



Cover Art

Cyanotype by Barb Knuckles

Back Wall Toile of Shepherds and Angels

Made by congregants of all ages

Banners

"Enlightened Juxtaposition" by Karyl Boring, Marcia Jones, Caleb C. Keitt, and Advent Workshop

Stair Caps

Mailboxes by Landon Shire, Dirk Edwards, and Tom Peck

Hanging Installation

"Letters of Hope" by Nick Dodge & Michael Taft with the Fossy Posse

Much like Luke's Gospel, dedicated to Theophilus, comes as a message of hope about Jesus' coming into the world, these hanging letters are meant to remind us of different words of hope we have heard from God and our loved ones this Advent Season. Most of these letters are simply white but if you look closely some of them are misted with gold paint, reminding us of the divine words that come through ordinary letters.

South Window

"Let the Light In" by Kipp Normand, Kyle Ragsdale, Marcia Jones, and Kate Brumbaugh

The south window was created using cyanotype, a photographic process. As sunlight acts as the developing light source, objects and images placed on the fabric appear white.

The poem mentions old discarded vessels of light -- we are reminded of this building, once abandoned then brought back to life. But before that, a congregation dreamed for this building and prayed for a thriving congregation -- a seven-day-a-week building. (Images of their prayers and plans and history are embedded in the cyanotype. We are reminded that Jesus has been bringing light and has been writing us into his story for decades right here on this corner. We are seeing it unfold with light.

Delft Pottery with Paper Whites

Advent Workshop

Table Runner

Advent Workshop

Communion Set

Noelle Hoover

Use the QR code to see the historic pictures of Redeemer Presbyterian Church used in the tapestry on the South Window.



Call to Worship

from Isaiah 40: 5, 6, 10, and 28; Romans 2:4; Psalm 8:4

Leader Behold, the LORD God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

All **It is your kindness, LORD,
that leads us to repentance.**

Leader Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable!

All **What is man that you are mindful of him,
the son of man that you care for him?**

Leader Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
and the rough ways smooth.
And all people will see God's salvation!

Opening Hymn

“Rejoice the Lord is King”

All

**Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

words Charles Wesley, 1744; music Nathan Partain, 2003

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

adapted from *Common Worship* and an Epiphany confession by Austin D. Hill

Leader God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all that you have made
and dispel the darkness from our hearts.

All **We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.**

Leader The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.

All **Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We fail to offer you our treasure,
the best of who we are and what we have.
We do not treasure you as good and glorious.**

Leader In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and pour out the gifts of your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed,
we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Colossians 1:15-16; Hebrews 1:3; John 1:14; Isaiah 53:2, 12

Leader Jesus is God's own well-loved Son, the spitting image of his Father:
The radiance of his glory,
The exact representation of his nature.

All **In him all things were created:
the stars and the starfish,
quasars, quarks, and quails.
The glory of God's world came through him and for him.**

Leader He took on flesh and tabernacled among us.

All **We have seen his glory,
the glory of one who's full of grace and truth,
the glory of the Son who comes from the Father.**

Leader Yet there was nothing on the surface to make him beautiful,
no visible glory to attract us to him.

All **But when the hour of his glory came,
he poured out his life to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.**

Leader He bore the sin of many—

All **He bore our sin!
We are forgiven.
Amen! Hallelujah!**

Song in the Gospel

“Come Holy Ghost”

All

**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heav’nly aid to fill our hearts which thou hast made,
To fill our hearts which Thou has made.**

**O Comforter, to thee we cry, Thou heav’nly gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life, and fire of love, And sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.**

**Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.**

**O Holy Ghost, through thee alone, Know we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed, That thou dost from them both proceed,
That thou dost from them both proceed.**

**Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.**

**Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, And Holy Spirit with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow all gifts that from the Spirit flow,
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.**

**Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.**

**All gifts that from the Spirit flow.
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.**

words *Veni, Creator Spiritus* attr. *Rhabanus Maurus*, 776-856, additional chorus by *Ray Mills*, 2005; music *Bruce Benedict* and *Ray Mills*, 2005,
© 2006 *Cardiphonia Music*, and *Raymond G. Mills*

Song in the Gospel

“Take My Life”

All

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in endless praise,
Let them flow in endless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.**

words Frances R. Havergal, 1874; music Henri A. Cesar Malan, 1827

Prayer of Dependence

Children's Worship

*Redeemer Kids' mission is to partner with parents to help kids develop a lifetime relationship with Jesus. We love having children of any age join us in the worship service but also want to provide options to families that can engage young children wherever they are developmentally. **The Nursery welcomes children ages 0-3.** Children ages 3-5 are also still welcome to attend Children's Worship. We hope this added flexibility encourages all families as they teach their children about what it means to worship.*

**If you would like your three year-old to attend Nursery and are able, we'd love to encourage you to attend the 11:00 service where more classroom space is available.*

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



GRACE Training

Sarah Miller

MARCH 11 FROM 8:30AM-12:30PM

We are partnering with Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment (GRACE) to build a culture that connects our values to the need to protect the vulnerable. This training is for all adults; please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Adult preregistration is unnecessary, but please register your child(ren) for childcare. Childcare registration will close on February 25th.



Scripture Reading

Luke 3:15-20

Reader

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ And with many other exhortations John proclaimed good news to the people.

¹⁹ But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰ Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

*Reader
People*

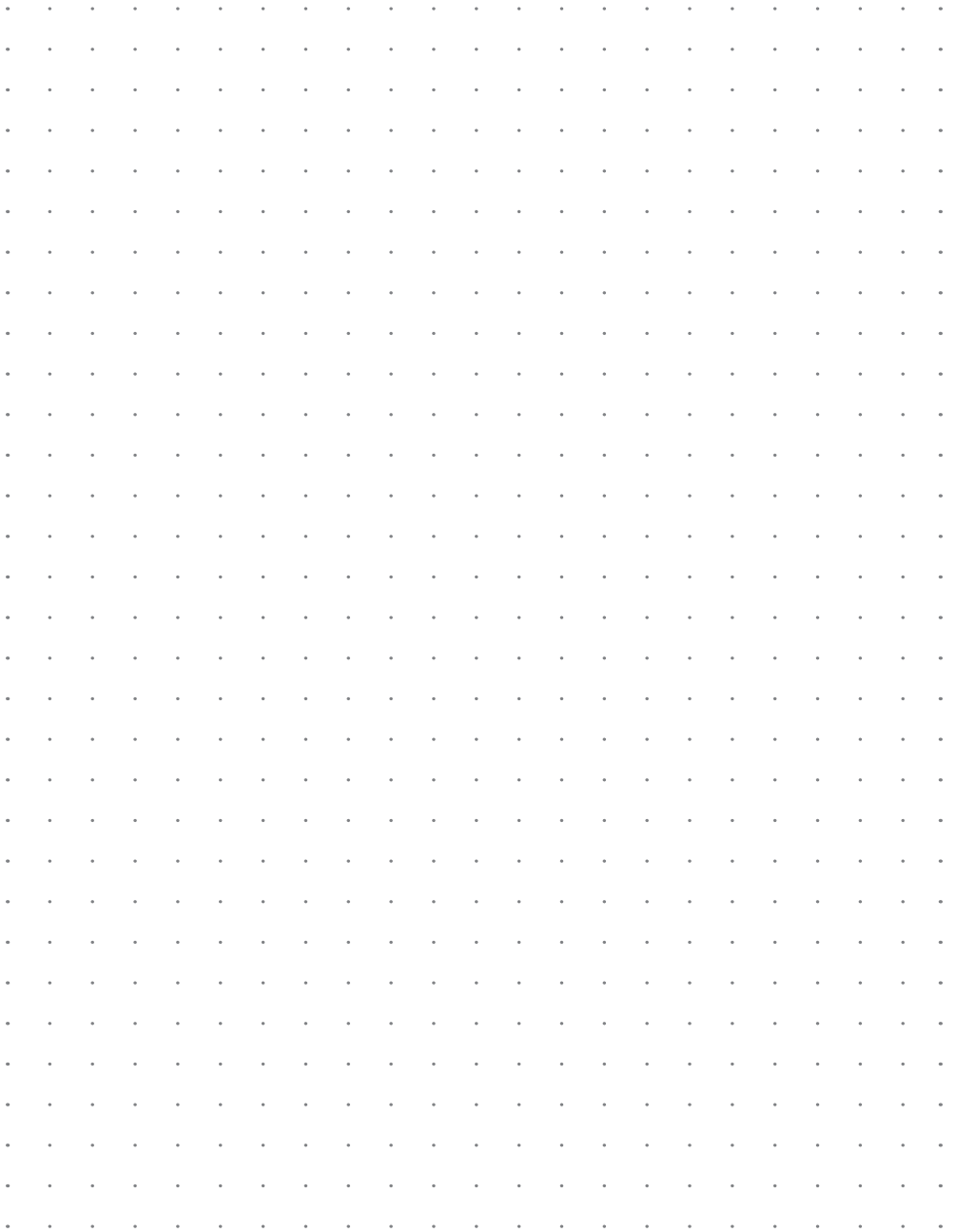
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Notes



Additional Scripture

Isaiah 4:4-6

⁴ The Lord will wash away the filth of the women of Zion; he will cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire. ⁵ Then the LORD will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night; over everything the glory will be a canopy. ⁶ It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain.

Luke 12:49-50

⁴⁹ "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

Romans 6:3-4

³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Community Group Questions

1. *When have you received bad news that eventually turned out to be good news? Certainly not all bad news can fit here, but some of what happens, that at first we thought was bad, turns out well. What made it bad news at first? Why or how did it turn out to be good news?*
2. *John describes baptism in Luke 3:16-17 in ways that we're not used to. What does baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire mean? (You can look at Romans 6:3-4 on baptism and Isaiah 4:2-6 on spirit and fire.) How is that bad news? How is it good news?*
3. *The Westminster Larger Catechism Question 167 asks, "How is baptism to be improved by us?" As you consider the answer, how can you improve your baptism in light of the good news of what Jesus does, according to Luke 3:16-17?*

Answer: *The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.*

Call to Communion

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

Redeemer welcomes to Communion all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel. We will be coming forward for the distribution of Communion. Please use the hand sanitizer. You will receive the bread into your hands and take a cup from the tray. Clear cups (located in the interior rings) contain grape juice. Red cups (exterior ring of tray) contain wine. Wait to eat the bread and drink the wine until we all do so together, once we are back in our seats. Children who have been interviewed by the elders are able to share in Communion.

Communion is a time of connection with the Lord Jesus and with each other. Feel free to sing with the band during Communion. The ministry of prayer is also a way we live together as a community of believers and seekers. Please take the time to pray on your own, or with someone else in the pews.

Prayers

Prayer for Guidance to Truth

God, I don't know how I feel about what I have heard today but I want to trust that you are good, that you are loving, and that you are just. I want to know if you are the true God. If you are there, would you guide my soul to the truest truth. I don't want to be tricked or believe a lie. I don't want to believe in something just to make me feel better. Please God, lead me to the truth.

Prayer of Belief and Repentance

Jesus, I believe that you are who you say you are: the Son of God and the savior of broken people like me. I need forgiveness. I need to be made new and to start over again. I now turn away from all I have been doing. I turn away from my self-centered life. I turn my whole heart toward you. I believe that when you were crucified, you took all of my evil and somehow you gave me all of your beauty. I invite your Holy Spirit to live in me. I do not want to live for myself any more. I want you to lead my life. I want to know you and to receive your love for me. Please teach me and protect me and guide me. I am yours. I ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of Doubt and Faith

God, I don't really believe all of this, but there is a part of my heart that knows there is truth and goodness here. I am confused by the fact that there are so many things that I don't understand or that make me angry about you. There are also so many things that fill my heart with hope and many things that draw me to you, and I want to put my trust in you. God, you say I can come to you and ask for anything, so if you are real, please give me the faith I need to believe. Give me the desire to continue to seek after you. Keep my heart from self-deception. Protect me from any evil misleading or binding spirits. Calm my fears. Soften my cynicism. Be patient with me, and if you are God, please don't let me go, but instead let me know that you are real. I have a little faith, help me in my doubt.

Song of Celebration

“Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted”

All

**Come ye souls by, sin afflicted,
Bowed with fruitless, sorrow down;
By the broken, law convicted,
Through the cross, behold the crown;
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;
Mercy flows through Him alone.**

**Take His easy, yoke and wear it;
Love will make your, obedience sweet;
Christ will give you, strength to bear it,
While His grace, shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory,
Where His ransomed captives meet.**

**Blessèd are the, eyes that see Him,
Blest the ears that, hear His voice;
Blessèd are the, souls that trust Him,
And in Him, alone rejoice;
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments
Then become their happy choice.**

**Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary,
Light to newly, opened eyes,
Like full springs in, deserts dreary,
Is the rest, the cross supplies;
All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise.**

**Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;
Mercy flows through Him alone.**

words: Joseph Swain, 1792, (Alt Twit); music: by Kevin Twit, 2013

Doxology

All

**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.**

Community Life

Today
10 am

Town Hall Meeting Join us for our town hall meeting during the 10 am Sunday school hour. We will take time to discuss finances and other ministry updates at Redeemer and answer questions from the congregation. *Text (317) 699-8511 if you have any questions for the meeting.*

Sunday School Redeemer Kids classes will continue in their usual locations.

The Art of Fathering: Spring Fatherhood Workshops Join us for a new series of workshops that explore the joys and challenges of fatherhood. The group will launch on February 18 for mutual encouragement, prayer, and thoughtful conversation. *Questions? Contact sam@redeemindy.org. Registration is open and will close January 31.*



January 29
12:30 pm

Newcomer's Lunch New-ish to Redeemer? We'd love for you to join us for lunch after the 2nd service on January 29th. It's a great chance to meet people, ask questions, and learn more about Redeemer. All ages welcome. *Use the QR code here to register.*



February
17th: 4:30 pm
19th: 12pm

High School House Party Join us for the 2nd annual High School House Party! Charles and Erin Anderson will lead us again as we head to a big house in northern Indiana to hang out for the weekend. This is a great opportunity for students to spend time with each other and their leaders. *Please don't hesitate to contact Mary Paxton (marypaxton@redeemindy.org) for scholarship information.*



More information can be found at our website: redeemindy.org.

Closing Hymn

"We Will Feast"

All

**We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more**

**We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up**

**We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more**

**In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength**

**We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more**

**Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful One
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom**

**We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more
Weep no more**

Sandra McCracken and Josh Moore, 2015

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$43,449.52

January 2023 budget:
\$231,909

Congregational Giving

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| January 1-8, 2023 | \$ | 20,168 |
| January 15, 2023 | \$ | 23,281.42 |
| January Total | \$ | 43,449.52 |

Nice to Meet You

We're glad you're here and we'd love to get to know you better. Please help us do that by filling out whatever information you are comfortable sharing below. Tear it off and put it in the offering plate, or bring it to the Welcome Table for a small gift! We'll be in touch.

I AM A...

- 1st/2nd-time Guest Out-of-Town Guest
 Regular Attendee Redeemer Member

FIRST & LAST NAME

- Male Female

SPOUSE OR FRIEND

- Male Female

CONTACT

Email _____

Phone _____

I'D LIKE TO... *

- Become a Member
 Join a Community Group
 Use my Artistic Talents
 Talk to Someone About Counseling
 Do Something Else:

*Go to www.redeemindy.org/ministries for a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions.

Membership at Redeemer

Membership is meaningful in multiple ways. First, we believe that as Christians, it is a part of our calling to be active and engaged in the Church. When you become a member, you take public vows to confirm your faith in Christ and commit to his Church. These vows submit members to the leadership and discipline of the church. We submit ourselves to accountability just like in marriage, friendship, citizenship, and any other relationship or institution that we enter into.

Membership also allows you certain benefits. Members in good standing are able to vote on church matters. They elect elders, call pastors, and have a say in other church business.

To become a member at Redeemer you must take our Discovering Redeemer class and meet with an elder for an interview. You will take membership vows privately and then publicly before the church. To begin this process, email info@redeemindy.org.

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Sunday Worship
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Classes
10:00 a.m.

