

## **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is one of the ordinances we celebrate as the church. It is one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending His grace and forgiveness to us.

We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

### **Prayer of Those Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Lead me into the light and life You promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete acceptance. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as Savior and Lord. Amen.

- Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman, Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**COMMUNION & CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

7:30 P.M.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

PRELUDE      *“Make Room in your Heart”*      *Casting Crowns*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—Matthew 1:21

\*\*Hymn #190      *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jim, Amy, Tyson & Quinn O’Hara

\*\*Hymn #184      *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

PRAYER

Anthem      *“Do You Hear What I Hear”*      *Bell Choir & Piano*

WORSHIP WITH GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Call to offering

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” – John 3:16

Tonight’s offering will go toward the Deacon Benevolence Fund Offertory

\*\*Hymn of Dedication #193 refrain, *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

Scripture Reading—Matthew 25:31-46

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark

**“THE KING IS COMING!”**  
Advent Series: **“Waiting for His coming”**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

SERVICE OF THE BREAD

SERVICE OF THE CUP

THE CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE

(The light will be passed from worshipper to worshipper. As you pass the light, please hold your lighted candle straight. As you receive the light, tip your candle in the direction of the flame.)

\*\*Hymn #195      *“Silent Night”*

\*\*BENEDICTION

\*\*CANDLES EXTINGUISHED

\*\*POSTLUDE

Following the service, if you ordered poinsettias, please pick them up from the front of the sanctuary. There is a check list on top of the organ. Thanks for decorating the church for the glory of God this Christmas in honor and/or in memory of your loved ones.

Join us in the New Year for the series “The Race Marked Out For Us” as we look at our Church’s Purpose, Vision & Core Values and continue to grow into who God has created and called us to be as we glorify Him through loving one another and sharing His gospel.

We praise God for the wonderful gift of His Son Jesus and His blood shed on the cross for our sin! May you be filled with the joy of His presence and the comfort of the Holy Spirit this Christmas!

**Merry Christmas to all!**

**PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT’S WORSHIP**

Pastor, Mark Murchie

Pianist, Norma Creager

Greeters, Bill & Janet Hoffman