



Redeemer

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2023

How...could God remain equally faithful to His
love for us and His just judgment of our sins?
The glory of the cross, its unimaginable wisdom
lies in the way God has devised to provide salva-
tion for His people.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 96 and Isaiah 7

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord honor and majesty.

People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord praise upon praise.

People: For God, the Lord, has come to us.

In flesh, the Mighty One dwells with us.

Leader: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.



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.



ADORING GOD IN SONG

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel;
This the Christ who was long foretold.
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem,
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold.
God Most High in a manger laid;
Lift your voices and now proclaim:
Great and glorious, Love has come to us;
Join now with the hosts of heaven.

Come we to welcome Emmanuel;
King who came with no crown or throne.
Helpless He lay, the Invincible,
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son.
O what wisdom to save us all,
Shepherds, sages, before Him fall.
Grace and majesty, what humility;
Come on bended knee, adore Him.

Go spread the news of Emmanuel;
Joy and peace for the weary heart.
Lift up your heads, for your King has come;
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark.
Glory shining for all to see,
Hope alive let the gospel ring.
God has made a way, He will have the praise;
Tell the world His name is Jesus.

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Gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis deo
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(Repeat Bold)

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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, changing tables and changing supplies available on the lower level. Head downstairs and look for our nursery coordinator by the check-in area. She will be happy to answer any questions and help you get settled.

Angels We Have Heard on High

TRINITY HYMNAL #214

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
(Refrain)

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
(Refrain)

CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

LUKE 2:10-11

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DEACON'S PRAYER

JAMES RUSHING

OFFERTORY

Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless?

Who is this, so weak and helpless,
Child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable shelter,
Coldly in a manger laid?
'Tis the Lord of all creation,
Who this wondrous path has trod;
He is Lord from everlasting,
And to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows,
Walking sadly life's hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping
Over sin and Satan's sway?
'Tis our God, our glorious Savior,
Who above the starry sky
Is for us a place preparing,
Where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding
Drops of blood upon the ground!
Who is this, despised, rejected,
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
'Tis our God, Who gifts and graces
On His church is pouring down;
Who shall smite in holy vengeance
All His foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors,
Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?
'Tis our God Who lives forever
'Mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden city,
Reigning everlastingly. (Repeat bold)

Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless?
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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

Reading of Scripture

ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

PAGE 779-780 IN THE PEW BIBLE

Prayer for the Kingdom of God on Earth

TIM PHILLIPS

SONG OF PREPARATION

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

TRINITY HYMNAL #246

Man of Sorrows! What a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;
Spotless Lamb of God was he;
Full atonement! Can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die;
“It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
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Hallelujah! What a Savior!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Children ages 4 through Kindergarten are invited to attend Children's Church during the song of preparation. This is a great opportunity for them to prepare for participation in the full worship service as well as practice the different elements of worship.

Christ, a Savior of Sinners

DAN SEALE, SENIOR PASTOR

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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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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

Candlelight Christmas Eve: Tonight, 5:00 p.m.

Our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:00 p.m. tonight. There will not be childcare during the Candlelight Service. Children are welcome in worship. We have flameless candles available for our younger members. The 242 Room and the nurseries will be open and available for families to use.

Support Safe Families and Refugee Hope Partners this Christmas

This month we have two opportunities to help our local mission partners. We are helping Safe Families stock their resource room by purchasing new children's clothes and helping Refugee Hope Partners with supplies for their Early Learning Club. More information about fulfilling these needs can be found in the Breezeway, near the coffee table.

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 2023. 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 24. 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.

No Sunday School: December 31

There will not be Sunday School on Sunday, December 31. Sunday School will return, Sunday, January 7.

A Note of Thanks from Sook Cadwell

Thank you for all your support for my family and me. We have seen and felt your love and are very grateful for all the ways you've cared for us. With love, Sook Cadwell

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday

- Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
- Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 31: No Sunday School, worship at 10 a.m.
- January 3: **Youth Large Group & Parent Meeting**
- January 6: **Men's Breakfast**
- January 8: **5th & 6th Grade Gathering**
- January 19: **Men's Go-Karting**
- February 2: **A Night of Worship: Matt Papa in Concert with Mission House**, at Redeemer

Church Office Holiday Schedule & Year-End Giving

The church office will be closed from December 25 - January 1. 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 2023 giving as long as it is postmarked by December 31. You can also give online at redeempca.com. All gifts postmarked on or after January 1 will be credited to 2024.

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OUR MISSIONARIES & MINISTRY PARTNERS

We desire to see the life-changing power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ declared and displayed locally and globally. Therefore, we partner with like-minded people committed to the same mission supporting them personally, prayerfully and financially. We consider them part of our Redeemer family.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

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Justine Bowser

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