



Redeemer

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 4, 2022

Christmas taps into something
hidden in the human soul.

DAVID MATHIS

ADDRESS

11412 Strickland Road,
Raleigh, NC 27613

PHONE

919.518.2370

WEBSITE

www.redeemerpca.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Revelation 22: 12, 13, 20

Leader: With great hope, hear and hold fast the promise of the Lord Jesus:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Surely I am coming soon."

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



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.

We have a hearing loop. Please switch your hearing aid to T-coil.



Hearing Loop
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

ADORING GOD IN SONG

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

TRINITY HYMNAL #195

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.



PARENTS AND NURSING MOMS:

We have a "wiggle room" in the back of the Sanctuary. While not soundproof, it does offer you a little extra room to move around. If you are a nursing mom in need of a quiet place on Sunday mornings, the "wiggle room" and infant nursery are available options. We also have a nursing mother's room available on the lower level. Changing tables and changing supplies are also available on the lower level. Our nursery coordinator will be happy to answer any questions and help you get settled.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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.

I 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. Amen.

*THAT IS, THE TRUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF ALL TIMES AND ALL PLACES

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DEACON'S PRAYER

KEN COYER

OFFERTORY

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In his living, in his suffering
Neither trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death, the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As will we be when He comes
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
© 2012 Bleeker Publishing
Words & Music: Matt Boswell,
Matt Papa, Michael Bleeker

HOW CAN WE GIVE TO THE CHURCH?

There are several ways to give to the church. You can drop a check or cash in the offering plate as it is passed. You can mail a check, bring it by the church office, or leave it in our outside mailbox. You can also give online through your Breeze account or on our website. Online you can give by credit card or Bank ACH. Questions? Contact the church office, office@redeemerpca.net

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.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

MINISTRY OF WORD & PRAYER

LUKE 1:39-45

(PAGES 1088 IN THE PEW BIBLE)

Prayer for the Kingdom of God on Earth

BRUCE NARVESON

SONG OF PREPARATION

See How Good It Is (Psalm 133)

See how good it is
Gathering with friends
Welcoming the stranger in
See how good it is

See How Good It Is
© 2019 Wendell Kimbrough (BMI),
Integrity Worship Music (ASCAP)
and Paper News Publishing (ASCAP)
Words and Music by Wendell Kimbrough
& Sandra McCracken

Chorus:
When God's children live as one
By the Spirit we become
The open arms of God
To a world in need of love

Sad divisions cease
We're ordained as priests
Spreading out God's joyful feast
See how good it is
(Repeat Chorus)

See the earth renewed
By the morning dew
All creation sings the truth:
"See how good it is!"
(Repeat Chorus)

To a world in need of love



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

Elizabeth's Song

Luke 1:39-45

ROSS JELGERHUIS, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

1. Joy of dependence (v. 39-42)

2. Joy of humility (v. 43-44)

3. Joy of belief (v. 45)

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



COMMUNION

Invitation and Fencing of the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Consecration

Words of Institution

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-30

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

WE SERVE GRAPE JUICE AND WINE. JUICE CUPS ARE CLEAR AND IN THE INNER RING OF THE TRAYS. WINE CUPS ARE PURPLE AND IN THE OUTER RING OF THE TRAY.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT TAKING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. 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, 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 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 Savior and Lord. 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.



THE LORD'S SUPPER is the family meal of Christians. Redeemer Presbyterian Church welcomes all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament. If you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, and are a baptized member of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, we invite you to participate in the Lord's Supper with us. If you are not a Christian or are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the Church.

RESPONSE AND BLESSING

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Ludwig van Beethoven
Public Domain

BENEDICTION

Prayer Meetings: Thursday, December 8 and December 22

In December, we will offer a set time of prayer to pray for each other, the church, and the world. We will gather from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, and Thursday, December 22, in Room 2 (Conference Room, near the church office.) Have a question? Contact Silas Rodriguez, silasr325@gmail.com, or Mike Newkirk, newkirk.mike@gmail.com.

5th & 6th Grade Gathering Friday, December 9

The next 5th & 6th Grade Gathering will be held Friday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Matt and Lisa Harmon (10728 Grassy Creek Place, Raleigh, 27614). Questions? Reach out to Anne Larsen, (919) 357-7961.

Family Advent Devotionals

The Children's Ministry Team would like to assist parents in helping their children to Know and Follow Jesus. We have copies of the Advent Devotional, A Jesus Christmas, for Redeemer families. They are available on a table in the foyer. Please help yourself but only take one per family.

Message from the Diaconate - Gift of Thanks to Our Staff

To the Redeemer Family: Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting the ministries and staff of Redeemer throughout 2022. 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 throughout the year.

We would like to collect your contributions by Sunday, December 25. 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. If you have any questions, please contact any Deacon.

Redeemer Family Christmas Party: Sunday, December 11, 6:00 p.m.

The Children's Ministry Team invites everyone to join us on Sunday, December 11, for a night of church family fun as we drink cocoa, sing carols, and watch a Christmas movie. This church-wide event will be a night of Christmas fun that you will not want to miss! We'll gather at 6:00 p.m. for Cookies and Cocoa in the foyer. At 6:30 p.m. we'll sing some Christmas carols in the 242 Room. After carols, we will watch a Christmas movie. Come in your festive Christmas sweater. Kids are welcome to wear Christmas pj's. Please bring a plate of cookies or snack to share. Visit www.redeemerpca.com/christmas-2022 to RSVP.

Redeemer Christmas Dinner: Saturday, December 17, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a festive evening for adult members and friends of Redeemer. (Childcare will NOT be provided.) Appetizers, salad, a full buffet dinner with a carving station, and dessert will be served. Cost is \$30 per person. Visit www.redeemerpca.com/christmas-2022 to RSVP.

Lessons & Carols Service: Sunday, December 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Join us Sunday, December 18, for our Lessons and Carols service at 10:00 a.m. This service will intersperse Scripture readings from the Old and New Testament and familiar Christmas Carols and will end with a sermon.

Christmas Eve Service: Saturday, December 24, at 4:30 p.m.

Join us for our Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24, at 4:30 p.m. Please note there will be no childcare. The 242 Room and nurseries will be open and available for families to use. The service will be livestreamed in the 242 Room.

Christmas Day & New Year's Day Services

We will gather for worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1. Please note: there will be NO Sunday School on December 25 and January 1.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday

- Sunday School, 9 a.m.
- Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Monday

- Men's Monday Evening Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., at Redeemer
- Women's Monday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., at Redeemer and virtual

Wednesday

- Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00 a.m., 242 Room, at Redeemer
- Student Ministry Large Group, 6:30 p.m., 242 Room, at Redeemer
- Women's Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., B011, at Redeemer

Thursday

- Music Team Practice, 7:30 p.m., at Redeemer

Friday

- Men's Friday Morning Bible Study, 7:00 a.m., virtual and at Redeemer
- 5th & 6th Grade Gathering, 7:00 p.m., at the Harmon's home

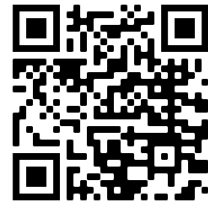
Saturday

- Safe Families Reindeer Run, 9 a.m. Details on our website, www.redeemerpca.com/upcoming-events

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 11: Children's Ministry Family Christmas Party at 6 p.m.
- December 17: Christmas Dinner
- December 18: Lessons & Carols Service, 10 a.m.
- December 22: Prayer Meeting
- December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 4:30 p.m., no childcare
- December 25 & January 1: No Sunday School

Scan this QR code
to learn more about
our upcoming
events and to RSVP:



STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Dan Seale, *Senior Pastor*

DAN@REDEEMERPCA.NET

Ross Jelgerhuis, *Associate Pastor*

ROSS@REDEEMERPCA.NET

Garrett Black, *Student Ministry Director*

GARRETT@REDEEMERPCA.NET

Brook Hagan, *Administrator*

OFFICE@REDEEMERPCA.NET

Toney-Paite Phillips

Student Ministry Assistant

TONEYPAITE@REDEEMERPCA.NET

Anna Baughman,

Children's Ministry Coordinator

CHILDRENSMINISTRY@REDEEMERPCA.NET

Morgan Slate, *Nursery Director*

NURSERYDIRECTOR@REDEEMERPCA.NET

COMMUNITY GROUPS

In a world that has become increasingly marked by isolation and individualism, God reminds us through his Word that he has designed life to be lived in dynamic relationships of trust and love. For this reason, Redeemer also meets in homes throughout the city for encouragement, Bible study and prayer as a family. Outside of Sunday Morning Worship, Community Groups are the main way to get plugged in here at Redeemer.

You may join these groups at any time during the year and jump right into one, or you can visit a few groups before settling down. Some are meeting in person; others are meeting virtually. If you would like more information, please contact the church office to find out more. We would love to have you join us.

**NOTE: COMMUNITY GROUP SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
CHECK WITH YOUR GROUP LEADER FOR MORE DETAILS.**

1ST & 3RD SUNDAY COMMUNITY GROUPS

North Hills

Leader: Brandon Baughman

TIME: 6:00 P.M., CHILDCARE PROVIDED

NE Raleigh (Falls of Neuse Rd.)

Leader: Phil Rendall

TIME: 12:30 P.M.

NW Raleigh

Leader: Ken Coyer

TIME: 5:00 P.M., CHILDCARE PROVIDED

North Raleigh (Strickland Road)

Leaders: Cisco Ojeda, Bruce Narveson, Rob Helms

TIME: 5:45 P.M.

North Raleigh (Baileywick)

Leader: Dave Larsen and Ray Rein

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

NE Raleigh (Falls River)

Leader: Matt Harmon & Randy Buckwalter

TIME: 5:00 P.M., CHILDCARE PROVIDED

NE Raleigh (Durant Road)

Leader: Dan Kemp

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

Lake Lynn Area

Leader: Mike Newkirk

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

WEEKLY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Thursdays:

NE Raleigh (Durant Trace)

Leader: Ross Jelgerhuis & Steve Edwards

TIME: 6:00 P.M., CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Fridays:

NW Raleigh (Norwood/Victory Ch.)

Leader: Ryan Slate & Sean Scott

TIME: 6:15 P.M., CHILDCARE PROVIDED



Facebook:

@REDEEMERRALEIGH

Facebook Group:

@REDEEMERPCARALEIGH

Instagram:

@REDEEMERPCA

Helping each
other know and
follow Jesus.

