

Cover Art

Caleb Keitt & Derek Bender, With his Grace, 2023

Columns

Josie Thompson with Maggie Lotz, Merri Goebel, Moriah Taft, Sam Ueltschi, Meghan Smith, and Quinton Thompson, 2023

South Window

Caleb Keitt & Derek Bender, In Your Mercy, 2023

God created humans for a purpose, and he designed us in a specific way with cells, organs, and organ systems that generally function in one particular way. One of those organ systems, our largest one, is our skin. It is easy to think that our skin—that thing that sometimes hides our eyeballs and smiles—is the one thing that differentiates one person from another, but actually, our skin has so much in common.

Our skin comprises three main layers, with the outmost layer having five layers. This is our epidermis—which showcases skin color and pimples—where big cells constantly create smaller cells that squeeze their way to the surface to eventually become dust. This helped inform the structure of the window curtain. From bottom to top, the lattice is organized with the youngest hands in blue, the youngest eyes in pink, the teen and middle-aged hands in brown, the oldest eyes in blue, and finally, the oldest hands in pink.

This piece is made of you. Through God's providence, your hands, eyeballs, and stories are woven and printed on this tapestry.

Communion Set

Emily Johnston

December 24th Service Times

10 am 4th Sunday of Advent No Sunday School

5 pm Christmas Eve Service Childcare Provided

7 pm Christmas Eve Service No Childcare

New Year's Eve Service Time

10 am Sunday Morning Service No Sunday School

Procession

based on Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 44:24; Psalm 132:11-12

Reader

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

This is what the LORD says—
your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb:
"I am the LORD,

the Maker of all things,
who stretches out the heavens,
who spreads out the earth by myself.
I swore an oath to David,

a sure oath I will not revoke:

'One of your own descendants
I will place on your throne.

If your sons keep my covenant
and the statutes I teach them,
then their sons will sit
on your throne for ever and ever."

Call to Worship

from Genesis 12:2-3; Romans 4:16; Galatians 3:26-29

Leader "I will make you into a great nation" says the LORD to our Father Abraham.

"I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt.

All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

All The promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift.

And we are all certain to receive it,

whether or not we live according to the law of Moses,

if we have faith like Abraham's.

For Abraham is the father of all who believe.

Leader And all who have been united with Christ in baptism

have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female.

All For we are all one in Christ Jesus.

And now that we belong to Christ, we are children of Abraham.

We are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham extends to us.

Opening Hymn

"Angels We have Heard on High"

All Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See within the manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth, Lend your voices, lend your aid, to proclaim the Savior's birth!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

French traditional carol; English paraphrase by James Chadwick, 1862

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Leader The eternal Son of God took on flesh and blood, with a real body and soul, and was born as Jesus, fully divine and fully human.

All We imagine a Jesus who isn't really like us:
He floats above the ground by a few inches
and is too divine to really be human.

Leader Jesus matured and got stronger, bigger, wiser; he grew in favor with God and people.

All
We don't want process—we want results now.
It's hard to grow in our faith; it's slow.
We get discouraged and quit trying.
Sanctification must be for other people, not us.

Leader Without a Jesus who's really human, we act as if he's too far away to relate to us.

All

Jesus can't understand what I'm struggling with—
What does he know about it?

Maybe he's too exalted to care about what gets me excited, or what keeps me up at night worried.

We decide things on our own, we don't depend on Jesus, we take matters into our own hands.

We live functionally as if we don't have a savior.

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Isaiah 53; Hebrews 2; 4

Leader The Son of God became like us in every way,

in order to save us, to rescue us,

so that he could make atonement for our sins.

All Because he's really human, Jesus can be our substitute; he takes our place and bears our sin.

Leader Jesus, you know what it's like to be discouraged or tired,

curious, excited, upset, angry,

even to suffer when you're tempted.

Praise God, that through the whole of your life, you trusted your Father and did not sin.

All Help us when we're tempted:

Give us the power of your Spirit to say yes to our Father who loves us, controls all things, and will keep his promises.

Leader Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,

All So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Song in the Gospel

"Thou Who Wast Rich"

All Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,
Sapphire paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, All for love's sake becamest man; Stooping so low, but sinners raising, Heav'nward by thine eternal plan. Thou who art God beyond all praising, All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee. Emmanuel, within us dwelling, Make us what thou would have us be. Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

words: Frank Houghton; music: French Carol Melody, Arr. by Charles Kitson, 1930

Song in the Gospel

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

All I know that my Redeemer lives, Glory, Hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives, Glory, Hallelujah!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead—glory, hallelujah! He lives, my everlasting Head—glory, hallelujah!

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah! The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!

He lives to crush the fiends of hell; Glory Hallelujah! He lives and doth within me dwell; Glory Hallelujah!

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah! The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!

He lives to bless me with His love; Glory Hallelujah! He lives to plead my cause above; Glory Hallelujah!

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah! The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!

Glory Hallelujah! Glory Hallelujah!

words: Samuel Medley, 1775; music: F. C. Wood, 1850

Prayer of Dependence

Dan & Ruthann Perrin

Children's Worship + Nursery

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 and also provide options to families that can engage young children wherever they are developmentally.

The Nursery welcomes children ages 0-3

Children's Worship welcomes kids ages 4-Kindergarten. We are glad to extend this age and make additional accommodations on a case by case basis (e-mail emily@redeemindy.org.)

You are welcome to drop your children off at any point. Kids attending Children's Worship must be picked up by the end of communion. Nursery and Children's Worship spaces are located through the doors on the front left of the sanctuary.

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Baptism

First Service: Simon Louis Cyril Johnson Parents: Gretchen & Ryan Johnson

Remembering Our Baptism

Based on Matthew 28:18-20

Leader Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Westminster Shorter Catechism: Question #94 What is Baptism?

All
Baptism is a sacrament in which the washing with water,
in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
does signify and seal our grafting into Christ,
and receiving of the benefits of the covenant of grace,
and our engagement to be the Lord's.

Song of Baptism

"Baptized in Water"

Leader Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of salvation, trusting His promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

All Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King; One with His rising, freed and forgiven, looking to heaven now we sing.

In the name of God, the Father, with the Son and Holy Ghost.

Trad. Gaelic Melody, Michael Saward, add. lyrics Bruce Benedict, 1982

Vows of Baptism

Parents' Vows

- Do you acknowledge Simon's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
- 3. Do you now unreservedly commit Simon to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregation's Vows

Leader

Our God made a covenant with Abraham, the father of all who believe, saying, "I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God."

All Peter preached the gospel to the church saying,

"The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—
for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Leader

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive Simon Louis Cyril Johnson into this church as one whom God has called his own according to the covenant? And do you now promise to surround him with Christian love, to pray for him, and to set an example of genuine faith and virtue?

All We do, for whoever welcomes this child of God in Christ's name, welcomes Christ. And whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes the one who sent him.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:1-17

Reader

- ¹ This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:
- ² Abraham was the father of Isaac,

Isaac the father of Jacob,

Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

³ Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,

Perez the father of Hezron,

Hezron the father of Ram.

⁴ Ram the father of Amminadab.

Amminadab the father of Nahshon.

Nahshon the father of Salmon,

⁵ Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,

Obed the father of Jesse.

⁶ and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

⁷ Solomon the father of Rehoboam,

Rehoboam the father of Abijah,

Abijah the father of Asa,

8 As a the father of Jehoshaphat,

Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram,

Jehoram the father of Uzziah,

 $^{\rm 9}$ Uzziah the father of Jotham,

Jotham the father of Ahaz,

Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,

10 Hezekiah the father of Manasseh.

Manasseh the father of Amon,

Amon the father of Josiah,

 $^{\scriptscriptstyle 11}$ and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

¹² After the exile to Babylon:
Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,
¹³ Zerubbabel the father of Abihud,
Abihud the father of Eliakim,
Eliakim the father of Azor,
¹⁴ Azor the father of Zadok,
Zadok the father of Akim,
Akim the father of Elihud,
¹⁵ Elihud the father of Eleazar,
Eleazar the father of Matthan,
Matthan the father of Jacob,

¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

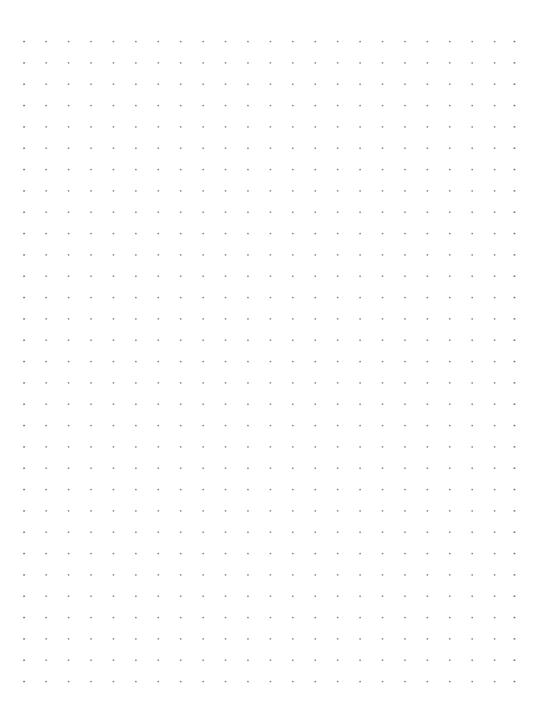
¹⁷ Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Notes



Additional Texts

Genesis 2:4

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Genesis 5:1

This is the written account of Adam's family line.

Genesis 22:17-18

¹⁷ "I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

2 Samuel 7:12-14

¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son.

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.

Prayer

If you would like personal prayer during this time you can meet with today's prayer leaders Dan & Ruthann Perrin located in the back.

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

"Jov Has Dawned"

All
Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love, Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast, vuln'rable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.
Gold—a King is born today, incense—God is with us,
Myrrh—His death will make a way, and by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven, given as a ransom; Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion! What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst'ry! Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry.

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2004

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 3-5 pm Youth Group this Evening Middle and high school students, please join us in the gym for youth group. Afterward, high schoolers are invited to hang out at Greek's Pizza on 16th. *Email Mary Paxton Lind or Nicholas McDonald with any questions*.

DEADLINE Dec. 13

Basket Donation for Advent Art We are looking for shallow, unpainted, rattan/wicker baskets of various sizes, anywhere from 8 inches-2 feet wide and no more than 6-8 inches deep. These baskets will be sewn together to form a sculpture in the sanctuary. Baskets can be dropped off in the sanctuary by the welcome desk on Sundays or in the church offices during the week.

Dec. 16 AM Dec. 18 AM Dec. 18 PM

Dec. 19 PM

Redeemer Women's Advent Book Discussions Too often our preparation to celebrate the birth of our Savior is overshadowed by the hustle and bustle of the season. Redeemer Women invites you to slow down and savor this season. Read Advent by Tish Harrison Warren and enjoy festive food, connection, and discussion with other women on a date/time that works best for you. Use the QR code to register for one of four times.



Feb. 2-3 DEADLINE Dec. 31 CIP Men's Retreat Join us for a great opportunity to connect with other men, and set aside time to grow together in Christ! Bob Smart, pastor of Christ Church in Normal, IL, will address questions men ask as we are transformed by the gospel. Email Sam (sam@redeemindy.org). Use the QR code to sign up.



Near West Coat/Winter Clothing Drive CONTINUES Redeemer for the Near Westside is hosting another winter clothing and supply drive for the students and teachers at Matchbook Learning, a K-8 school on the Near Westside. We are collecting new and gently used winter clothing (coats, gloves, hats) for K-8 children and their families, as well as basic supplies for teachers. We also have an Amazon list to purchase new items and supplies for teachers, but all donations are welcome.



Other Updates

Church Plant Newsletter Want to learn more about our current church planting team and what they are up to in the Near Westside/Haughville area? Use the QR code to sign-up for their newsletter to stay up to date.



Support Our Partners in Kenya A small group from Redeemer is in Kenya to help our missions partners, the Makukus, with their high school camp. Please pray for this camp to help students connect to Jesus and experience rest. Our team has supplied as many tangible items possible to help the camp. We are still collecting donation to cover the camp's food cost. *You can contribute to the Missions—Special Projects fund by using hte QR code*.



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL GUIDE

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will be in the Speck Gallery.

The Creatives Class will be in the City Gallery.

This week, we invite you to join us for Sunday Social Hour. Grab a cup of coffee, yummy treat, and sit and chat for a bit. It will be a great time to connect with old and new friends. Enjoy Tinker Coffee and baked goods from Boyden's Bakery. Next Sunday we will have our monthly Artist Talk.

Nursery is open for children ages 0-3 the whole morning.

REDEEMER STUDENTS SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

- Middle School: the Underground
- High School: Room 205

REDEEMER KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

- Preschool 3: Nursery
- Preschool 4-5: Room 160 (Children's Worship)
- Kindergarten-1st Grade: Room 204
- 2nd-3rd Grade: Room 201
- 4th-5th Grade Boys: Room 203
- 4th-5th Grade Girls: Sky Gallery (3rd Floor)

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Closing Hymn

"A Child of God"

All
I lie down and rest, cause I work no longer
I breathe in, refreshed no more soiled in disgrace
I look up at him to whom I am kneeling
And I see delight there in my Father's face.

I am last and low, cause I fight no longer
To be right, or good or to prove my own worth
I'm not driven or pushed or weighed down with duty
I am filled with release that Christ did all for me

I'm a child of God, and love is my freedom
I can ask anything of my Father the King
I'm an heir, I'm adopted and my brother is Jesus.
I'm a child of God and my soul is at peace.

I'm a child of God, and love is my freedom
I can ask anything of my Father the King
I'm an heir, I'm adopted and my brother is Jesus.
I'm a child of God and my soul is at peace.

I stand up in faith, cause I fear no longer And I pray and wait for God to provide I lean all of my weight on him who is able And I set aside every effort of mine

I'm a child of God, and love is my freedom
I can ask anything of my Father the King
I'm an heir, I'm adopted and my brother is Jesus.
I'm a child of God and my soul is at peace.

I know now, I'm safe, cause nothing can harm me Or break in and take what's stored up for me I need not to cling to dead helpless idols They no longer can hold any comfort for me

I'm a child of God, and love is my freedom
I can ask anything of my Father the King
I'm an heir, I'm adopted and my brother is Jesus.
I'm a child of God and my soul is at peace.

Nathan Partain, 2011

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving: \$2,340,594

January-October 2023 budget:

\$2,553,750

Congregational Giving

November 5, 2023 \$	54.769
November 12, 2023 \$	68.196
November 19, 2023 \$	65,444
November 26, 2023\$	27.536
November Total\$	214,070

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.

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 Desk in the back of the sanctuary for a small gift! We'll be in touch.

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