



Redeemer

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcome to Redeemer!

A NOTE TO VISITORS

We want to welcome you to the church! Please stop by the welcome table in the north entrance so we can introduce ourselves to you.

Text **RPCinfo** to **55498** to fill out a visitor card and/or receive more information about Redeemer! Paper visitor cards are also available in your seats and at both entrances.

Bibles are available in each seating area for your use during the service.

Guest WiFi Network: Redeemer Guest

Password: WorshipGodServeTemple

A NOTE TO PARENTS

We believe, because of the promises of God, that our children are as much a part of the church as everyone else. Therefore, we desire that they would participate in worship along with their families as much as they are able.

We completely understand that kids can get noisy and squirmy during corporate worship. Parents have all experienced the blessed struggle of training our children to participate in worship. We understand the challenges of getting children accustomed to being in the service the whole time and want to assist you in helping your children learn to participate in a meaningful way. Children of all ages are always welcome in the worship service.

Nurseries | Available during the worship service for infants and toddlers ages 2 months to 3 years. Nurseries are located in the northeast corner of the building.

Children's Worship | Available every Sunday during the sermon. Children age 4 through the end of kindergarten may attend *Training in the Pews* children's worship.

Nursing Mom's Room | Located near the west entrance

We'd love to get to know you!
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Redeemer Presbyterian Church
is a missional *community*
moved by the *grace*
of the *Redeemer*, Jesus Christ,
to *worship* and *know* God
and to *love* and *serve* our *neighbors*
in *Temple* and *beyond*.
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As you find your seat, please
move toward the center of your
section, leaving the aisle seats
for those coming in after you.

Thank you.



Redeemer Presbyterian Church is affiliated with
the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Last Sunday after Pentecost
November 26, 2023 | 10:00 am

*In consideration
of other
worshippers,
please program
all mobile
phones and
electronic
devices to silent
or vibrate mode
for the duration
of the service.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. JB Wilbanks

MEDITATION AND PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“. . . our action—our doing—bubbles up from our loves, which . . . are habits we’ve acquired through the practices we’re immersed in. That means the formation of my loves and desires can be happening “under the hood” of consciousness. I might be learning to love a *telos* that I’m not even aware of and that nonetheless governs my life in unconscious ways. Christian worship faces this disturbing reality head-on, recognizing the gap between what we *think* we love and what we *really* love, what still propels us toward rival gods and rival visions of the good life. This is why the people of God are called to regularly confess their sins. A historic confession from the Book of Common Prayer names just this tension:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

The body of Christ is that unique community of practice whose members own up to the fact that we don’t always love what we say we do . . . The practices of Christian worship are a tangible, practiced, re-formative way to address this tension and gap.”

—James K. A. Smith, *You Are What You Love* (pp. 29-30)

SCRIPTURE FOR MEMORIZATION

1 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV)

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

ADVENT CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS The word ‘Pentecost’ comes from the Greek meaning simply ‘fiftieth’. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In remembering Pentecost and living in light of this powerful turning point the church expresses gratitude to Christ for sending “another counselor” (John 14:16), celebrates the work of the Spirit in the renewal of all creation, and professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit’s power is available for its mission.

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

God's Supremacy

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. JB Wilbanks

Revelation 7:9-12

The call to worship establishes the lines of communication in worship. God always comes to us before we come to God. Biblical worship is a response to God's gracious revelation of himself to his people.

Bold text is read together by the congregation.

Plain text is read by the leader.

Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

Minister: "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,

All: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Minister: And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

All: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.""

God's Supremacy

SONG OF ADORATION

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam,
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. All the redeemed washed by His blood,
Come and rejoice in His great love,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin,
Cast all your burdens now on Him,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. He shall return in pow'r to reign,
Heaven and earth will join to say,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

God's Supremacy

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Heath Robinson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mr. Heath Robinson

Westminster Larger Catechism #45

Leader: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

**All: Christ executes the office of a king,
in calling out of the world a people to himself,
and giving them officers, laws, and censures,
by which he visibly governs them;
in bestowing saving grace upon his elect,
rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins,
preserving and supporting them
under all their temptations and sufferings,
restraining and overcoming all their enemies,
and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory,
and their good;
and also in taking vengeance on the rest,
who know not God, and obey not the gospel.**

God's Supremacy

DOXOLOGY

Gloria Patri

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.

God's Renewal

Please be seated.

The Law of God invites us to confession of sin within the context of our covenant relationship with God, a relationship in which honesty about our sin is welcome and safe. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

THE LAW OF GOD

Mr. Heath Robinson

Westminster Shorter Catechism #57, 58, 59, 60, 82

Leader: Which is the fourth commandment?

All: **The fourth commandment is, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”**

Leader: What is required in the fourth commandment?

All: **The fourth commandment requires keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word, in particular one whole day in seven to be a holy Sabbath to himself.**

Leader: Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

All: **From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; ever since it has been the first day of the week, which is the Christian Sabbath, so to continue to the end of the world.**

Leader: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

All: **The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy rest all that day from worldly employments and recreations that are lawful on other days, spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except what is taken up by works of necessity and mercy.**

Leader: Is anyone able to keep the commandments of God perfectly?

All: **Since the fall, no mere human is able to keep the commandments of God perfectly in this life; everyone breaks them daily in thought, word and deed.**

God's Renewal

*This is a time
of community
prayer and
holy silence.
Please use this
time to slow
down, pray, and
reflect on your
relationship
with God and
your neighbor.
Worshippers
may choose to
kneel or remain
seated during
this time.*

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**All: Great God of rest,
We do not know how to rest in you.
We seek our own pleasure,
and do not fast from our wickedness and sin.
We are enslaved to our work
because we doubt your provision.
Help us to find in Jesus' work
all the honor and security we need.
Let his once-for-all-time achievements on the cross
allow us to rest, especially on the day you have set apart.
Let the Sabbath be to us not a burden,
but our greatest delight.
LORD, we ask that you guide us continually
and satisfy our desire in scorched places.
Make our souls like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail,
because our hearts are constantly saturated
with the life-giving, soul-refreshing
grace of Jesus, our true rest.
Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT

Rev. JB Wilbanks

Colossians 1:13-14

Minister: *For all who have confessed their sins and have fled to Christ for mercy, hear this word of assurance:*

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Please stand
for the Song of
Assurance.

God's Grace

SONG OF ASSURANCE

And Can It Be

1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Chorus:

Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

2. He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

Chorus

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Chorus

4. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Chorus

"Lectio Sacra" means "sacred reading." It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's Word.

Please be seated.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mr. Michael Norman

Matthew 25:31-46

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. JB Wilbanks

SILENT PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION

Each week, we pray for the people around us and in the world as a way to serve them according to God's will. You are welcome to sit or kneel as we pray. If you have children, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

God's Grace

At the parents' discretion, children age 4 through the end of kindergarten may attend Training in the Pews Children's Worship. Children meet at the front entrance of the sanctuary during the Greeting of Peace to be escorted by volunteers to their classroom. The pastor will invite you to pick up your child in the narthex after the offertory prayer.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

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!

Please stand.

SCRIPTURE READING

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Please be seated.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a powerful means of nourishing and comforting God's people, and awakening people to new faith.

THE SERMON

Ezekiel 34:1-31

The Shepherd King

Rev. JB Wilbanks

The Word of God is the chief and final means through which God speaks to us; the principal and most direct way we hear from God in worship.

EZEKIEL 34:1-31

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³ You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. ⁴ The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. ⁵ So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; ⁶ they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

⁷ “Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸ As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, ⁹ therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰ Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

¹¹ “For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek

the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷ “As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸ Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹ And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰ “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²² I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

²⁵ “I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. ²⁶ And I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷ And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land. And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them. ²⁸ They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the land devour them. They shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. ²⁹ And I will provide for them renowned plantations so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the reproach of the nations. ³⁰ And they shall know that I am the LORD their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord GOD. ³¹ And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord GOD.”

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sursum Corda
is Latin for "lift
up your hearts."

*One of the
oldest liturgical
pieces still in
use, it calls us
to be heavenly
minded and
summons us
into the Lord's
presence. Along
with the voices
around you,
hear the echo
of 2000 years
of worshipping
Christians who
have gone
before.*

PREPARING OUR HEARTS TO BE FED

Rev. JB Wilbanks

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

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. Through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords; for you have seated him at your right hand in glory, and put all things in subjection under his feet, that he may present them to you, O Father, perfectly restored in beauty, truth, and love. 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: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Glory be to You, O Lord Most High!**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WORDS OF RESPONSE

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All: Hallelujah!

THE OFFERING

Minister: What do you have that you did not receive?

Let us pray. All things, all gifts, come from you, O God and should be received with gratitude. In gratitude we now return to you what is yours. Receive these tithes and offerings, our tangible expressions of love and gratitude. Amen.

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.”
2 Corinthians 8:9 (ESV)

*All we have
is given to
us by God.
Our offerings
express
this joyful
dependence
and our
commitment to
join God in his
work of renewal.*

In response to God's grace to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we bring gifts and offerings to the Lord with thanksgiving and joy. Worshippers may place their gifts in the offering box at the back as they return to their seats. You may also give by texting any dollar amount to 84321, through the Church Center app, or at <https://redeemerprestemple.churchcenter.com/giving>

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

This is a time for all of us 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. The Lord's Supper is a joyful celebration in which the family of God together delights in the presence and salvation of their Redeemer King. 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 neighbor, and seek strength 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 would love to pray with and for you during this time and there will be someone stationed at the front of the sanctuary at both side walls to do so. Please let us know if there is something specific you would like us to pray for.

A Word to Parents

Children are invited to come forward, either to receive communion or a prayer of blessing. To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the Session (elders) of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If your children will not be receiving communion, please instruct them to come forward with their arms crossed to receive a prayer of blessing. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table and ask that you speak with the pastor when you believe your child is ready to begin the process.

Directions for Participating in Communion

*If you are participating, when you are ready, please join the line coming down the center aisle. You will make your way past the servers at the front to receive the elements. Then, please return to your seat by way of the side aisles and hallway. If you wish to bring an offering to the Lord, please place it in the box at the back of the room as you return to your seat. We use wine in communion. Individual cups are available in the trays, with **grape juice** in the middle ring in the **purple cups** which may be requested by those who desire it. A **gluten-free cracker** is available upon request for those unable to eat the bread due to allergies.*

PRAYER FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

Because Redeemer is a church that is not only for convinced Christians, but also for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we gladly extend room for you to process, think, and dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

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 of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, 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 and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, 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 perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

God's Grace

COMMUNION SONG

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss—
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart—
His wounds have paid my ransom.

God's Grace

COMMUNION SONG

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heaven are still my own.

2. Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue;
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me;
Show Thy face and all is bright.

3. Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure;
Come, disaster, scorn and pain;
In Thy service, pain is pleasure;
With Thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.

5. Soul, then know thy full salvation,
Rise o'er sin and fear and care;
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee:
Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

God's Blessing

SONG OF BLESSING AND SENDING

King of Saints

Jesus Christ, God's holy lamb,
We will laud thy lovely name;
We were saved by God's decree,
And all our debt was paid by thee.

Thou has washed us in thy blood,
Made us kings and priests to God;
Take this tribute of the poor;
Less we can't, we can't give more.

Chorus

Souls redeemed, your voices raise,
Sing your dear Redeemer's praise;
Worthy thou of love and laud,
King of saints, incarnate God.

Righteous are thy ways and true;
Endless honors are thy due;
Grace and glory in thee shine;
Matchless mercy, love divine.

We for whom thou once was slain,
We thy ransomed sinner train,
In this one request agree,
"Spirit make us more like thee."

Chorus x2

King of saints, incarnate God.
King of saints, incarnate God.

God's Blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

*Just as we
begin with with
God's gracious
invitation, so
we end with
God's promise
to always be
with us.*

*It is appropriate
to lift our heads
as a symbol
that through
Christ God
graciously lifts
our head, and
we hold out our
hands palms
up to symbolize
our need and
eagerness to
receive God's
blessing.*

BENEDICTION

Rev. JB Wilbanks

Hebrews 13:20-21

Minister: "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

POSTLUDE

FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

A Catechism is an ancient, simple, and effective tool for teaching the basics of the Christian faith. The New City Catechism is a modern catechism in the Reformed tradition that draws from the ancient practice of basing Christian formation around the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. Through 52 questions and answers it helps form our hearts and our minds around the great truths of the Christian faith. The bold portion is a more concise answer designed to be memorized by younger children.

QUESTION 3: How many persons are there in God?

ANSWER: **There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.** They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

QUESTION 4: How and why did God create us?

ANSWER: **God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him.** And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory. *Genesis 1:27*

PRAYER AND PHYSICAL NEEDS

If you would like someone to pray for or with you, please consider contacting one of our elders (info on next page). They would love to talk with you and pray for you. We also hope you will join a Community Group to build relationships with people who know you and pray for you on a regular basis. If you have physical or material needs, please contact our deacon team at deaconteam@redeemerprestemple.org

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FINANCIAL GIVING REPORT

Thank you for your faithful and generous giving to Jesus' mission through Redeemer!

	INCOME*	BUDGETED EXPENSES	ACTUAL EXPENSES*	ACTUAL VARIANCE
2023 Jan-Oct	\$473,878.07	\$514,840.00	\$431,924.12	\$41,953.95
2023 October	\$40,959.61	\$51,484.00	\$45,856.72	(\$4,897.11)
2023 September	\$45,996.78	\$51,484.00	\$51,304.63	(\$5,307.85)
2023 August	\$40,811.86	\$51,484.00	\$42,910.03	(\$2,098.17)

**These include all funds and operating expenses except income and expenses in the designated building fund.*

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subscribe to our weekly news email! Contact us at office@redeemerprestemple.org to be added.

HELP DECORATE REDEEMER FOR CHRISTMAS | Help with wreaths and other holiday setup THIS Wednesday, November 29 at 9am. No special skills required! Bring work gloves. Questions? Ashley Bullard 281-814-0554

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS | Redeemer will be decorating with poinsettias again this Advent season! If you would like to purchase a poinsettia (\$12 or \$24), you may contribute through Church Center by scanning the code below. Any plants that you purchase, you may pick up after the church service on Sunday, December 31.

DIRECTORY PHOTOS | Have your family's picture taken for our directory! There will be an opportunity for photos after the worship services on December 3, 10, and 17. Please sign up using the code below to help us plan.

WOMEN'S ADVENT BRUNCH | Our annual Women's Advent Brunch will be held at Brittany Norman's home (618 N 13th St, Temple) Saturday, December 2 from 9:30-11am! Join us to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season and support Hope Pregnancy Center. If you are able and would like to donate to Hope, a list of needed items can be found by scanning the code below. You may also bring a sweet or savory brunch item to share, if desired.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS CAROLING | Join us Sunday, December 3 to kick off the season of Advent! There will be refreshments and an Advent craft for children starting at 5pm in the fellowship hall. We'll begin caroling through our neighborhood at 6pm. Family Advent books will be available!

MEN'S PUB NIGHT | Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7:30pm at O'Briens Irish Pub (11 E Central Ave, Temple)

CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS + CAROLS | Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to our annual Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 6pm! We will gather for a brief time of singing and Advent Scripture readings followed by holiday refreshments. SIGN UP to read, help set up, or bring a treat! Scan the QR code below.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN | We're in the middle of a capital campaign with the goal of paying off our mortgage principal. As of 10/31, \$152,010 has been given to the mortgage paydown and our amount owed is at \$253,138. You may give by check or through Church Center; designate your gift for the Building Fund. More info linked below.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2 Women's Advent Brunch

December 3 Neighborhood Christmas Caroling

December 7 Men's Pub Night

December 24 Christmas Eve Lessons + Carols 6pm

January 21 Sunday School resumes

February 1-3 Men's Retreat

February 11 Community Groups resume



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