

The Church of the Redeemer



**WELCOME
TO OUR WORSHIP
ON THE EVE OF
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
December 24, 2018
5:30 PM**

*"I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:
unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior,
who is Christ, the Lord."*

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CHRISTMAS EVE—DECEMBER 24, 2018

5:30 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Organ: *Creator Of The Stars Of Night*

Michael McCabe

Processional Hymn No 83: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People: *And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Hymn Of Praise No. 96: *Angels We Have Heard On High*

GLORIA

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true Light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: *Amen.*

(Please remain standing for the lighting of the Christmas Wreath)

Lighting of the Christmas Wreath

On the eve of our Christmas celebration, Jesus' birthday, we light all of the candles of the Advent wreath.

First we light the candle for HOPE because Jesus is our hope.

Second, we light the candle for PEACE because Jesus is our hope and peace.

Third, we light the candle for JOY because Jesus brings joy.



Fourth, we light the candle for LOVE because Jesus is love.

Finally we light the center candle. This is the CHRIST candle. Jesus is born.

Jesus has come. Jesus is our salvation.

Let us pray:

Great God of love and light, we thank you now for the light of that special star over two thousand years ago that guided humble shepherds and learned wise men to the holy babe. Lead us now, by the light of your love, that we also may follow you to new life in him. In celebration of the birthday of our King and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray.

People: Amen

(Please be seated)

The first reading is from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

[Isaiah 9: 2-7]

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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalms 98 *(said together)*

Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
 with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
 shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
 the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
 when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
 and the peoples with equity.

The Holy Gospel

[Luke 2: 1-4]

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Christmas Pageant

*Please remain seated throughout the pageant
 as together we celebrate the arrival
 of Christ with our young people.
 The Narrator will let you know when to sing each hymn.*

Carol No. 79: *O Little Town of Bethlehem (stanza 1–2 only)*

ST. LEWIS

Carol: *Away In A Manger* (stanza 1-2)

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low - ing the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord

1. Je - sus laid down His sweet head, The stars in the sky — looked
2. Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes, I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look

1. down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
2. down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.

Carol No. 96: *Angels We Have Heard On High* (refrain)

GLORIA

Glo - ri - a

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Carol No. 128: *We Three Kings* (stanza 1 only)

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

Celebrant: And now, in response to the coming of Jesus and the joy of this day, I ask that we all stand and proclaim our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.

Please stand and say together.

The Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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 Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*The people are invited to greet those around them with words of peace such as
"God's peace" or "Peace be with you."*

Please be seated

Offertory Solo: *Child Of Bethlehem*

Margregthe Hokansont

Phyllis Webb, Mezzo-Soprano

Please stand

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

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 thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

Proper Preface

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*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 Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

Celebrant and People: **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

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.

A period of silence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, we encourage you to receive a blessing
by coming to the altar rail and folding your arms across your chest.*

Carol No. 109: *The First Noel*

FIRST NOEL

Carol No. 89: *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*

CAROL

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Candle Lighting

(An acolyte will come down the center aisle and light the candle of the first person in each pew. Please, then, light the candle of the person next to you until all candles are lit)

Carol No. 111: *Silent Night*

STILLE NACHT

Celebrant: May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Recessional Hymn No. 100: Joy To The World

ANTIOCH

The people are dismissed with these words:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!!

Organ: *Fantasy on Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

Gordon Young



**The Bishop, Clergy, and staff of
The Church of the Redeemer wish you a very Merry Christmas!!!!**

The Right Rev. Andrew Waldo, Bishop

The Rev. Mark Moline, Interim Priest

Wallace Lightsey, Senior Warden

Sue Bannio, Parish Administrator & Bookkeeper

Charles Owings, Director of Music & Organist

Lori Hawkins, Director of Christian Education

Gabriel Santamaria, Sexton



CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD



by Steve & Phyllis Webb In thanksgiving for *the glory of Jesus' birth and the many blessings we receive from our family, church family & friends.*

by Suzanne Webster In memory of *Ellison Webster* In thanksgiving for *my family.*

by Betsy Walt In memory of *my parents* In thanksgiving for *God's many blessings.*

by Sue & Hooper Skardon In memory of *Faye Wagner, Norton Skardon, and Mary Ann Wood* In thanksgiving for *Trey, John, & Asheton.*

by Ted & Dot Sanders In memory of *their parents and Dot's brother, Tommy*
In thanksgiving for *family and their many blessings.*

by Edward & Wayne Roberts In thanksgiving for
the Lord's blessings, for ourselves and our families.

by Lee Quinn In memory of *William & Caolee Sproull, and Mike Quinn*
In thanksgiving for *my wonderful family and my wonderful church family.*

by Janet & David Poleski In memory of
George & Helen Cogswell and Jerome & Theresa Polewski.

by Judy Planck In memory of *Wally* In thanksgiving for *our Redeemer family.*

by Dour & Sharon Parrott In memory of *our parents*
In thanksgiving for *children and grandchildren.*

by June Moore In memory of *Win Moore*
In thanksgiving for *all of my many blessings, children and grandchildren.*

by The Meade Family In memory of *Papa South* In thanksgiving for *our church family.*

by Joe McCullough In thanksgiving for *Lauren and my family*
for their love and support this year.

by Meredith Manker In memory of *my parents and dear friends in heaven*
In thanksgiving for *my Redeemer family.*

by JoAnn & Kevin Lynn In memory of *William & Mary Ann Reiss and*
George & Ruth Lynn.

by Betty Lupo In memory of *Joe Lupo* In thanksgiving for *my family and church family.*

by Richard & Margaret Lee In thanksgiving for *our grandchildren: Atticus, Josie, & Juliet, for God's grace and our many blessings.*

by Bill & Patti Lee In thanksgiving for *the gift of having our eldest son,*
Billy Lee, for 51 years.





CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD



by Bill & Dinah Johnson In memory of *our parents*
In thanksgiving for *our children and grandchildren and church.*

by Clark & Ceilia Jernigan In thanksgiving for *Cameron, Clark Elliottt,*
Katherine, & Riley.

by Jack Jackson In memory of *Nancy B. Jackson.*

by Betty Herrin In thanksgiving for *church, family, and friends.*

by The Helm Family In memory of *Albert & Audrey Romang & Jack & Bonny Helm.*

by Julie Hayes In memory of *Barry Garrison.*

by Rick & Margie Hankinson In memory of *our parents: Walter, Jan and Sam*
In thanksgiving for *our children and grandchildren.*

by Meta & Ralph Goodman In memory of *our loved ones departed*
In thanksgiving for *all blessings, great and small.*

by Tom Gange In memory of *my wife Judy Gange and my son Lee Thomas Gange.*

by Jan Connors In memory of *Laura & Gilbert Haddrell and John M. Connors.*

by Betsy Chiles In thanksgiving for *church, family, and friends.*

by Bricelyn Cantey In memory of *my great nephew, Bo.*

by Bill & Diane Campbell In thanksgiving for *all of our blessings, for Jesus, for good*
health, family, friends and our Church of the Redeemer Family.

by Susan Butler In thanksgiving for *my great nieces Emma & Legare McKeehan and*
Hollie & Casey Butler, and my Redeemer Family.

by The Butchko Family In memory of *Michael Butchko and Tom Buice*
In thanksgiving for *our church family.*

by Annette Burdette & John Casey In thanksgiving for
our many blessings of family and friends.

by Sandy & Greg Brown In memory of *Evelyn & Thomas Bond and*
Grace & Wilbur Brown.

by Jane & Bob Bouton In memory of *Ben W. Jernigan & Frances C. Bouton*
In thanksgiving for *Estella M. Jernigan.*

by Pat & Jack Blackburn and Steve Fior In memory of *our parents.*

by Debbie Bauer & Elizabeth Koontz In thanksgiving for *Evan Joseph.*

