

## A Biblical Alternative

A church;  
That is truly committed to the authority of the  
Word of God;  
That worships in the biblical tradition of the  
English Reformation;  
With a proven record of biblical faithfulness;  
That is thoroughly Protestant, Evangelical, and  
Reformed in practice and doctrine;  
Whose leaders must be subject to the Word of  
God.

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## The Church of the Redemption

A Reformed, Evangelical, & Liturgical Church

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## The Church of the Redemption

A Traditional, Reformed, & Evangelical Church



*Annunciation by Strozzi*



**A**lmighty God, give us grace  
that we may cast away the  
works of darkness, and put  
upon us the armor of light,  
now in the time of this mortal  
life, in which thy Son Jesus

Christ came to visit us in great humility;  
That in the last day, when he shall come  
again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both  
the quick and the dead, we may rise to the  
life immortal, through him who liveth and  
reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now  
and ever. *Amen.*

The First Sunday in Advent  
November 27, 2005

WE welcome you to our worship service today. Those who are familiar with our part of the Body of Christ will feel at home as we worship through the God-honoring liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer. Those who are unfamiliar with our service, know that you are worshipping using the best Evangelical Book of Common Prayer that has ever been compiled<sup>1</sup> — the Reformed Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (Fifth Edition - 1930/1932/1963).

We encourage you to enjoy refreshments, conversation, and fellowship, immediately after the service.

<sup>1</sup> From the Preface to the Fifth Edition of the Book of Common Prayer of the Reformed Episcopal Church



THE First Sunday in Advent is our New Year's Day. The services are evidently meant to take us back, as it were, to the days when men were looking for the coming of the Son of God. We stand where such Israelites as Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, and Simeon, and Anna stood, and watch and wait for the angels' song to announce that Christ is born. Three Sundays more make up the Advent Season. But through them all "one unchanging purpose runs." It makes every member of our Church, like one who looks out to sea, expecting the ship which bears homeward his long absent friend. It leads us to realize God's infinite love in sending His own Son to live with men and to die for men. Above all, it will not let us forget that He has given His word that He will come again.

BISHOP CHARLES EDWARD CHENEY



DEARLY beloved brethren, on Sunday next your pastor purposes, through God's assistance, to administer the LORD's Supper, in remembrance of his meritorious Cross and Passion, by which alone we obtain remission of our sins, and are made partakers of the kingdom of heaven. To this Sacred Feast he invites all who are religiously and devoutly disposed, and may the Blessed Spirit incline your hearts that ye refuse not to come thereto, being so lovingly bidden by Christ himself.

♪ Hymn 628 ..... *Thou didst leave Thy throne*

**The Order for Morning Prayer**

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