



# 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!  
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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 Second Sunday in Lent*

February 25, 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

Christian community means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. There is no Christian community that is more than this, and none that is less than this. Whether it be a brief, single encounter or the daily community of many years, Christian community is solely this. We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ.

What does that mean? It means, *first*, that a Christian needs others for the sake of Jesus Christ. It means, *second*, that a Christian comes to others only through Jesus Christ. It means, *third*, that from eternity we have been chosen in Jesus Christ, accepted in time, and united for eternity.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

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download the  
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Bible memory  
system app.*



## SCRIPTURE FOR MEMORIZATION

### *Acts 5:29 (ESV)*

<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.”

## ADVENT CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

**LENT**

EASTER

PENTECOST

“A journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the ‘bright sadness’ of Lent, we see - far, far away - the destination. It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom.” (Alexander Schmemmann) The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives... Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus’ passion and celebrating Jesus’ resurrection (From *The Worship Sourcebook*).

# God's Supremacy

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Please stand.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Mr. Heath Robinson*

*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.*

### *Psalm 59:16-17*

Leader: "But I will sing of your strength;  
I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.  
For you have been to me a fortress  
and a refuge in the day of my distress.

**All: O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,  
for you, O God, are my fortress,  
the God who shows me steadfast love."**

*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

### *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

1. Arise, my soul, arise,  
shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice,  
on my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

#### *Chorus:*

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

2. He ever lives above,  
for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love,  
His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

#### *Chorus*

3. Five bleeding wounds He bears;  
received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers;  
they strongly plead for me:  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

#### *Chorus*

4. The Father hears Him pray,  
His dear anointed One;  
He cannot turn away  
the presence of His Son;  
The Spirit answers to the blood,  
The Spirit answers to the blood  
And tells me I am born of God.

#### *Chorus*

5. My God is reconciled;  
His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child;  
I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.

#### *Chorus*

# God's Supremacy

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## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Mr. Heath Robinson*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Mr. Heath Robinson*

### *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)*

Leader: 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*

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## DOXOLOGY

### *Praise the Father, Praise the Son (v. 1)*

Oh sovereign God, oh matchless King  
The saints adore, the angels sing  
And fall before the throne of grace  
To you belongs the highest praise.

Praise the Father, praise the Son.  
Praise the Spirit, three in One.  
Clothed in power and in grace  
The name above all other names.

Please be seated.

## THE LAW OF GOD

*Dr. Ken Smith*

### *Deuteronomy 5:6, 12-15*

*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: ““I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. . . .

““Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. 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 or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.”



# 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

### *Man of Sorrows*

1. Man of sorrows, Lamb of God  
By His own betrayed  
The sin of man and wrath of God  
Has been on Jesus laid

2. Silent as He stood accused  
Beaten mocked and scorned  
Bowing to the Father's will  
He took a crown of thorns

#### *Chorus:*

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out, hallelujah  
Praise and honor unto Thee

3. Sent of heaven, God's own Son  
To purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones  
Who nailed Him to that tree

#### *Chorus*

Now my debt is paid  
It is paid in full  
By the precious blood  
That my Jesus spilled  
Now the curse of sin  
Has no hold on me  
Whom the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed

#### *Repeat*

#### *Chorus*

4. See the stone is rolled away  
Behold the empty tomb  
Hallelujah, God be praised  
He's risen from the grave

#### *Chorus*

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

**Please be seated.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Mr. Jim West*

*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## 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 in the annex 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 annex 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

*Luke 4:31-44*

*"What is this word?"*

*Rev. JB Wilbanks*

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

## LUKE 4:31-44

<sup>31</sup> And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, <sup>32</sup> and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. <sup>33</sup> And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup> “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>35</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm.

<sup>36</sup> And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” <sup>37</sup> And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

<sup>38</sup> And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. <sup>39</sup> And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

<sup>40</sup> Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. <sup>41</sup> And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

<sup>42</sup> And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, <sup>43</sup> but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” <sup>44</sup> And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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## SERMON NOTES

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

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

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS TO BE FED

*Rev. JB Wilbanks*

### *The Great Thanksgiving*

#### *Sursum Corda*

Minister: The Lord be with you!

**People: And with your spirit!**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. And now we give you thanks because Christ was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died and rose again for us. 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 Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

1. Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has brought us nigh to God

2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He presents our souls to God

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God

4. Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

# God's Grace

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## COMMUNION SONG

### *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

1. There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains,  
Lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains.

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there have I, as vile as he,  
Washed all my sins away:  
Washed all my sins away,  
Washed all my sins away;  
And there have I, as vile as he,  
Washed all my sins away.

3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Your flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.

4. Then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue  
Lies silent in the grave:  
Lies silent in the grave,  
Lies silent in the grave;  
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue  
Lies silent in the grave.

5. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its pow'r,  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more:  
Be saved to sin no more,  
Be saved to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more.

# God's Blessing

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## SONG OF BLESSING AND SENDING

### *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

1. O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness,  
Most beautiful, most bright:  
On Thee, the high and lowly,  
Through ages joined in tune,  
Sing holy, holy, holy,  
To the great God Triune.

2. On Thee, at the creation,  
The light first had its birth;  
On Thee, for our salvation,  
Christ rose from depths of earth;  
On Thee, our Lord, victorious,  
The Spirit sent from heav'n,  
And thus on Thee, most glorious,  
A triple light was giv'n.

3. Thou art a port protected  
From storms that round us rise;  
A garden intersected  
With streams of paradise;  
Thou art a cooling fountain  
In life's dry dreary sand;  
From Thee, like Pisgah's mountain,  
We view our promised land.

4. Today on weary nations  
The heav'nly manna falls;  
To holy convocations  
The silver trumpet calls,  
Where gospel light is glowing  
With pure and radiant beams,  
And living water flowing,  
With soul-refreshing streams.

5. New graces ever gaining  
From this, our day of rest,  
We reach the rest remaining  
To spirits of the blessed.  
To Holy Ghost be praises,  
To Father, and to Son;  
The church her voice upraises  
To Thee, blessed Three in One.

# 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 Peter 5:10-11*

Minister: "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion 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 31:** What do we believe by true faith?

**ANSWER:** Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: **We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.** *Jude 3*

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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-Dec	\$593,003.29	\$617,808.00	\$522,253.02	\$70,750.28
2024 January	\$52,830.27	\$56,335.00	\$59,263.98	(\$6,433.71)
2023 December	\$61,618.12	\$51,484.00	\$50,947.38	\$10,670.74
2023 November	\$57,507.10	\$51,484.00	\$45,077.70	\$12,429.40

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

**MORTGAGE AS OF 1/31/2024** **\$216,017.50**

# EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

More info can be found in our weekly news email! Contact us at [office@redeemerprestemple.org](mailto:office@redeemerprestemple.org) to be added.

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

Please stick around after the service for a brief meeting to go over the 2024 budget and cast vision for the coming year.

## INTRO TO REDEEMER

The Intro to Redeemer class is for anyone who wants to know more about who Redeemer is, why we exist, what we believe, and what it means to be part of the church. This two-part class will take place March 3 and 17 during the Sunday School hour at 9am. Please sign up using the link below!

## LANDSCAPING SPRING CLEANUP

The Landscaping Team will be doing some spring cleaning on Saturday, March 9, starting at 9am. All are welcome!

## MEN'S CROKINOLE SHOWDOWN

Thursday, March 7 at 8pm at Michael Spencer's (2614 Marlandwood Rd, Temple)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEET SUNDAYS AT 9AM

**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

Groups meet Wednesdays at 6:30pm and Fridays at 9:30am (childcare available) through March 8.

## JOIN A COMMUNITY GROUP

Find a Community Group using the code below!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 25** Congregational Meeting

**March 3 + 17** Intro to Redeemer

**March 7** Men's Crokinole Showdown

**March 10** No Sunday School (Spring Break)

**March 29** Good Friday service

**March 31** Easter Brunch, No Sunday School

**April 12-13** Women's In-Town Retreat

**May 5** Last week of Sunday School and Community Groups



**WORSHIP** | Sundays 10:00 AM

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