# Redeemer Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Amarillo, Texas

"To Glorify God, and Enjoy Him Forever"

### Announcements

- <u>This evening at 5:00 pm:</u> Cookies, Cider and Christmas Hymn Sing in the Fellowship Hall.
- Monday, December 16 at 6:45 am: Stated Session meeting.
- <u>Wednesday, December 18 Prayer Meeting:</u> Please join us at 6:00 pm every Wednesday at the church building for a brief time of prayer for our nation, church, and growth in Christ.
- <u>Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 pm:</u> Christmas Eve Service of Scripture readings, hymns, and psalms with refreshments afterward. Please plan to bring cookies to share.

## **General Announcements**

Fellowship time prior to Sunday School at 9:15 am

Sunday School classes at 9:30 am:

- Toddlers/Pre-K with Rhonda Lieberenz
- Elementary with Joshua and Kara Renninger
- Middle/High School Class with Malcolm Shelton and Jim Shelton
- Adults with Rev. Andrew Fortenberry

Instant Church Directory App: Access the church directory via your smartphone! You can add information or delete your name, if you would like. From the app store, download Instant Church Directory and create a log-in with your email address and password. Contact Andrew or Cindy if you need help.

<u>Ligonier Connect:</u> This is a reminder of a resource tool offered free of charge through Redeemer from Ligonier Ministries. Ligonier Connect allows you to learn online from a library of interactive video courses. For more information, see David Gatz. Please visit: <u>https://connect.ligonier.org/p/ligonier-connect/</u>

# The Lord's Day Morning

The Fifteenth Day of December, Two Thousand Twenty-four at Ten Thirty O'clock

As we enter the presence of the Living God, we are invited to a time of reverent preparation for worship.

## The Welcome

# The Salutation

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Phil 1:2)

## The Announcements

The Call to Worship – Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:15

"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. Through [Christ] then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name."

# **The Moment of Silent Preparation**

**\*The Hymn** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*  No. 203 MENDELSSOHN

# \*The Prayer of Invocation

# The Corporate Confession of Sin

"Almighty and Everlasting Father, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have fallen short of your glory. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. You warn that whoever keeps the whole law and stumbles at one point is guilty of all. We acknowledge our guilt. We rightly fall under your judgment. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, for Christ's sake. Blot out our transgressions. Wash us from our iniquities. Forgive us our sins. Remove our transgressions as far as the east is from the west. Cast all our sins behind your back and remember them no more. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen." (Rom 3:23; 1 John 3:4; Rom 6:23; Matt 22:37-40; James 2:10; Psalm 51; 1 John 1:19; Psalm 103:12; Jer 31:34).

## The Assurance of Pardon

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." (John 3:16-17; Ephesians 1:7)

# The Corporate Reading of the Law

"Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:25-32)

# The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,born of the virgin Mary.He suffered under Pontius Pilate,was crucified, dead, and was buried;he descended into hell.The third day He arose again from the dead.He ascended into heaven and is seatedat the right hand of God the Father Almighty.From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I** believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Scripture Reading: Jude 17-25 (ESV Pew Bible page 1027)

## The Psalm 56

("O Splendor of God's Glory Bright")

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## \*The Morning Prayer

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Tyler Taber

**"Devotion, Not Denial"** Mark 14:26-31 (ESV Pew Bible page 851)

**Minister:** This is the Word of the Lord **Congregation:** *Thanks be to God* 

#### \*The Hymn

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

No. 218 REGENT SQUARE

**The Offering:** During this time, we invite you to say a prayer of thanksgiving for God's abundant faithfulness, also declaring your trust in Him to continue to provide your daily bread.

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. Amen

# \*The Benediction

#### **Church** Officers

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tyler Taber (580) 761-3934

Ruling Elders:

 Jack Robinson (806) 679-2796
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*Deacons:* Joel White, Neil Shelton and Dr. Lee Stitzel *Accompanist:* Brienna Cheney *Director of Ministries:* Rev. Andrew Fortenberry

#### Welcome

We welcome in Christ's name all who have come to worship with us this Lord's Day! Our members will be eager to greet you after the service. If you are interested in learning more about this congregation of Christ's Church, please feel free to speak with one of our elders following the service. They will be happy to answer questions you might have about the life and ministry of this congregation, as well as to pray with those who wish to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior.

#### Church Membership

If you are interested in making this branch of Christ's Church your home, please speak to one of the elders after the service. Believers and their children who wish to join may come by Transfer of Letter from their previous congregation or by Reaffirmation of Faith.



## For reflection this week, Questions 12 and 13 of the Heidelberg Catechism

## 12 Q. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both now and in eternity: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

**A.** God requires that his justice be satisfied.1 Therefore the claims of this justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.2

1 Ex. 23:7; Rom. 2:1-11 2 Isa. 53:11; Rom. 8:3-4

# 13 Q. Can we make this payment ourselves?

**A.** Certainly not. Actually, we increase our debt every day.1

1 Matt. 6:12; Rom. 2:4-5

