



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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 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

Dr. David Joffrion

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 Spirited practices.”

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

SCRIPTURE FOR MEMORIZATION

Romans 11:33-36 (ESV)

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. JB Wilbanks

Revelation 5:6-10

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: "And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

**All: "Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.""**

God's Supremacy

SONG OF ADORATION

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

2. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy Name.

3. Jesus, the Name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

4. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to His voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

6. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

God's Supremacy

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. JB Wilbanks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. JB Wilbanks

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed "was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ." (Trinity Hymnal) "In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451, but the filioque phrase ["and the Son"] was not added until 589." (Ecumenical Creeds and Reformed Confessions)

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

**All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

God's Supremacy

DOXOLOGY

All Creatures of Our God and King (v. 2)

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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!

God's Renewal

Please be seated.

THE LAW OF GOD

Dr. Paul Hicks

Matthew 22:37-40

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.

Leader: “And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.””

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: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess
that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed;
we have not loved you
with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength;
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
Deepen within us our sorrow
for the wrong we have done,
and the good we have left undone.
Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious,
slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy;
there is always forgiveness with you!
Restore to us the joy of your salvation;
bind up that which is broken,
give light to our minds,
strength to our wills,
and rest to our souls.
Speak to each of us,
and let your Word abide with us
until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT

Rev. JB Wilbanks

Galations 4:4-7

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

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.”

Please stand
for the Song of
Assurance.

God's Grace

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Christ is Mine Forevermore

1. Mine are days that God has numbered;
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet, I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings.

But mine is hope in my Redeemer;
Though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing;
I am His forevermore.

2. Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
Darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good.

But mine is peace that flows from heaven,
And the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted;
Christ completes His work in me.

3. Mine are days here as a stranger,
Pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name.

But mine is armor for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war.
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure;
Christ is mine forevermore.

Come rejoice now, O my soul,
For His love is my reward.
Fear is gone and hope is sure;
Christ is mine forevermore.

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“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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

RECEIVING OF MEMBERS

Grayson and Meredith Horton

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

EXTENDING THE REDEEMER'S MISSION

Men's Retreat Testimony

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Paul Hicks

SILENT PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION

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.**

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.

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

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

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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

Luke 3:1-22

Fruits in Keeping with Repentance

Rev. JB Wilbanks

God's Grace

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.

LUKE 3:1-22

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷ He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹ And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³ And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

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¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

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.*

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

Isaiah 43

1. When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you,
And the waves will not
Overcome you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
You are Mine.

Chorus:

For I am the Lord your God
(I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel
Your Savior
For I am the Lord your God
(I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel
Your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)

2. When you walk through the fire
You'll not be burned,
And the flames will not
Consume you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
You are Mine.

Chorus

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

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

1. How firm a foundation,
you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith
in His excellent Word!
What more can He say
than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge
to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with you,
O be not dismayed;
For I am your God,
and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous,
omnipotent hand."

3. "When through the deep waters
I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow
shall not overflow;
For I will be with you,
your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you
your deepest distress."

4. "When through fiery trials
your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient,
shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you;
I only design
Your dross to consume,
and your gold to refine."

5. "E'en down to old age
all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal,
unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs
shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still
in my bosom be borne."

6. "The soul that on Jesus
has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not
desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never,
no never forsake."

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

Romans 15:5-7

Minister: "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

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 23: Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

ANSWER: That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.

Acts 2:24

QUESTION 24: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

ANSWER: Since death is the punishment for sin, **Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God.** By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life. *Colossians 1:21-22*

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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

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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-Dec	\$593,003.29	\$617,808.00	\$522,253.01	\$70,750.28
2023 December	\$61,618.12	\$51,484.00	\$49,040.42	\$12,577.70
2023 November	\$57,507.10	\$51,484.00	\$45,077.70	\$12,429.40
2023 October	\$40,959.61	\$51,484.00	\$47,765.72	(\$6,806.11)

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

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

More info can be found in our weekly news email! Contact us at office@redeemerprestemple.org to be added.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEET SUNDAYS AT 9AM (NO CLASSES FEB. 4)

ADULTS | Stroll through the Westminster Confession of Faith (*worship annex*)

YOUTH | 10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer) about Christianity (*downstairs*)

CHILDREN | PreK-5th grade will learn about the Bible, catechism, and memory verses! (*upstairs*)

NURSERY | Available for infants and toddlers 2 months—3 years

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THIS WEEK | Ladies, join us this spring for a study of 1 John! Groups meet Wednesdays 6:30pm and Fridays 9:30am (childcare available) starting Jan. 24. Sign up using the code below.

RSM PARENT/VOLUNTEER MEETING TODAY | RSM parents/volunteers, please meet in the annex after the service for a brief intro from Rob Young and to hear about spring semester and summer conference plans!

ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT | Feb. 1-4 at Selah Springs Ranch. Don't let cost be a barrier! Speak with David Joffrion or Michael Spencer with any questions. Sign up using the code below.

C.A.R.E. NETWORK MEETING | Redeemer will be hosting a C.A.R.E. Network meeting Thurs., Feb. 1, 7:30-8:45am (breakfast served). This is a forum for faith-based groups to share what they are doing in our community. All are welcome! Questions? Gary Rapp 281.732.8824

JOIN A COMMUNITY GROUP | Community Groups signups are now available! Groups begin meeting the week of Feb. 11.

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 and our amount owed is \$233,628. You may give by check or through Church Center; designate your gift for the Building Fund. More info linked below.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1-4 Men's Retreat

February 4 No Sunday School

February 11 Community Groups resume

February 13 Prime Time Fellowship (55+) Game Night

March 7 Men's Pub Night

March 10 No Sunday School (Spring Break)

March 31 Easter Brunch, No Sunday School

April 12-13 Women's In-Town Retreat

May 5 Last week of Sunday School



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