



Redeemer

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christmas doesn't ignore your pain.

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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 Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
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O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.



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.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

TRINITY HYMNAL #203

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
(Refrain)

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
(Refrain)

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

JAMES RUSHING

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.

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 126:4-6

- 4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like streams in the Negeb!
- 5 Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!
- 6 He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

ISAIAH 25:6-9

- 6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- 7 And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
- 8 He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
- 9 It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Prayer for the Kingdom of God on Earth

DAN KEMP

SONG OF PREPARATION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
(Refrain)

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
(Refrain)

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
(Refrain)

O come, Thou Key of David,
Come and open wide our heav'nly home
Make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
(Refrain)



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

Waiting on God with Joy in Sorrow

Psalm 126:4-6 & Isaiah 25:6-9

ROSS JELGERHUIS, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Listen to the Sermon online at:
WWW.REDEEMERPCA.COM



1. Joy through sorrow (Psalm 126:4-6)

2. Joy in spite of sorrow (Isaiah 25:6-9)

3. Joy in the man of sorrows (Isaiah 25:6-9)

RESPONSE AND BLESSING

Is He Worthy?

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Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? **(We do.)**
Do you feel the shadows deepen? **(We do.)**
But do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through? **(We do.)**
Do you wish that you could see it all made
new? **(We do.)**

Is all creation groaning? **(It is.)**
Is a new creation coming? **(It is.)**
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within
our midst? **(It is.)**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?
(It is.)

Pre-Chorus 1:
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah,
who conquered the grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave.

Chorus 1:
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is.

Does the Father truly love us? **(He does.)**
Does the Spirit move among us? **(He does.)**
And does Jesus, our Messiah,
hold forever those He loves? **(He does.)**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
(He does.)

Pre-Chorus 2:
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the
scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to
ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe,
Every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
to reign with the Son.

Chorus 2:
Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is!

BENEDICTION

Officer Nominations

We are accepting officer nominations through December 15. 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.

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 with any questions and to sign up.

Redeemer Family Christmas: Carols, Cookies, & Cocoa

Join us tonight at 6 p.m. for a fun Christmas night at Redeemer. There will be a time to gather and fellowship. We'll sip cocoa and sing some of our favorite Christmas carols outside. Adults are encouraged to wear festive Christmas sweaters and our younger members can wear Christmas pajamas.

Refugee Hope Partners Christmas Project

Let's help Refugee Hope Partners welcome refugee families this Christmas. You can help by purchasing gift cards to Walmart and Target. Or you can purchase items off of RHP's Amazon wish list. Gift Cards and Amazon wish list items help provide refugee families with household essentials. More information is available in the foyer.

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. All gifts postmarked on or after January 1 will be credited to 2022.

Message from the Diaconate - Gift of Thanks to Our Staff

The Diaconate would like to provide the opportunity for you to contribute to a year-end gift for the staff. This monetary gift will be given as a small token of appreciation for the hard work and dedication our church staff provides. We would like to collect your contributions by Sunday, December 19. As these funds are being collected for the express purpose of a year-end gift for the staff of Redeemer PCA, your contribution is considered a donation to a charitable organization. Please note "year-end staff gift" in the memo portion of your check. Your contribution will be included in your annual statement of giving to Redeemer. Contact a deacon with any questions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday

- Worship, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- Sunday School, 10 a.m.
- Worship & Livestream, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
- Redeemer Family Christmas, 6 p.m., outside

Monday

- Moms in Prayer, 9 a.m., off site
- Men's Monday Evening Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., off site

Wednesday

- Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., off site

Friday

- Men's Friday Morning Bible Study, 7:00 a.m., at Redeemer & virtual

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **DECEMBER 18:**

Safe Families Reindeer Run

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., North Raleigh Christian Academy. Contact Shannon Roberts with questions, smrobertsRN@gmail.com

- **DECEMBER 19:**

Lessons & Carols Worship Service,

If we are in the new sanctuary: 10:00 a.m.

If we are in the existing sanctuary: 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m., Redeemer

- **DECEMBER 24:**

Christmas Eve

If we are in the new sanctuary: 4:30 p.m.

If we are in the existing sanctuary: 4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

(Childcare available at 4:30 p.m.)

- **DECEMBER 26 & JANUARY 2:**

No Sunday School

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Christmas Services at Redeemer

