

We are glad you are worshiping with us.

Please complete and tear off this card to share your contact information, update your contact information, or make a prayer request.

Simply place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor.

### My Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### My Prayer Request

Please pray for

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who lives at

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#### AREA(S) OF NEED

- Spiritual Life
- Relationships
- Physical Health
- Finances
- Emotional Health
- Vocation

Other information:

Please keep my request confidential and do not add it to the prayer list.

November 28, 2021

## WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

Coffee and other refreshments are available after the service. A time of learning with classes for all ages begins at **11:00AM** and a nursery is provided.

#### Also Today . . .

**Christmas Choir Rehearsal** ..... **12:00-12:30PM**

#### This Week . . .

**Youth Discipleship** ..... **Wednesday • 5:00-7:00PM**

#### Next Lord's Day . . .

First Sunday..... please remember our mercy ministry

#### Looking Ahead . . .

**Women's Christmas Gathering**..... **Saturday, December 11 • 11:00AM**

Hosted by Chenoa Vandegrift • Please bring an offering for our Mercy Ministry and a wrapped "white elephant" gift. Chenoa is providing the meal.

**A Festival of Lessons and Carols** ..... **Sunday, December 19 • 6:00PM**

Please bring finger foods to share.

#### Redeemer Christmas Mailbox . . .

Those who wish to "send" Christmas greetings to Redeemer friends may bring their cards to church and place them in our "Christmas Mailbox" (on the information table) for pickup.

### Serving You

Ann Galya-Ferebee, Emily Griffin, Kaci Puckett, & Chris Vandegrift, *Vocalists*  
 Juli Robertson, Patti Robertson, & Nan Traxler, *Pianists* • Tim Choate, *Guitar*  
 Daniel Work, *Liturgist* • Pam Spence, *Music Director*  
 Rachel Rist, *Women's Ministry President* • Emily Griffin, *Youth Ministry Coordinator*  
 Daniel Work, *Men's Ministry Leader*  
 Donna Taylor, *Children's Ministry Director* • Dot Barnhill & Kayla Lane, *Nursery Attendants*  
 Boyd Taylor, *Treasurer* • Dick Jacobson, *Finance Clerk*  
 Robyn McKinney, *Redeemerlink Editor* • Betty Jacobson, *CD Ministry*  
 Ann Galya-Ferebee • Jacob Puckett • Clay & Robyn McKinney • Vickie Stevens  
 Nan Traxler, *Sound & Recording*

### Leadership Team

Ken Litchfield • Patrick Rist • Pastor Spence, *Elders on the Session*  
 Jim Berkey • Ron Robertson, *Emeritus Elders*  
 Dick Jacobson • Clay McKinney • Boyd Taylor • Rick Traxler, *Deacons*



## Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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# Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Words of Greeting

Prayer for the Lord's Assistance and Blessing

Call to Worship..... 1Corinthians 15:20-27 NIV

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,

**the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

For since death came through a man,

**the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.**

For as in Adam all die,

**so in Christ all will be made alive.**

But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits;

**then, when He comes,  
those who belong to Him.**

Then the end will come, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

**For He must reign  
until He has put all His enemies under His feet.  
The last enemy to be destroyed is death.**

A Season of Praise

*Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus* (Hymn 196)

*Man of Sorrows! What a Name* (Hymn 246)

The Reading of the Law of God

God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

**You shall have no other gods before Me.**

**You shall not make for yourself any graven image;  
you shall not bow down to them or serve them.**

**You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.**

**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

*The Reading of the Law of God continues on the next page.*

- You shall not kill.**
- You shall not commit adultery.**
- You shall not steal.**
- You shall not bear false witness.**
- You shall not covet.**

Our Lord Jesus said:  
 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, we are to have no other gods before You.  
 Yet, we have often slipped into  
 loving, fearing, and serving things of earth.  
 We have not worshiped You with our whole heart.  
 Nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves,  
 but we have served our own selfish interests,  
 withholding love and forgiveness when we should give them.  
 In Your mercy, Lord, forgive us.  
 Help us to lay aside the works of darkness  
 and put on the armor of light.  
 Renew us in hope,  
 that we may be awake and alert  
 and cherish a living faith in Jesus Christ,  
 our Judge and Savior  
 who rescues us from sin and death,  
 and who lives with You  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news!  
*The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber,  
 because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.  
 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.  
 So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.*

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

—based on Romans 13:11-12 NIV

Scripture Reading .....Acts 6:1-7

Sermon .....*Men of Mercy*  
 by Pastor Neil Spence

**Ordination and Installation of Deacon James Ferebee**

Ordination Vows (*Book of Church Order 24-5*)  
 The Laying on of Hands with Prayer  
 Declaration

Response of Praise .....*Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
 Praise Him all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: *alleluia.***

Word by Thomas Ken, 1709, alt.  
 Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.N. al. from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623.

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

Psalter.....Psalm 121

**The Morning Prayer and Our Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn..... *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

**The Blessing**

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**How to Become a Member**

Christ’s Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) is fulfilled in Christians who commit themselves to Christ and to one another in covenant relationship. Through **church membership** we acknowledge that Jesus Christ alone is the Head and Lord of the Church and we commit ourselves to do our part to build up the body of Christ for mission. Those who desire to be members are invited to fill out a **Membership Enrollment Form** and discuss membership with the pastor.

**Deacon Ordination Vows**

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

*To the Congregation*

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a deacon, and do you promise to yield to him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

**What About the Offering?**

Giving is still part of our worship, but at this time we are not passing the offering plate during the service. An offering plate is positioned at each entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you!