



Redeemer

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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God's very reputation as God stands or falls on
the success of Jesus.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (TRINITY HYMNAL #196) &
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (TRINITY HYMNAL #53)

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end,
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall,
This, the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone,
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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**



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.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DEACON'S PRAYER

RYAN SLATE

OFFERTORY

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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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

ISAIAH 42:1-9

PAGE 765-766 IN THE PEW BIBLE

Prayer for the Kingdom of God on Earth

DAVID LARSEN



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.

SONG OF PREPARATION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

TRINITY HYMNAL #194 (VERSES 1,3,4,5)

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, 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 heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
(Refrain)

SERMON

Christ, a Gentle King

Isaiah 42:1-9

ROSS JELGERHUIS

1. Infinitely Mighty

2. Infinitely Lowly

3. Infinitely Worthy

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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

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 we will be when He comes

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Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
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Women's Ministry Cozy Christmas, Tuesday, December 5

Join us for this fun Women's Ministry Christmas Event. We'll gather on Tuesday, December 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will gather together, enjoy catching up and connecting. We'll have snacks and treats to sample. We'll sing a few of our favorite Christmas carols and White Christmas will be playing in the 242 Room. Wear your cozy Christmas attire: your favorite Christmas sweater, your Christmas PJs, etc. RSVP on our website, www.redeemerpca.com/upcoming-events.

5th & 6th Grade Gathering, Friday, December 8

The 5th & 6th Grade Gathering will be held Friday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Scott and Meghan Newkirk. RSVP on our website, www.redeemerpca.com/upcoming-events.

Cocoa & Carols Christmas Party, Sunday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.

The Children's Ministry Team invites everyone to join us on Sunday, December 10, for a night of church family fun as we drink cocoa, sing carols, and participate in a reading of the Christmas Story with Pastor Dan and Pastor Ross. Come in your festive Christmas sweater. Kids are welcome to wear Christmas pjs. Please bring a plate of cookies or snack to share. RSVP on our website, www.redeemerpca.com/upcoming-events.

Redeemer Christmas Dinner: Saturday, December 16, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a festive evening for adult members and friends of Redeemer. (This is an adult only event, 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. RSVP on our website, www.redeemerpca.com/upcoming-events.

Lessons & Carols Service: Sunday, December 17, at 10:00 a.m.

Join us Sunday, December 17, for our Lessons and Carols service at 10:00 a.m. This service will intersperse Scripture readings from the Old and New Testament with familiar Christmas Carols and will end with a sermon.

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24

Join us for our regular morning worship service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 24. (There will not be Sunday School.) Our **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** will be at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 24. 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. The service will be livestreamed on our website and shown in the 242 Room.

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.

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, Little Hearts, Prepare Him Room, for Redeemer families. Devotionals will be available downstairs 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 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday

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

Monday

- Men's Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Lower Level, B011, at Redeemer

Tuesday

- Women's Ministry Cozy Christmas Event, 6:30 p.m., Redeemer

Wednesday

- Student Ministry Large Group, 6:45 p.m., 242 Room, at Redeemer
- Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Room 6, 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., Newkirks' Home

Saturday

- Youth Bonfire, 4 p.m., Welsh Farm, Oxford, NC. (Meet at Redeemer at 3 p.m. to carpool)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 10: **Cocoa & Carols**, a Family Christmas Event
- December 14: **Prayer Meeting**
- December 16: **Christmas Dinner**
- December 17: **Lessons & Carols Service** at 10 a.m.
- December 24: **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at 5 p.m.
- February 2: **A Night of Worship: Matt Papa in Concert with Mission House**, at Redeemer

Adult Sunday School: For the month of December, we will offer just one adult class in the 242 room. The class is called: *Christmas: Behind the Scenes.* We will look at the biblical and cultural history leading up to the birth of Christ, including an overview of how the Old Testament prophesies the coming of Christ, an overview of the Inter-testamental period, and a study of the genealogy of Christ in Matthew 1. No Sunday School on December 24 or 31.

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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. 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

*Leaders: Tim Phillips and Brandon
Baughman (brndnbghmn@gmail.com)*
TIME: 6:00 P.M., CHILDCARE PROVIDED

NE Raleigh (Falls of Neuse Rd.)

Leader: Phil Rendall (psrendall@hotmail.com)
TIME: 12:30 P.M.

NW Raleigh

Leader: Ken Coyer (thecoyers@gmail.com)
TIME: 5:00 P.M., CHILDCARE PROVIDED

North Raleigh (Strickland Road)

*Leaders: Bruce Narveson, Rob Helms, and
Cisco Ojeda (ojedamailnc@gmail.com)*
TIME: 5:30 P.M.

North Raleigh (Baileywick)

*Leader: Dave Larsen (larsen1517@yahoo.com)
and Ray Rein*
TIME: 5:00 P.M. CHILDCARE PROVIDED

NE Raleigh (Falls River)

*Leader: Randy Buckwalter and Matt Harmon
(matthewdharmon@gmail.com)*
TIME: 4:00 P.M., CHILDCARE PROVIDED

NE Raleigh (Durant Road)

Leader: Dan Kemp (djtemp1@aol.com)
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

Lake Lynn Area

Leader: Mike Newkirk (newkirk.mike@gmail.com)
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

WEEKLY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Thursdays:

NE Raleigh

*Leader: Ross Jelgerhuis & Steve Edwards (steve.
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TIME: 6:00 P.M., CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Fridays:

NW Raleigh (Norwood/Victory Ch.)

Leader: Ryan Slate (rdslate@gmail.com)
TIME: 6:15 P.M., CHILDCARE PROVIDED

NW Raleigh

Leader: Sean Scott (seanscott13@gmail.com)
6 P.M., CHILDCARE PROVIDED
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