

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.

This Week . . .

Youth Discipleship does not meet. We resume on January 5.

Looking Ahead . . .

Men's Prayer Breakfast..... Saturday, January 8 • 8:00-9:30AM
Childcare is provided. Sign up today!

Women's Monthly Bible Study..... Saturday, January 8 • 10:00AM
*Please contact Patti Robertson for more information on this series.
This study meets at RPC and childcare is provided.*

A Mercy Ministry Opportunity . . .

The Matthew 25 Project—Each month we collect a designated item for the Help Center. **The item for January is peanut butter.**

Please join us!

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.

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 and Meal Train Coordinator*
 Daniel Work, *Men's Ministry Leader*
 Donna Taylor, *Children's Ministry Director* • Kayla Lane, *Nursery Attendant*
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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

First Sunday of Christmas

December 26, 2021 • 9:30AM

Words of Greeting

Prayer for the Lord's Assistance and Blessing

Call to Worship..... Psalm 90:1-2 ESV

LORD, You have been our dwelling place

in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever You had formed the earth and the world,

from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

A Season of Praise

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Hymn 30)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Hymn 38)

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

Response..... *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men?
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way;
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for;
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne;
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

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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.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 8:20-9:7

Sermon *Christ Is the Hero of Our Story*
by Pastor Neil Spence

Hymn..... *He Will Hold Me Fast*

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight When he comes at last

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Choir Medley

Silent Night • What Child Is This? • Angels from the Realms of Glory

The Blessing

SOLA SCRIPTURA/**Scripture alone** • SOLA GRATIA/**grace alone**
SOLUS CHRISTUS/**Christ alone** • SOLA FIDE/**faith alone**
SOLI DEO GLORIA/**to God's Glory alone**

Service Notes

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past is a psalm paraphrase by Isaac Watts (1674-1748). It is a rephrased and simplified version of Psalm 90. The hymn was written during troubling circumstances in England (1714). Queen Anne had died and there was some national anxiety regarding succession to the throne. The heading Watts gave to the hymn was simply, "Man mortal, and God eternal."

It was John Wesley who in 1737 changed the first word of Watt's hymn from "Our" to "O." Many of us learned it that way. The tune St. ANNE—so familiar to us—was not combined with the words until the publication of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* in 1861.

In his paraphrase of the psalms, Watts sought to bring out what he considered "the first and chief sense of the Holy Scriptures." Like us, Isaac Watts acknowledged Christ as the great subject of the Bible as a whole and the psalter in particular.

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.

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!