



# Redeemer

PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

# Welcome to Redeemer!

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## 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.

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## 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!  
Text **RPCinfo** to **55498**

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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 First Sunday of Advent*

December 3, 2023 | 10:00 am

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*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

“ . . . too often we look for the Spirit in the extraordinary when God has promised to be present in the ordinary. We look for God in the fresh and novel, as if his grace were always an “event,” when he has promised that his Spirit faithfully attends the ordinary means of grace—in the Word, at the Table. We keep looking for God in the new, as if grace were always bound up with “the next best thing,” but Jesus encouraged us to look for God in a simple, regular meal.”

—James K. A. Smith, *You Are What You Love* (p. 67)

## SCRIPTURE FOR MEMORIZATION

### *1 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV)*

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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.

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## ADVENT CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS	Hopeful waiting. Expectancy. Longing. Things are not right within us nor in the world around us, so we wait. We wait for the arrival of King Jesus. The word “advent” comes from the Latin word <i>adventus</i> , meaning “coming” or “arrival.” During Advent we remember the first coming of Jesus and we long for his second coming. Robert Webber explains Advent as, “a corporate spiritual journey that calls for expectant waiting and readiness for the coming of the Christ. When the Church travels this journey and treats it as a discipline of life and prayer, the joy of Christmas is immeasurably intensified.”
EPIPHANY	
LENT	
EASTER	
PENTECOST	

# God's Supremacy

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Please stand.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. JB Wilbanks*

*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.*

### *Revelation 15:3-4*

Minister: "And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

**All: "Great and amazing are your deeds,  
O Lord God the Almighty!  
Just and true are your ways,  
O King of the nations!  
Who will not fear, O Lord,  
and glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come  
and worship you,  
for your righteous acts have been revealed.""**

*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.*

# God's Supremacy

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## SONG OF ADORATION

### *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

#### *Chorus:*

Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
His reign on earth begun!

1. He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
To take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

#### *Chorus*

2. He comes with comfort speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;

3. To give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in His sight.

#### *Chorus*

4. He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
spring in His path to birth.

#### *Chorus*

5. The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His Name shall stand forever,  
That Name to us is Love.

#### *Chorus*

# God's Supremacy

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Dr. Paul Hicks*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Dr. Paul Hicks*

*Westminster Larger Catechism #56*

Leader: How is Christ to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world?

**All: Christ is to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world, in that he, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men, shall come again at the last day in great power, and in the full manifestation of his own glory, and of his Father's, with all his holy angels, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, to judge the world in righteousness.**

# *God's Supremacy*

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## DOXOLOGY

*Angels from the Realms of Glory, verse 1*

*Regent Square*

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

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

Dr. Ken Smith

*Westminster Shorter Catechism #57, 61, 62, 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 forbidden in the fourth commandment?

**All:** **The fourth commandment forbids the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, by doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works about our worldly employments or recreations.**

Leader: What are the reasons added to the fourth commandment?

**All:** **The reasons added to the fourth commandment are God allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his claiming a special ownership of the seventh, his own example, and his blessing of the Sabbath day.**

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

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*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

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## SONG OF ASSURANCE

### *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

1. Come behold the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

2. Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living in His suff'ring  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law in Him we stand

3. Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured love untold

4. Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when He comes

*"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

*Mrs. Virginia Pido*

*Mark 13:24-37*

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## EXTENDING THE REDEEMER'S MISSION

*Giving to the Redeemer's Mission*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

*Dr. Ken Smith*

## 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

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*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

**Leader:** 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

*text on page 14*

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

*Isaiah 64:1-12*

*The God Who Acts*

*Rev. JB Wilbanks*

# God's Grace

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*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.*

## ISAIAH 64:1-12

- 1 Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
- 2 as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
- 3 When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
- 4 From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.
- 5 You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
- 6 We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- 7 There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
- 8 But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.
- 9 Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.
- 10 Your holy cities have become a wilderness;

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Zion has become a wilderness,  
Jerusalem a desolation.  
11 Our holy and beautiful house,  
where our fathers praised you,  
has been burned by fire,  
and all our pleasant places have become ruins.  
12 Will you restrain yourself at these things, O LORD?  
Will you keep silent, and afflict us so terribly?

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 worshiping  
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. 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.*

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*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

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## COMMUNION SONG

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

*Picardy*

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded,  
for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heav'nly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.  
Adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864  
Music: French melody, 17th cent.  
Arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906  
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# God's Grace

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## COMMUNION SONG

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*Hyfrydol*

1. 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 ev'ry nation,  
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2. 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."

3. Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
he whose glories knew no end;  
by his life he brings us gladness,  
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number,  
born within a cattle stall;  
this the everlasting wonder,  
Christ was born the Lord of all.

4. 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.

Words: Stanzas 1,4: Charles Wesley, 1744  
Stanzas 2-3: Mark E. Hunt, 1978  
Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1855  
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# God's Blessing

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## SONG OF BLESSING AND SENDING

### *God of My Life, to Thee I Call*

1. God of my life, to Thee I call,  
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall;  
When the great water floods prevail,  
Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

#### *Chorus:*

Poor though I am, despised, forgot  
Yet God, my God, forgets me not;  
And he is safe and must succeed for whom  
The Lord is sure to plead.

2. Friend of the friendless and the faint,  
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?  
Where but with Thee, whose open door  
Invites the helpless and the poor!

#### *Chorus*

3. That were a grief I could not bear,  
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer;  
But a prayer hearing, answering God  
Supports me under every load.

#### *Chorusd*

# God's Blessing

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## 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*

**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28**

Minister: "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. . . The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

## POSTLUDE

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## 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*

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## 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](mailto: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

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**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. (The link has been fixed!) Any plants that you purchase, you may pick up after the church service on Sunday, December 31.

**DIRECTORY PHOTOS** | Help us get to know one another by adding your family's picture to our Church Center directory! If you need an updated one, there will be an opportunity for photos after the worship service today as well as the next two Sundays.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS CAROLING** | Join us TONIGHT 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. There will be no hay ride this year, so bring strollers or wagons as needed. 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 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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