

TOGETHER TRUSTING THE REAL GOD TO REDEEM REAL PEOPLE

# Genesis 15:1-6

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

# Genesis 17:1–8, 15–19

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup> that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup> "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. <sup>8</sup> And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

<sup>15</sup> And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." <sup>17</sup> Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" <sup>18</sup> And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" <sup>19</sup> God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.

# We Worship the Lord Together

### Praise the LORD in Scripture

Luke 2

Leader For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Congregation And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,

lying in a manger.

Leader And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God,

and saying,

Congregation "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

#### Praise the LORD in Song

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark, the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled Joyful, all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With th'angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem Hark, the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord Late in time behold Him come Offspring of the virgin's womb Veiled in flesh the Godhead see Hail th'incarnate Deity Pleased as Man with men to dwell Jesus, our Emmanuel Hark, the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark, the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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## **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Advent Readings**

#### Praise the LORD for our Children

Children's Lesson

# We Are Built Up Together

#### Scripture Reading & Sermon

Genesis 15:1-6 and Genesis 17:1-8, 15-19

#### Praise the LORD in Song

God With Us

Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love To be nearer to us You've come to bring life to be Light To shine brighter in us Oh Emmanuel God with us

Our Deliverer You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over ev'rything our Redemption
God with us
You are God with us

Oh You've come to be Hope to this world For Your honor and name And You've come to take sin to bear shame And to conquer the grave Oh Emmanuel God with us

You are here You are holy We are standing in Your glory (Lord) (REPEAT)

Oh God with us You are God with us

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#### Respond through Declaring our Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q.21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

1 Tim. 2:5-6; John 1:14; Gal. 4:4; Rom. 9:5; Luke 1:35; Col. 2:9; Heb. 7:24-25.

Q.22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Heb. 2:14, 16; Heb. 10:5; Matt. 26:38; Luke 1:27, 31, 35, 42; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 4:15; Heb. 7:26.

#### Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

<u>Confession of Sin</u> Holy Father, we confess to You our neglect and forgetfulness of Your holy

commandments. We confess the hurt we have done to others and the mercy we have left undone. Change our minds and hearts and bring greater peace, hope, joy, and love to Your

children this Advent season. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His

shoulders. And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." To all who are in Christ, you are forgiven and have peace with

God forever!

#### Receive the LORD's Supper

Silent Night

Silent night holy night
All is calm all is bright
Round you virgin mother and child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

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#### Receive the Benediction

#### **Announcements:**

- 1. As the end of our budgeting year comes to a close, make sure to check our financial giving update on the weekly email.
- 2. If you are new to our church and have not yet joined our email list for updates and communication, please see Rachel Boyd or email: admin@redeemermurfreesboro.org
- 3. Join us for our Christmas Eve Service at 5p on 12/24. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family and friends to worship with us!



#### Staff

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#### **Prayer Requests**

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# Monthly Financial Update Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2025 as of November 24, 2025 Anticipated Giving YTD \$174,654.00 Actual Giving YTD \$167,200.00 Difference YTD (-\$7,454)

Operations—2025 Annual Budget \$195,327	
Current Operations Reserve*	\$64,325
*Reserve = funds over and above 2.5 months of budgeted operating expenses	
Defined Savings	
Building Fund	\$81,141
Other Defined Savings	\$14,422

