



REDEEMER

ORANGE COUNTY

{ *order of worship* }



Welcome

Merry Christmas & thank you for joining us on this great occasion, which is an act of worship for us here at Redeemer! Especially if this is your first time with us, welcome. We are glad that you are here.

A Brief History of the Lessons & Carols Service

The Lessons & Carols service began at King's College, Cambridge, England on Christmas Eve 1918 to bring a more imaginative approach to worship. 1918 was the final year for the First World War, a time of hopelessness and fatigue. The hope surrounding the message of Christ's birth was eagerly needed and well received. The service was first broadcast in 1928 and reached a worldwide audience throughout the 1930s. In 1935 Saint Thomas Church in Hanover, New Hampshire was the first church in the United States to hold their own Lessons & Carols service.

The service includes nine scripture readings ("lessons") and responsive carols to help Christians prepare and be equipped for the coming promise of Christ the Lord and Savior at Christmas. The scripture lessons read from Genesis, Isaiah, and the Gospels follow the story of the creation and fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus in nine readings.

Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you desire to learn more about the person and work of Jesus Christ?

Do you wonder why we, a beautiful and messy community, love and are so committed to a local church?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that you may have questions. That's why:

- We desire to create a safe space and welcome people to ask questions and think differently
- We prize being a community where you can belong before you believe
- We assume, each Sunday, that there are people present who are not convinced
- We desire to talk to skeptics not about them
- We long to speak and show you how the love of Jesus Christ and a local church has changed us
- You are welcome here...

So, be curious. Ask. Explore.

To learn more about Sunday worship services and our church please review the back cover of this Order of worship.



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Christmas Eve Service ⋮ DECEMBER 24TH, 2019

Before the service, there is a time for silent prayer and meditation as we prepare to gather together for worship. Before the first hymn, you are invited to use this prayer as a part of your individual preparation.

“Dear God, in the darkness of the virgin’s womb the holy child grows. In the darkness of the world’s pain, the blessed light begins to kindle. In the darkness of our own doubting of thee and of ourselves, the great hope begins to rise again like a lump in the throat: the hope that thou wilt come to us truly, that the child will be born again in our midst, the Prince of Peace in a world at war, the hope that thou wilt ransom us and our world from the darkness that seeks to destroy us. O Lord, the gift of new life, new light, can be a gift truly only if we open ourselves to receive it.

So this is our prayer, Lord: that thou wilt open our eyes to see thy glory in the coming again of light each day, open our ears to hear the angels’ hymn in the stirring within us of joy at the coming of the child, open our hearts to the transforming power of thy love as it comes to us through the love of all those who hold us most dear and have sacrificed most for us. Be born among us that we may ourselves be born. Be born within us that by words and deeds of love we may bear the tidings of thy birth to a world that dies for lack of love. We ask it in the child’s name. Amen.”

-Frederick Buechner, *Come and See*

PRELUDE

Instrumental - Once in Royal David’s City

Calendar

ADVENT	Rejoice! Advent, the season of waiting, has given birth to the joy of Christmas. Christmas is not a single day
CHRISTMAS	but a season of twelve days. Twelve days to linger over the mysterious and shocking reality that God has come,
EPIPHANY	but not as we would have expected. The incarnation, that the eternal Son of God has come in humility as a
LENT	baby, is at the heart of Christmas. Jesus was born, given to us as a gift, the gift of his life to save our own. Jesus,
EASTER	fully God and fully man, will forever have a body like ours. May we never doubt God’s commitment to rescue
PENTECOST	his creation. Rejoice!

Welcome

Please Stand

OPENING CAROL

O Come All Ye Faithful

WORDS AND MUSIC: JOHN FRANCIS WADE

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

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright hosts of heaven above
Glory to God all glory in the highest
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Highest most holy light of light eternal
Born of a virgin a mortal He comes
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Please be Seated

WELCOME AND PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*This description is taken
from Laurence Hull
Stokey, Calender:
Christ's Time for the
Church*

The primary reason for lighting one candle the First Sunday, that candle plus another on the Second Sunday, and so on, is to signal progression. The accumulation of light reminds us of the ever closer approach of the Light of the World, both at Bethlehem and in glory at the end of the age.

Call To Worship

Please Stand.

Minister: O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end of creation to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things,

People: Come and teach us the way of peace.

This call to worship is based on the traditional O Antiphons which have been recited or sung in preparation for Christmas since the sixth century. Each antiphon is a title of Christ, one of his attributes mentioned and prophesied in Isaiah.

Minister: O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai,

People: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

Minister: O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer,

People: Come quickly to deliver us.

Minister: O Key of David and scepter of the House of Israel; you open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open,

People: Come and rescue the prisoners who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Minister: O Morning Star, splendor of light eternal and sun of righteousness,

People: Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Minister: O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people,

People: Come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay.

Minister: O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Savior,

People: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Minister: Come, Lord Jesus, come—sent forth from the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit, who, with you, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

First Lesson

Please be Seated

Genesis 1:1-3; 3:8-13

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Stand

CAROL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

WORDS: JOHN NEALE & HENRY COFFIN, MUSIC: THOMAS HELMORE

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice, rejoice
Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come O come great Lord of might
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud and majesty and awe
Rejoice, rejoice
Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Key of David come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery
Rejoice, rejoice
Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come Desire of nations bind
In one the hearts of all mankind
O bid our sad divisions cease
And be Thyself our King of peace
Rejoice, rejoice
Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

Second Lesson

Please be Seated

Genesis 22:9–18

⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” ¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Stand

CAROL

Come O Long Expected Jesus

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY; MUSIC: ROWLAND PRICHARD

Come O long expected Jesus
Born to set Your people free
From our fears and sins release us
By Your death on Calvary
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope to all the earth impart
Dear desire of ev'ry nation
Joy of ev'ry longing heart

Joy to those who long to see You
Dayspring from on high, appear
Come, O promised Rod of Jesse
Of Your birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth
Go to him, your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end
By his life he brings us gladness
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
Leaving riches without number
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born the Lord of all

Born Your people to deliver
Born a child and yet a king
Born to reign in us forever
Now Your gracious kingdom bring
By Your own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Your all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Your glorious throne

Third & Fourth Lessons

Please be Seated *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Isaiah 11:1-9

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

CAROL

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

15TH CENTURY GERMAN HYMN, TRANSLATED BY THEODORE BAKER (1864)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

The shepherds heard the story
Proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of glory
Was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped
And in the manger found Him,
As angel heralds said.

This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere;
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us,
And lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, Child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe,
O Savior, King of Glory,
Who dost our weakness know;
Bring us at length we pray,
To the bright courts of heaven,
And to the endless day!

Fifth Lesson

Please be Seated *Luke 1:26–35, 38*

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Stand

CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

WORDS BY: CHARLES WESLEY; MUSIC BY: FELIX MENDELSSOHN-BARTHOLDY

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 hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
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
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Come Desire of nations come
Fix in us Thy humble home
Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed
Bruise in us the serpent's head
Adam's likeness now efface
Stamp Thine image in its place
Second Adam from above
Reinstate us in Thy love
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Sixth Lesson

Please be Seated

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.

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHRISTMAS HOMILY

Rev. Josh Hahne

Please Stand

CAROL

Joy To The World

WORDS: ISAAC WATTS; MUSIC: GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven 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 and wonders of His love

Seventh Lesson

Please be Seated

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.

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Stand

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard On High
EDWARD BARNES & JAMES CHADWICK

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

See within a manger laid
Jesus Lord of heav'n and earth
Mary Joseph lend your aid
With us sing our Savior's birth
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Eighth Lesson

Please be Seated

Matthew 2:1-12

Reader 1: 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,

Reader 2: "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Reader 1: When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him,

Reader 2: "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Reader 1: Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,

Reader 2: "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

Reader 1: After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

Reader 2: When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Stand

CAROL

We Three Kings

WORDS AND MUSIC BY JOHN H. HOPKINS JR.

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star

Chorus

*O star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Chorus

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship Him, God on high

Chorus

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

Chorus

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, alleluia
Earth to heaven replies

Chorus

Ninth Lesson

Please be Seated

John 1:1-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the King of Kings, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Minister: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means coming and we are preparing ourselves for the days when,

People: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

Minister: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world.

People: Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Minister: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world.

People: A city set on a hill cannot be hidden, nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house.

Minister: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Please Stand

CLOSING CAROL

Go Tell It On The Mountain

JOHN W. WORK JR

Chorus

*Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born*

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Chorus

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth

Chorus

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

Chorus

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: May the One, who by his incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God, the love of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit remain with you always. Go forth in peace and joy!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Immediately following worship, all are invited to the chapel hall for refreshments and conversation.

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PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS

We want to pray for you and hear your comments, suggestions and praises. Please write them in the space below.

Name: _____

I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

(_____) _____
 Day Evening

Please deposit this card in the offering plate as it comes by or give it to an usher or greeter.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope.

I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering me new life.

Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. AMEN.

If you are praying this for the first time, please let a Christian friend or pastor know.

We Are Glad You Are Here Today!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help you in any way we can. Feel free to fill out the tear-off card below to let us know what information would be helpful. Place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or leader. Don't hesitate to check the box to meet with a pastor to help you learn more about Redeemer. We are here to serve you.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse Cell: _____

Spouse Email: _____

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Please add me to the church email list.

Please Let Us Know If You Are:

First Time Visitor

Repeat Visitor

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Membership at Redeemer

Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

Getting Involved

Meeting with a Pastor

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