

We are glad you are worshipping 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.

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 Christmas Caroling Wednesday • 5:00-7:00PM

Next Lord's Day . . .

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

A telling of the gospel through Scripture readings, carols, and hymns to enrich your celebration of this blessed season. Please bring finger foods for a time of fellowship afterwards and **invite your friends to join us for this special time.**

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” (an expandable file 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*
Alex Wood is serving as pianist for this service.
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* • Kayla Lane, *Nursery Attendant*
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*
James Ferebee • Dick Jacobson • Clay McKinney • Boyd Taylor • Rick Traxler, *Deacons*



Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021 • 9:30AM

Words of Greeting

Call to Worship..... Psalm 8 ESV

1 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,

to still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

4 **what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?**

5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

and crowned him with glory and honor.

6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under his feet,

7 all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the heavens,

and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 **O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Prayer for the Lord's Assistance and Blessing

My Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

My Prayer Request

Please pray for

who lives at

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.

Hymn..... *That Beautiful Name*

I know of a name, A beautiful name,
That angels brought down to earth;
They whispered it low,
One night long ago,
To a maiden of lowly birth.

*That beautiful name,
That beautiful name
From sin has power to free us!
That beautiful name,
That wonderful name,
That matchless name is Jesus!*

I know of a name, A beautiful name,
That unto a Babe was given;
The stars glittered bright
Throughout that glad night,
And angels praised God in heaven.

The One of that name my Savior became,
My Savior of Calvary;
My sins nailed Him there,
My burdens to bear,
He suffered all this for me.

Words by Jean Perry.
Music by Mabel Johnston Camp.

Invitation to Confession of Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God our Father,
by Your grace, prepare our hearts to welcome Christ as Lord
and one another in His name.
Turn us from the crooked paths of pride and self-seeking,
take away the rough places of indifference
and harsh judgment toward our brothers and sisters
and every sin against our Lord’s New Commandment,
and teach us to serve in humility and to walk in love.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us and renew our lives
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!

*Bear fruit in every good work and increase in the knowledge of God;
being strengthened with all power,
according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;
Give thanks to the Father, who has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

—based on Colossians 1:10-13 ESV

Scripture ReadingMatthew 8:28-34

Sermon*A Sign of Comfort and Joy*
by Pastor Neil Spence

Hymn 211.....*God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

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 215..... *While by the Sheep We Watched*

The Blessing

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.

Psalm Notes

Our service opens with a responsive reading of **Psalm 8**. This short psalm dwells on amazing contrasts. In the first one the “excellent” name of God is proclaimed and seen in the heavens above in all their expanse and also in the small infant. Mankind, in comparison with the surpassing glory of God, is so very small. David is led to ask, “*What is man, that Thou art mindful of him?*”

In yet another contrast, God has made human beings “a little lower than the angels,” yet crowned them with glory, honor, and dominion. This exalted vision of the human race is fulfilled in the true and perfect Man—the Lord Jesus Christ (Hebrews 2:6-8; 1 Corinthians 15:27). At His triumphal entry into Jerusalem the praise of infants “*established strength because of His foes*” and the psalm found its ultimate fulfillment (Matthew 21:16). In His exaltation—His resurrection, ascension, present reign, and coming again—all things are truly being put “under His feet.” What was anticipated in the original creation of the world reaches its end or goal in the new creation bestowed upon the church in Christ.

Matthew Henry, in his commentary on the eighth psalm, gives this insightful and practical summary:

In singing this and praying it over, though we must not forget to acknowledge, with suitable affections, God's common favors to mankind, particularly in the serviceableness of the inferior creatures to us, yet we must especially set ourselves to give glory to our Lord Jesus, by confessing that he is Lord, submitting to him as our Lord, and waiting till we see all things put under him and all his enemies made his footstool.

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!