

Exodus 2:23–3:20

²³ During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. ²⁴ And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵ God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

3 Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴ When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵ Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. ¹⁶ Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, “I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt,” ¹⁷ and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.’” ¹⁸ And they will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, please let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.’” ¹⁹ But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. ²⁰ So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go.

Welcome! To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and seek comfort, to all who are lonely and need friendship, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer Church Murfreesboro opens wide its doors to you. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, you are welcome!

We Worship the Lord Together

Praise the LORD in Scripture

1 Chronicles 16

Leader	He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.
Congregation	Remember His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations,
Leader	The covenant that He made with Abraham, His sworn promise to Isaac,
Congregation	Which He confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
Leader	Saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan, as your portion for an inheritance.”
Congregation	Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day!

Praise the LORD in Song

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel
And ransom thee, O Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come Desire of nations
Bind all peoples in heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

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Pastoral Prayer

Advent Readings

Praise the LORD for our Children

Children's Lesson

Praise the LORD in Giving

Offering

We Are Built Up Together

Scripture Reading & Sermon

Exodus 2:23–3:20

Praise the LORD in Song

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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

Joy to those who long to see thee
Dayspring from on high, appear
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse
Of thy birth we long to hear

O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth
"Go to Him your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring

By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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Respond through Declaring our Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q.88. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the Word, Sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 2:42, 46-47.

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Confession of Sin

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

Joy To The World

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

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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@redeermurfreesboro.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!

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Monthly Financial Update

*Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2025
as of December 7, 2025*

Anticipated Giving TYD	\$182,166.00
Actual Giving YTD	\$175,398.00
Difference YTD	(-\$6,768)

Operations—2025 Annual Budget \$195,327

Current Operations Reserve*	\$55,378
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*Reserve = funds over and above 2.5 months of budgeted operating expenses

Defined Savings

Building Fund	\$81,151
Other Defined Savings	\$14,424



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