



# 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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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!  
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 after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord*

January 7, 2024 | 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

“If you are a creature of habit whose loves have been deformed by disordered secular liturgies, then the best gift God could give you is Spirit-infused practices that will reform and retrain your loves. And so he meets us where we are, with counterformative practices, with hunger-shaping rituals and love-shaping liturgies. . . . the most potent, charged, transformative site of the Spirit’s work is found in the most unlikely of places—the church! . . . my argument is the very opposite of novel; it’s ancient: the church’s worship is the heart of discipleship. Yes, Christian formation is a life-encompassing, Monday through Saturday, week in and week out project; but it radiates from, and is nourished by, the worship life of the congregation gathered around Word and Table. There is no sanctification without the church, not because some building holds a superstitious magic, but rather because the church is the very body of Christ, animated by the Spirit of God and composed of Spirit-ed practices.”

—James K. A. Smith, *You Are What You Love* (p. 68)

## 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.

## ADVENT CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS

**EPIPHANY**

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

We know the word: a moment of piercing awareness, the sudden jolt of understanding. This is the season of Epiphany, a season celebrating the revelation of the Savior, the light of the world. Throughout the season we focus on the ministry of Jesus: the calling of the disciples, the teachings of Christ, his miracles, and finally his transfiguration. The epiphany of Epiphany is that this is no mere teacher or prophet—this is the Son of God, the Messiah. Epiphany calls us to live God’s mission, announcing the good news of Christ’s arrival to every culture and to those who live across the street. We, the church, are sent out as the manifestation of Jesus to a watching world (from *Seeking God’s Face* by Philip Reinders).

# God's Supremacy

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Please stand.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Dr. Ken Smith*

*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.*

### *Isaiah 55:1-3*

Leader: ““Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.”

*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

### *Before the Throne of God Above*

1. Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest whose name is love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands.  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

3. Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness.  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of Glory and of Grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die.  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

# God's Supremacy

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Dr. Ken Smith*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Dr. Ken Smith*

*Philippians 2:5-11 (CSB)*

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. Instead he humbled himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow - in heaven and on earth and under the earth - and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

# *God's Supremacy*

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## DOXOLOGY

### *Doxology*

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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

*Rev. JB Wilbanks*

### *Westminster Shorter Catechism #76, 77, 78, 82*

Minister: What is the ninth commandment?

**All: The ninth commandment is, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”**

Minister: What is required in the ninth commandment?

**All: The ninth commandment requires maintaining and promoting truth between one person and another, as well as maintaining and promoting our neighbor’s good name as well as our own, especially when being a legal witness.**

Minister: What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

**All: The ninth commandment forbids anything that puts the truth at risk or is injurious to our own or our neighbor’s good name.**

Minister: 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: God of all truth,  
in whom there is no falsehood,  
we confess that:  
We have not protected and promoted  
the good name of our neighbor.  
We have remained silent and allowed the truth  
to remain concealed.  
We have listened eagerly to rumors,  
and passed them along to others.  
We have spoken the truth maliciously  
in order to tear down.  
We have twisted the truth  
and caused it to be misunderstood.  
We have rejoiced in the disgrace of others.  
We lie because we crave power or honor or affirmation.  
We lie because we care more about what others think of us  
than we do the wonder of being identified with Jesus.  
We do not perceive the value of being accepted by Jesus,  
so we lie to gain the acceptance of others.  
Allow us to see you as you are,  
to feel your passionate love for us.  
Let us find our security, status,  
and identity in you alone.  
Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT

*Rev. JB Wilbanks*

*Isaiah 53:11-12*

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

“Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”

Please stand  
for the Song of  
Assurance.

# God's Grace

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## SONG OF ASSURANCE

### *Not What My Hands Have Done*

1. Not what my hands have done  
Can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne  
Can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do  
Can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers,  
And sighs and tears  
Can bear my awful load.

2. Thy work alone, O Christ,  
Can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God,  
Can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God,  
Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,  
Can rid me of  
This dark unrest,  
And set my spirit free!

3. Thy grace alone, O God,  
To me can pardon speak;  
Thy power alone, O Son of God,  
Can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save Thine,  
No other blood will do;  
No strength save that,  
Which is divine,  
Can bear me safely through.

4. I bless the Christ of God;  
I rest on love divine;  
And with unfaltering lip and heart,  
I call this Savior mine.  
His cross dispels each doubt;  
I bury in His tomb  
My unbelief,  
And all my fear,  
Each lingering shade of gloom.

5. I praise the God of grace;  
I trust His truth and might;  
He calls me His, I call Him mine,  
My God, my joy, my light.  
'Tis He Who saveth me,  
And freely pardon gives;  
I love because  
He loveth me,  
I live because He lives!

*"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

*Dr. Chris Sartin*

*Mark 1:4-11*

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

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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

**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

*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 55*

*The Free Offer*

*Rev. Justin Smith*

*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 55

- 1 “Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price!
- 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- 4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- 5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for has glorified you.”
- 6 “Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;
- 7 let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
- 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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10 “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12 “For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light. 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

### *Be Thou My Vision*

*Slanes*

1. Be Thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought,  
by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my wisdom,  
and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and  
Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father,  
I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling,  
and I with Thee one.

3. Be Thou my battle shield,  
sword for my fight;  
Be Thou my dignity,  
Thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter,  
Thou my high tow'r:  
Raise Thou me heav'nward,  
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4. Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always:  
Thou and Thou only,  
first in my heart,  
High King of heaven,  
my treasure Thou art.

5. High King of heaven,  
my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
Still be my vision,  
O ruler of all.

# God's Grace

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## COMMUNION SONG

### *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
'Til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
Receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none,  
I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want,  
Here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am;  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart;  
For all eternity.

# God's Blessing

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## SONG OF BLESSING AND SENDING

### *All Must Be Well*

1. Through the love of God our Savior,  
All will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor,  
All is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

2. Though we pass through tribulation,  
All will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation,  
All is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

3. We expect a bright tomorrow;  
All will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,  
All is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

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Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

# 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*

### *Ephesians 3:20-21*

Minister: "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

## 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 15:** Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?

**ANSWER:** That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior.

*Romans 3:20*

**QUESTION 16:** What is sin?

**ANSWER:** Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation. *John 3:4*

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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-Nov	\$531,385.17	\$566,324.00	\$469,128.75	\$62,256.42
2023 November	\$57,507.71	\$51,484.00	\$40,993.86	\$16,513.85
2023 October	\$40,959.61	\$51,484.00	\$47,765.72	(\$6,806.11)
2023 September	\$45,996.78	\$51,484.00	\$44,270.89	\$1,725.89

*\*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](mailto:office@redeemerprestemple.org) to be added.

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### PRIME TIME FELLOWSHIP (55+) GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, January 9, 6-8pm in the lower level. For info contact Laurie Kiniry 254.541.5701

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, join us this spring as we go through the book of 1 John together! Groups will meet Wednesdays at 6:30pm and Fridays at 9:30am starting January 24. Childcare is available for the Friday morning study. Books are available on the book table. Sign up using the code below!

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We're in the middle of a capital campaign with the goal of paying off our mortgage principal. So far, \$173,454 has been given to the mortgage paydown and our amount owed is at \$233,628. You may give by check or through Church Center; designate your gift for the Building Fund. More info linked below.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 9** Prime Time Fellowship (55+) Game Night

**January 21** Sunday School resumes

**January 24** Women's Bible study begins

**February 1-3** Men's Retreat

**February 11** Community Groups resume



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