



# Redeemer

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The sorrows of those who run after another god  
shall multiply.

-PSALM 16:4A

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Psalm 27, verses 1, 3, and 14

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**People: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!



#### WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

We're glad to have you joining us in worship today. If you'd like to know more about Redeemer, including ways to get involved, please scan the QR code and let us know.

## ADORING GOD IN SONG

### *O Worship the King*

TRINITY HYMNAL #2 (VERSES 1, 2, 4, 5)

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing His power and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space,  
Whose chariots of wrath  
The deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.



#### **PARENTS AND NURSING MOMS:**

If you are a nursing mom in need of a quiet place on Sunday mornings, please see the nursery coordinator. During this phase of construction, Pastor Ross's office is doubling as our nursing mother's room on Sunday mornings. The infant nursery is also available. Our nursery coordinator will be happy to show you to the office or the nursery and help you get settled.

## *I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)*

I lift my eyes up, up to the mountains,  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from you, Maker of heaven,  
Creator of the earth.

O how I need you Lord. You are my only hope;  
You are my only prayer.  
So I will wait for you to come and rescue me,  
To come and give me life.  
(Repeat all)

I lift my eyes up, up to the mountains,  
Where does my help come from?

*I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)*  
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Brian Doerksen based on Psalm 121

# CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE

*Prayer of Confession*

*Assurance of Pardoning Grace*

MATTHEW 1:21-23

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

## DEACON'S PRAYER

DAVID TUCKER

*Doxology*

TRINITY HYMNAL #731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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### HOW CAN WE CONTINUE TO GIVE TO THE CHURCH?

You can drop a check or cash in the giving box on the table in the foyer. You can mail or drop a check by the church office during the week. If you stop by the office, you can leave your check in the outside mailbox. You can also give online either through your Breeze account or on the website. Online you can give by credit card or bank ACH.

# MINISTRY OF WORD & PRAYER

## PSALM 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

2 My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

4 Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

6 The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

8 The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

*Prayer for the Kingdom of God on Earth*

MIKE NEWKIRK

## SONG OF PREPARATION

### *He Will Hold Me Fast*

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

Chorus:

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast  
(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last  
(Chorus 2x)

*He Will Hold Me Fast*  
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Music: Matt Merker



#### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:**

Children ages 3 through K are invited to go to Children's Church during the Song of Preparation. Children's Church consists of a lesson, singing, and they will meet the Elder of the Week. This is an optional activity that will help to prepare your child for participating in the full worship service.

# SERMON

## *Where Do We Look for Help?*

Psalm 121

ROSS JELGERHUIS, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Listen to the Sermon online at:  
[WWW.REDEEMERPCA.COM](http://WWW.REDEEMERPCA.COM)



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## RESPONSE AND BLESSING

### *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

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

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*  
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Words & Music: Stuart Townend

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

I will not boast in anything:  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:  
His death and resurrection.  
**Why should I gain from His reward?**  
**I cannot give an answer.**  
**But this I know with all my heart:**  
**His wounds have paid my ransom.**  
(Repeat bold)

## BENEDICTION

### **Officer Nominations: Extended through January 2**

We are accepting officer nominations through January 2. Prayerfully look around and see who is already shepherding, caring for people's souls and/or faithfully serving others. These are the men you should nominate to go through officer training.

### **No Sunday School: Today & January 2**

There will not be Sunday School this morning and on Sunday, January 2. Sunday School will return, Sunday, January 9.

### **Church Office Holiday Schedule & Year-End Giving**

The office will be closed from December 24 - January 3. If you'd like to make a contribution before the end of the year you can mail your check to the church office, and it will be counted as part of your 2021 giving as long as it is postmarked by December 31. You can also give online at [redeemerpca.com](http://redeemerpca.com). All gifts postmarked on or after January 1 will be credited to 2022.

### **A Gift for You**

Pick up your 2022 Community Bible Reading Journal today in the foyer. It includes a 2022 reading plan. You may pick one up from the foyer table or e-mail the office to coordinate delivery/pick-up during the week.

### **Redeemer Women: Book Study Opportunity**

We will be reading and discussing *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. These discussions will be held on Zoom on December 29, January 5, January 12 and January 19. E-mail Sook Cadwell, [sookcadwell@gmail.com](mailto:sookcadwell@gmail.com) with any questions and to sign up.

### **Redeemer Women: Bible Study**

Women's Bible study groups will kickoff their spring semester the week of January 24. They will continue their study of Hebrews. If you weren't able to participate in the fall but want to join a Bible study, now's a great time. In-person and online small groups are available. For more information, reach out to Marilyn Helms, [helms.mare@gmail.com](mailto:helms.mare@gmail.com).

### **New Adult Class, Biblical Sexuality, begins January 9**

Sexuality is a gift designed by God for his glory and our good. Sadly, it has been deeply ruined by sin, and it's true beauty obscured by our brokenness. Our hypersexualized age seeks to disciple us each day with an incomplete picture of sexuality. We need a divine vision for the way love was meant to be, with a gospel that offers forgiveness for sin and grace to live in the way that God has made us to be. Thankfully, God has given us such a vision in his word. Join us in the Adult Class starting January 9 as we consider Song of Songs and other relevant passages/topics to pursue an understanding of God's vision and purpose for our sexuality.

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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### Sunday

- Worship, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- Worship & Livestream, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

### Wednesday

- *Mere Christianity* Book Study, 10:00 a.m., Zoom, Questions? Contact Sook Cadwell, sookcadwell@gmail.com

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- JANUARY 5, 12, 19  
***Mere Christianity* Book Study**, 10:00 a.m., Zoom
- JANUARY 2:  
**No Sunday School**
- JANUARY 12:  
**Student Ministry New Year Party**, 6:45 p.m. at the Phillips' home.
- JANUARY 14:  
**5th & 6th Grade Gathering**, 7:00 p.m. at the Barnes' home.

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## STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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## OUR MISSIONARIES & MINISTRY PARTNERS

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We are a community of people who desire to declare and display both locally and globally the life-changing power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a church, we seek to live in such a way that Jesus is seen as beautiful and believable in North Raleigh and the world. Therefore, we partner with like-minded people committed to the same mission beyond North Raleigh. We support them generously, sacrificially, personally, and prayerfully and consider them part of our Redeemer church family.

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### **Cartee & Colleen**

MTW - Senior Director of Field Operations

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MTW

### **Justine Bowser**

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MTW - Japan

### **Puerta de Esperanza**

MTW - Honduras

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India

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### **Dave & Darlene Eby**

Africa Reformation Theological Seminary  
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### **Lamp Seminary - RDU**