



Epiphany

15 JANUARY 2022

Cover Art

Illustrations by Breezy Brookshire

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 Psalm 62:5-8

Leader O, my soul, be still in God;
for our hope is anchored to him.

All **Truly he is my refuge from the storm and battle,
Truly he is the one who delivers me,
Truly he holds me high and secure,
and in him,
I will not be shaken to fall.**

**My full salvation depends on God,
My honor and worth rest on God,
The shelter that gives me strength is in God.**

Leader Have confidence in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts before his face,
for God is the one we run to.

Opening Hymn

“Jesus is Mine!”

All

**Fade, fade, each earthly joy: Jesus is mine!
Break every tender tie: Jesus is mine!
Dark is this wilderness, Earth has no resting place,
Jesus alone can bless: Jesus is mine!**

**Tempt not my soul away: Jesus is mine!
Here would I ever stay: Jesus is mine!
Perishing things of clay, Born for but one brief day,
Pass from my heart away: Jesus is mine!**

**Farewell, ye dreams of night: Jesus is mine!
Lost in this dawning bright: Jesus is mine!
All that my soul has tried Left but a dismal void;
Jesus has satisfied: Jesus is mine!**

**Farewell, mortality: Jesus is mine!
Welcome, eternity: Jesus is mine!
Welcome, O loved and blest, Welcome, sweet scenes of rest,
Welcome, my Savior’s breast: Jesus is mine!**

words Jane C. Bonar, 1843; 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

“Rock of Ages”

All

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**

**Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill thy Law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know?
Could my tears forever flow?
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to thy cross, I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die!**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.**

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.**

words Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; music Thomas Hastings, 1830

Song in the Gospel

"The Lord is my Joy"

All **The Lord is my joy, the Lord is my joy,
When all that I have is lost, I find
The Lord is my joy.**

**The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my strength,
When I am too weak to go on, I find
The Lord is my strength.**

**My all in all is he, my healing King,
My Master tends to me, for him, my soul shall sing.**

**The Lord is my rock, the Lord is my rock,
When all I have faith in fails, I find
The Lord is my rock.**

**The Lord is my delight, the Lord is my delight,
Above all the joys of life, I find
The Lord is my delight.**

**My all in all is he, my breath, my song.
In him, I have everything; to him, my soul belongs.**

Women **I wait, and wait upon you, to come for me in rescue.
Give strength, my heart is failing, yet still, my lips will praise you. [Repeat]**

Men **And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I'm asleep,
I offer all my plans and dreams, I give my savior everything.
And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I'm asleep,
I offer all my plans and dreams.**

All **You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**My all in all is he, my dearest friend.
I put my trust in him; on him, my soul depends.**

Nathan Partain, 2008

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]



Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-14

Reader

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶ And all people will see God’s salvation.”

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

¹¹ John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

*Reader
People*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Sam Haist

A Call to Be Changed

Notes

A large grid of small dots for taking notes, consisting of 20 columns and 25 rows.

Community Group Questions

1. *Take a minute to read Luke 3:1-14. What stands out as you read this? How does John's preaching and ministry strike you? How would you react if he showed up and said this to you today?*
2. *At the center of John's ministry is a call to be changed--a call to say "no" to sin, and say "yes" to God in faith and obedience. As you look at your life right now, what would you say is the biggest hindrance to obedience to God? What's holding you back from following Jesus more fully?*
3. *When the crowds ask John what this change is supposed to look like (Luke 3:10-14), he names a few things we might not initially expect: generosity with material resources, and integrity in our vocations. Why do you think he highlights these things? What might they reveal about our posture towards God? How should knowing Jesus shape the way we approach them?*

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

“Behold”

All

The empty filled, the wounded healed,
The broken back together.
The poor are blessed, the weary rest,
We will dance forever.

The blinded see, the chained are free,
The doubtful now believer.
The outcast known, the orphan home,
You are my Redeemer.

Behold, behold, Behold what Love can do!
Behold, behold, he’s making all things new.

The lost return, the voiceless heard,
The mourner now rejoicing.
The mountains shake, the world awake,
Creation all composing.

The sad untrue, the earth renewed,
The song has found its singer.
The darkness light, the dead alive,
You are my Redeemer.

Behold, behold, Behold what Love can do!
Behold, behold, he’s making all things new.
Behold, behold, Behold what Love can do!
Behold, behold, he’s making all things new.

We’ve been struck down, we’re not destroyed.
We’ve sown in tears, we’ll reap in joy.
We’ve been struck down, we’re not destroyed.
We’ve sown in tears, we’ll reap in joy.
My eyes are open, My eyes are open.

Behold, behold, Behold what Love can do!
Behold, behold, he’s making all things new.
Behold, behold, Behold what Love can do!
Behold, behold, he’s making all things new.
Behold, behold, Behold what Love can do!
Behold, behold, he’s making all things new.
He’s making all things new.
He’s making all things new.

Natalie Taylor Leonhardt, 2020

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.**

Prayer of Sending

Russ and Ruth Schwartz have a longstanding missions partnership with a school in Liberia, and are about to leave for several months to serve there. Be praying for the transforming safety of the gospel that they will get to share while over there.

Community Life

Today
10 am

Sunday School Starts Back This Week! Redeemer Kids classes will resume in their usual locations. Middle school boys and girls will meet in Room 205. High school students will join the adults in the Underground for our special Sunday School class centered on *Attucks: The School that Opened a City*, a documentary about Crispus Attucks High School. *The Sunday Morning Bible Study on 2 Samuel* will begin on Sunday, February 5.

3:5 pm

Youth Group Social Join us this evening 3-5 pm for an afternoon of fun. We'll have various crafts, games, snacks, and more. Middle schoolers will meet at the church, and high school students be at the Anderson's house. *Email marypaxton@redeemindy.org for more details.*

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 opens today and will close January 31.*



Winter/Spring Bible Study Sign-ups Closes Today Redeemer Women and Redeemer Men will study 2 Samuel this semester. *Time slot options will be the same as the fall options.*



January 22
10 am

Town Hall Join us in the sanctuary to hear what 2023 has in store and take time for questions from the congregation.

January
27th: 6-9pm
28th: 9am-12pm

Discovering Redeemer Class Interested in learning more about Redeemer and maybe becoming a member? Come to Discovering Redeemer to learn more about our story and what it means to be part of the community here. *Use the QR code to register.*



March 11
8am-12:30pm

SAVE THE DATE GRACE Training 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. More information coming soon!

Tuesdays
6 am

Zumba Class Join us for our 45-minute Zumba Class in the Gym on Tuesday mornings at 6 am. *If you have any questions, please email women@redeemindy.org. There will be a one-off Saturday morning Zumba class on January 21st at 8 am.*

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

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 stand up in faith, cause I fear no longer,
And I pray and wait for my 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 been 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:

\$20,168



January 2023 budget:
\$231,909

Congregational Giving

January 1-8, 2023	\$	20,168
January Total	\$	20,168

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.

