*Praising God..... *The Doxology* #342

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Childcare is available in the Log Chapel at the parents' discretion.

*Hymn "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" #203

Pastoral Prayer

RECEPTION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading..... Isaiah 9:1-7 (p. 611)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Here's the King"

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn..... "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come" #195

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Indicates standing for all who are able

Matthew 2:1-12 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

'BUT YOU, BETHLEHEM, IN THE LAND OF JUDAH, ARE NOT THE LEAST AMONG THE RULERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.' "

Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

Redeemer Verse

Matthew 1:21

**And she will bring forth a Son,
and you shall call His name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins.**

Matthew 1:21

A Message: **Here's the King**

from the Bible: **Isaiah 9:1-7** (p. 611)

on: December 23, 2018 – a.m. service

at: Redeemer Reformed Presbyterian Church, Queensbury, NY

Introduction

The King came

Isaiah 9:1-6

The King is ceaseless and coming again

Isaiah 9:7

The King completely saves

Isaiah 9:6, 7

The Heidelberg Catechism

31 Q. WHY IS HE CALLED “CHRIST” MEANING “ANOINTED”?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit¹ to be our chief prophet and teacher² who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance;³ our only high priest⁴ who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body,⁵ and who continually pleads our cause with the Father;⁶ and our eternal king⁷ who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.⁸

1 Luke 3:21-22; 4:14-19 (Isa. 61:1); Heb. 1:9 (Ps. 45:7)

2 Acts 3:22 (Deut. 18:15)

3 John 1:18; 15:15

4 Heb. 7:17 (Ps. 110:4)

5 Heb. 9:12; 10:11-14

6 Rom. 8:34; Heb. 9:24

7 Matt. 21:5 (Zech. 9:9)

8 Matt. 28:18-20; John 10:28; Rev. 12:10-11

Those Who Desire Prayer or Conversation

Any who desire prayer are welcome to go to the front of the sanctuary on the right side where one of our elders and his wife welcome the opportunity to talk and pray with you. If you have a question about what you have heard from God's Word during the service, about your relationship with God, or if you have some other matter to discuss, you are invited to visit there after the benediction, with people who care.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

9:30 AM Sunday School for Adults and Teens
9:45 AM Kid's Connection—Kids connecting with God's Word
10:30 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM A Christmas Celebration—Musical Offerings of Voice and Instrument with Refreshments served!

MONDAY

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

WEDNESDAY

No Bible Study or Prayer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

10:30 AM Worship Service
Please see the Church website for a complete calendar that includes all future events.

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

Attendance: 57

Giving for General Fund: \$2788.00

2017 Weekly Average Giving for General Fund: \$2800.52

Deacon Fund Balance: \$3085.70

Capital Building Fund: \$20,311.87 (\$4,000.00 in a CD, Balance in Savings)

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16

Ushers: Clint Traver and Eric Piesnikowski

Church Cleaning: Dykshoorn (Log Chapel)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Calendar

Dec. 23 - Sun. - 4 p.m. - A Christmas Celebration (Musical Presentations)

Dec. 24 - Mon. - 7 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec. 26 - Wed. - No Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Dec. 30—Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., no other meetings