

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**

A Festival of Lessons and Carols **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.**

This Week . . .

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

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.

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.

December 19, 2021

Serving You

Ann Galya-Ferebee, Emily Griffin, Kaci Puckett, & Chris Vandegrift, *Vocalists*
 Juli Robertson, Patti Robertson, & Nan Traxler, *Pianists* • Tim Choate, *Guitar*
 Chris Vandegrift, *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

Meeting at **7 Valley West Drive, Dickson, Tennessee 37055**

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Service for the Lord’s Day

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021 • 9:30AM

Words of Greeting

Prayer for the Lord’s Assistance and Blessing

Children’s Choir *Jesus Loves Me*
Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Hymn *Across the Lands*

You’re the Word of God the Father
 From before the world began.
 Ev’ry star and ev’ry planet
 Has been fashioned by Your hand.
 All creation holds together
 By the power of Your voice.
 Let the skies declare Your glory;
 Let the land and seas rejoice!

You’re the Author of creation;
You’re the Lord of ev’ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
 Came to seek and save the lost,
 And exchanged the joy of heaven
 For the anguish of a cross.
 With a prayer You fed the hungry;
 With a word You calmed the sea;
 Yet how silently You suffered
 That the guilty may go free!

With a shout You rose victorious,
 Wresting vict’ry from the grave,
 And ascended into heaven,
 Leading captives in Your way.
 Now You stand before the Father,
 Interceding for Your own;
 From each tribe and tongue and nation,
 You are leading sinners home!

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Invitation to Confession of Sin

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Your eternal Son became one with us in our humanity and, through His obedience and death, delivered us from sin and misery. Now He ever lives to intercede for us in heaven. Trusting in our faithful Savior, we confess our sins and we embrace the gospel promises of forgiveness, cleansing, and newness of life. By Your grace, lead us in the way of holiness and make us new in union with the One who makes all things new. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!

Who is like our God, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance?

He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love.

He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot.

He will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

—based on Micah 7:18-19

Scripture Reading.....Isaiah 7:1-17

Sermon *The Sign of Emmanuel*
by Pastor Neil Spence

Hymn..... *Holy Child*

Holy Child, who chose the hearts of men to be His favored home.
Leaving heaven’s gates for Bethlehem, God came to call His own.
Now to us the highest King is born—Behold, the Royal Son.
Glory kneels to bind up all that’s torn; The promised One has come.

Joy and pain, as man, He knew on earth; No place to lay His head.
As a servant He embraced this world, and on a cross He bled.
Having borne the deepest grief of man, He rose to heaven’s throne.
Now I’m sheltered in the Father’s hand until He calls me home.

May the gift of God amaze us still—the triumph of all time.
As His child, I kneel to Heaven’s will and make His purpose mine.
Though this road be scarred with trial and pain, it’s paved with lavish grace.
Knowing Him will be my greatest gain; His Throne, my resting place.

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Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister leads the prayer of Thanksgiving. The people join in the prayer as follows:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed in He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The minister continues the prayer. The people respond:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Breaking of Bread
Communion of the People

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 195..... *Joy to the World*

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.

A Summary of the Beliefs of the PCA

We believe the Bible is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the revelation of God’s truth and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.

We believe in the Holy Trinity. There is one God, who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We believe that all are sinners and totally unable to save themselves from God’s displeasure, except by His mercy.

We believe that salvation is by God alone as He sovereignly chooses those He will save. We believe His choice is based on His grace, not on any human individual merit, or foreseen faith.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who through His perfect life and sacrificial death atoned for the sins of all who will trust in Him, alone, for salvation.

We believe that God is gracious and faithful to His people not simply as individuals but as families in successive generations according to His Covenant promises.

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells God’s people and gives them the strength and wisdom to trust Christ and follow Him.

We believe that Jesus will return, bodily and visibly, to judge all mankind and to receive His people to Himself.

We believe that all aspects of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

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!