



# Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

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**Prelude** — *Angels We Have Heard on High* — arr. Jennings

**Welcome** — Rev. Joel Kady

**Call to Worship** — John 1

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**All: Through him all things were made; in him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.**

Leader: To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

**All: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father full of grace and truth.**

**Song of Praise** — You are God Alone

You are not a god created by human hands. You are not a god dependent on any mortal man  
You are not a god in need of anything we can give. By your plan, that's just the way it is

*You are God alone, from before time began, you were on your throne, you were God alone  
And right now, in the good times and bad, you are on your throne, you are God alone*

You're the only God whose power none can contend  
You're the only God whose name and praise will never end  
You're the only God who's worthy of everything we can give. You are God, that's just the way it is  
Unchangeable, unbreakable, unstoppable, that's what you are

**Song of Praise** — Doxology

All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others take your part. O praise him, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care  
O praise him. O praise him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless and worship him with humbleness. O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One  
O praise him. O praise him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Adoration** (*concluded by the Lord's 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 evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*)

**O Lord, we have not longed for your coming and your kingdom as we ought. We have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cried out for justice nor cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord, forgive us for our offenses and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again.**

**Words of Encouragement** — Luke 4:18-19

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

**Song of Praise** — Fullness of Grace

Fullness of grace in man's human frailty, this is the wonder of Jesus  
Laying aside his power and glory, humbly he entered our world  
Chose the path of meanest worth, scandal of a virgin birth  
Born in a stable, cold and rejected, here lies the hope of the world

Fullness of grace, the love of the Father shown in the face of Jesus  
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity, walking the Calvary road  
Christ the holy Innocent took our sin and punishment  
Fullness of God despised and rejected, crushed for the sins of the world

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for, promise of God in Jesus  
Through his obedience we are forgiven, opening the floodgates of heaven  
All our hopes and dreams we bring, gladly as an offering  
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable, God's gift in love to the world

### **Prayers of the People**

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### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Scripture Reading** — Luke 2:1-20

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> 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, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

<sup>15</sup> 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." <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Homily** — *The Humility of God* — Rev. Bijan Mirtolooi

### **Closing Song** — Thou Who Was Rich

Thou who was rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor  
Thrones for a manger did surrender sapphire-paved courts for stable floor  
Thou who was rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav'n-ward by thy eternal plan  
Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou would have us be  
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee

### **Benediction and Dismissal**

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** — *Silent Night* — arr. Birkey