



REDEEMER

SOUTHWEST CHURCH

Advent

⇒ THE COMING OF I AM ⇐

Sunday, December 29, 2019
"I AM the True Vine"

Song of Gathering

Come Away From Rush and Hurry

Call to Worship: Psalm 80:14-18

Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself. They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face! But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

All: Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name! Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Leader: Come, Let us Worship the True Vine that has restored us!

Holy, Holy, Holy

Praising God & Confessing Our Sins

The Good News: Ephesians 1:7-10

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Greeting

Songs of Praise

Good and Gracious King
Satisfied

Thanking God & Praying for Others

Scripture Reading & Sermon

John 15:1-16 (*see insert*)

Songs of Response & Sending

I Have A Shelter
Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Benediction

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." Hebrews 13:20-21

Season of the Cross: Gold for Christmastide

Christmastide runs from Christmas Day until Epiphany Sunday. It is a celebration of the birth and incarnation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God and true man. While many Christians recognize Christmas as a celebration of Jesus' birth, the season is also a time to celebrate the incarnation, that is, God becoming human in the person of Jesus. This season is commonly referred to as the twelve days of Christmas.

Proclamation of God's Word: Pg 901 in Pew Bible

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

John 15:1-16 (ESV)

Sermon Series: Advent: The Coming of I AM

Sermon Title: I AM the True Vine

Date: December 29, 2019

Intro:

I. Why must we be in Christ to bear fruit?

II. How are we be in Christ to bear fruit?

Announcements

Ministry Opportunity: Project Love, a mission project through St John's Methodist Church, is collecting donations to provide hams or turkeys to the Eloise and Wahnetta area families. If interested, \$15 buys one and you can give Karen Schreiber a check made payable to "Project Love."

Men's Breakfast: Guys, mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 11, 8am at Redeemer City**. We'll join the men from Redeemer City in Covenant Hall for a nice breakfast, and spend some time looking over the day's CBR passage, and give details about discipleship opportunities that are beginning in the Spring.

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our mobile app (redeemerwh.org/app).

Worship Playlists: Follow our weekly set list on **Spotify** and **Apple Music** so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: redeemerwh.org/RSWmusic.

Student Ministry

Our youth group meets Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:00pm at Redeemer City Church (1410 Dundee Road) for grades 6th to 12th. Contact Michelle Gilmore if you have any questions: michellemariegilmore@gmail.com.

Community Groups

Sunday mornings are great, but there's not much time to really get to know anyone or build relationships. Community groups are our way of doing that. They are bi-monthly informal small groups that meet in homes and are the primary way of "connecting" with others at Redeemer Southwest Church. Please contact Rodney Barton (rodney@redeemerwinterhaven.org) for more info.

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