

December 2, 2007

For Your Information ...

Guests! We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Give us an opportunity to meet you today and introduce ourselves by staying around for coffee in the foyer after the service. Also, please assist us by **filling out the Guest Pad** when it is passed during worship.

Welcome Station: Located in the foyer, our Welcome Station is designed to assist you in understanding the ministry of Redeemer. Please help yourself to the purple guest packets, the Kerygma, our newsletter pronounced ke-rig'me, and other materials.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a member of South Texas Presbytery. For more information about Redeemer Church visit: www.redeemersa.org. For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America visit: www.pcanet.org.

Community Groups: Community Groups are small fellowships of six to twelve people meeting every other week in homes, apartments and restaurants throughout San Antonio. They are the first place where we hope our people turn for applying the gospel to their lives. To find out how you can join a community group, please contact the church office at 930-4480 or a community group leader identified on the Making Contact page in the bulletin.

Book Table: The books found here are designed to assist you in understanding the Christian life. If you want to purchase a book, please fill out the appropriate form with money enclosed. Sermon CDs are also available; simply sign up at the table. Make all checks payable to Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

Sunday Schedule

9:15-9:25 a.m. **Prayer**
9:30-10:45 a.m. **Worship**
11:10-12:00 noon **Christian
Education**

Nurseries

Redeemer offers fully staffed nurseries for children ages newborn to 3 years of age. Redeemer encourages parents to utilize our *Training in the Pews* children's worship time during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the Northeast end of the McAllister Fine Arts Center. (See map at **Welcome Station**.)

Infants I: newborn – 9 months

Infants II: 10 – 18 months

Toddlers: 19 months – 3 years

Training the Pews: 3 - 5 years

Christian Education

Toddler I (age 2)

Toddler II (age 3)

Pre K- K (age 4-5)

Primary I (ages 6-7)

Primary II (ages 8-9)

Junior (ages 10-11)

Youth (7th-12th grades)

Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

December 2, 2007

First Sunday of Advent

Reflection & Preparation

“Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them... He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.” Psalm 111:1-2, 5

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” Isaiah 9:2

“Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.” Charles Wesley

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Justin G. Clement

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

People: But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I created Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

Minister: I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

*Hymn of Adoration

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus,
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee,
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness,
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er,

born to set thy peo - ple free;
 Day - spring from on high, ap - pear;
 he whose glo - ries and knew no end;
 born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us;
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se,
 by his life he brings us glad - ness,
 born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee.
 of thy birth we long to hear!
 our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing,
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber,
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it

hope of all the earth thou art,
 news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion,
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing;
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der,
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it,

joy of ev - 'ry long - com - ing heart.
 Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 Christ was born the Lord of all.
 raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed¹

Minister: Christians, what do we believe?

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic² and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹ The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325) and was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and the person of Christ.

² The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

*Gloria Patri

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Music by Charles Meineke

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Minister: And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person." Mark 7:14-16; 21-23

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O most great, just and gracious God. You condemn the ungodly, but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ. We confess that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have dishonored and neglected those around us. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have run into temptations, and the sin, which we should have hated. We are careless, ignorant, rash and presumptuous against your commands, promises, threats, mercies and judgments. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. Be reconciled to us, and let the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from all our sins. Amen.

Adapted from Richard Baxter's The Savoy Liturgy (1661)

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Titus 3:3-5

Minister: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

*Song of Renewal

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
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Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Words by John Stocker; Music by Sandra McCracken

Lighting of Advent* Wreath—the Prophecy Candle

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Brouillard

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14

Reader: We light the first candle of Advent, the Prophecy Candle. We light a candle to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the world. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

** Lighting the Advent Wreath originated in Germany in the nineteenth century, based on a Roman custom of the ceremonial entrance of a ruler to a province or city as his 'advent' (from the Latin adventus: 'arrival'). The wreath consists of four candles placed in the wreath itself and one candle in the center. One candle is lit the first Sunday of Advent. Two are lit the 2nd Sunday, and so on. Each of the candles has special significance: The first is the Prophecy candle; the second is the Bethlehem candle; the third is the Angels' candle; the 4th is the Shepherds' candle; and the center candle is the Christ candle, lit on Christmas Eve.*

Prayers for Redeemer Church, San Antonio & the World

Mr. Gibbs

*The Greeting of Peace

Children, ages **three through five**, are dismissed through the side door to your right when facing the stage to *TRAINING IN THE PEWS*. After the sermon, parents will meet their children in the back of the auditorium so that the children can join their families for communion.

Minister: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Sermon

Mr. Gibbs

“First Mission: Seeing What Jesus Sees”

*Continuing the Series on the Gospel of Matthew: Thy Kingdom Come
Matthew 9:35-10:15*

Preparation for Communion

A Word About Communion at Redeemer:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ to refrain from partaking until doing so.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

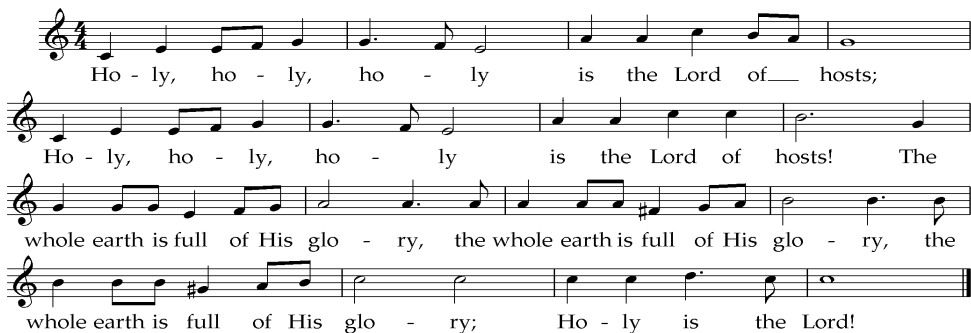
Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. And we praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, by whom You have sent a new light to shine upon the world, that we who rejoice in that light may be found cleansed from our sins and without fear when He shall come again to judge the world in righteousness. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

All:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts! The

whole earth is full of His glo - ry, the whole earth is full of His glo - ry, the

whole earth is full of His glo - ry; Ho - ly is the Lord!

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! Hallelujah!

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion

Starting with the two front outer sections by rows, please form one line on the outer half of each center aisle. Upon approaching the front, please form a line in front of the first row of chairs of each outer section. After the two outer sections have partaken, the front center section should proceed. If seated in the back center section, please exit your row toward the left, form a line in front of the first row of chairs in the back center section, partake from those serving in the center cross-aisle, and then return to your row from the right side. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The center cup and inner circle of the tray contain grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles and return to your seat. Please use the remaining time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen. **Prayer of Searching for Truth**

Lord, Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

Lord, Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen. **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin**

Songs of Communion

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
Si - - nai's height, in an - cient time didst give the
tyr - - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple
draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on

here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re -
law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
night, and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
high, and close the path to mi - - er - y.

joice! Re - joice! Em - ma - nu - el shall

come to Thee, O Is - - ra - el.

Words from the 12th century; tune: Veni Emmanuel

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3. The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, pro - claimed by an - gels
 4. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the
 5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as men of
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin
 bright, how Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, was born on
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, who dost our

old have sung. It came, a flow'r - et bright, a -
 moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right she
 earth this night. To Beth - le - hem they sped and
 ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God; from
 weak - ness know, bring us at length, we pray, to

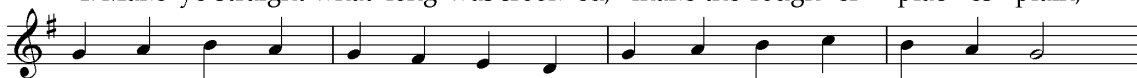
mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to men a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 in the man - ger found him, as an - gel her - alds said.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and to the end - less day.

Words from a German hymn; Tune: ES IST EIN; ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

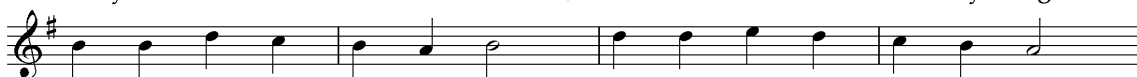
Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People



1. Com-fort, com - fort ye my peo-ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2. Yea, her sins our God will par-don, blot-ting out each dark mis-deed;
3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
4. Make ye straight what long was crook ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;



com - fort those who sit in dark-ness, mourn-ing 'neath their sor-row's load.
all that well de - served his an - ger he no more will see or heed.
bid-ding all men to re - pen-tance, since the king-dom now is here.
let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ur - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
She hath suf - fered many a day, now her griefs have passed a - way;
O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a - way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war-fare now is o - ver.
God will change her pin - ing sad-ness in - to ev - er - spring-ing glad-ness.
let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken, that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words by Johannes Olearius; Music by Louis Bourgeois

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. God of God, Light of Light;
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb:
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove;
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

come and be - hold him born the King of an - gels; O
ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;
glo - ry to God in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O

come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Text from a Latin Hymn; Music from Cantus Diversi

*Benediction

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: May the God of peace, who, through the blood of the eternal covenant, brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will; and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ.

People: To whom be glory forever and ever. (with great enthusiasm)

Minister: You may go in peace!

Postlude

**The Congregation Stands*

Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

RUF Campus Minister: Rev. Justin G. Clement

Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano; Jonathan Card, guitar

Joel Cook, cello; Carrie Eckel, cello; Briley Cigrang, violin

Jessica Watkins, violin; Mary Alice MacDiarmid, violin

Jeffrey Cigrang, violin; Patrick Shay, trumpet; Michael Shay, trombone

Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Carrie Alley

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REDEEMER Highlights December 2, 2007

This Week

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| Today | 6- 7:15 p.m. | Intro to Christian Theology: This class is held at the Redeemer Office (3737 Broadway, Ste. 300). Call 930-4480. |
| Tuesday | 9:30- 11:30 a.m. | Redeemer Park Day: Informal play and fellowship at Brackenridge Park, behind the Witte Museum. Call Elizabeth Clement at 530-0522. |
| Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Newcomer's Dessert with Tom and Tara at their home (219 Arcadia Pl., 78209). This informal time is designed to help you get to know the Gibbs and more fully Redeemer's vision. |
| Wednesday | 9:45-11:30 a.m. | Last fall Women's Bible Study on Romans including conversations with Pastor Tom Gibbs. Class resumes January 9 th . All are welcome. |

Upcoming Events

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| December 9 | 11:00 a.m. | Congregational Meeting: Immediately after the service. The Session will announce some exciting new developments in the life of Redeemer. |
| December 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Redeemer Christmas Party & Outreach: Bring your friends from far and wide for fellowship, beautiful music and a delicious dinner to celebrate the Christmas season with our Redeemer family. |
| December 13 | 11:45 a.m. | Men's Monthly Luncheon at the Lighthouse Cafe (4212 McCullough Ave). Contact Jeff Judson for more info: 748-7100. |
| December 14 | | Youth Christmas Party: Contact Patrick and Aubree Shay: 383-0132. |
| December 15 | 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. | Redeemer Christmas Baskets: Join in the preparation and delivery of 2000 Christmas Baskets for our neighbors at the Guadalupe and Tobin Community Centers. Contact Bowman Williams, 860-5404. |
| December 16 | 12 p.m. | Lunch for spouses of deployed, soon to be deployed or have been deployed military. Join us for fellowship, support, and fun at Sue Thompson's house, 545 Graham Rd. Meet in the parking lot after the service. Contact 271-9341 |
| December 24 | 6:00 p.m. | Service of Lessons and Carols: Redeemer Presbyterian Church will have this service on Christmas Eve. Please join us to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. |

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy; Carri Jobe 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Children's Ministries.....Jill Higey 930-4480
Community Life & Outreach..... Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Financial (church).....Bob George 822- 2016
Local and World Missions..... John Fitch 824-5973
Men's Ministries.....Jeff Judson 822-1292
Mercy/ Financial Aid.....Jake Gray 884-4729
Music Ministry..... Brent Watkins 785-0912
Pastoral Care (Membership, Doctrine, Illness, Counseling).....Tom Gibbs 930-4480
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF).....Justin Clement 930-4480
20+ Singles Community.....Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Training in the Pews.....Ralph and Debbie Shay 488-2561
Usher/ Greeter Coordination.....Jason Register 829-0747
Women's Ministries.....Margaret Judson 822-5901; Heather Card 467-5792
Worship/ Event Assistance.....Ken Harrison 828-8864
Youth Patrick & Aubree Shay 383-0132
Redeemer Prayer Requests.....930-4480, ext. 330

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Serving Today

Infants I (9:30): Rachel Chaney

Infants II (9:30): Janet Pursell

Toddlers (9:30): Charley and Katherine Hollimon, Reena Mathew

Training in the Pews: Will and Carter Greendyke

Greeters: John and Dianne MacDiarmid, Molly Urban, Janice Preston

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Ken Harrison, Josh MacDiarmid, Wes Bright, Greg Chaney, Ben Bingham

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Barbara Harrison, Milby Hartwell

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Greg Sanderson, Ned Hodge

Cookies: Trisha Hadler, Elizabeth Clement

Serving Next Week

Infants I (9:30): Evie McVicar

Infants II (9:30): Harriet Peavy

Toddlers (9:30): Tyler and Valerie Jorgensen, Brandi Rickels

Training in the Pews: Ben and Ann Bingham

Greeters: Bowman and Mary Williams, Debbie Briggs, Shelley Galbraith, Charley and Katherine Hollimon

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Ken Harrison, Glen Glass, Jake Gray, John Ames

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Ginny Glass, Mary Williams

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Greg Sanderson, Jordan and Kitty Inman

Cookies: Shelley Galbraith, Kelly Muck

Announcements

Christian Education (CE) will be held after the worship service.

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$570,296
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$685,387
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$621,219
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 50,923)

YTD includes all activity for the fiscal year, which begins January 1.

Community Groups

John Ames – 828-6891
and Bowman Williams – 930-5915
Jonathan Card – 467-5792
and Josh Alley – 731-0880
and Wes Bright – 826-3100
Brandon Eggar – 930-4480
John Fitch – 824-5973
and Henry Sauer – 832-9892
Tom Gibbs – 930-4974
and Ross Van Klaveren – 653-2717
Charley Hollimon – 829-576
and Jason Register – 829-0747
Jeff Judson – 822-5901
and Larry Rickels – 826-2628
Victor Martinez- 509-7716
Clay Miller – 830-438-5218
and Jerry Hesko – 659-3004
Mark Randolph – 822-6057
Jason Smith – 372-9337
and Jason Higey – 354-7444

Sermon Notes

“First Mission: Seeing What Jesus Sees”

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." ^{10:1} And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, ¹ cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹ Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, nor two tunics ¹ nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹ And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town. Matthew 9:35-10:15

Main Idea: The first requirement for discipleship is arriving at an undivided loyalty to Jesus—*his person and work for us*. The second requirement of discipleship is joining ourselves to Jesus' mission—*his person and work for the world*. **Discipleship must become missional if it is to be mature.** In 9:35-10:1, Jesus shows us what he sees (9:36) as he looks at the crowds. **His vision, then, becomes our cause for mission.**

1) Eyes for the crowds

2) Eyes for the harvest

3) Eyes for the need