



# Ordination Sunday

6 November 2022

## Cover Art

*Kyle Ragsdale*

## Back Wall

*Gates and cymbals*

*Symbols and gates*

*In loving memory of Brian Allee*

## Banners

*“Haloes” by Tom Peck*

*Haloes—those mysterious circles surrounding the heads of people in ancient paintings—have been used throughout history to connote holiness, majesty, or splendor. Since at least the fourth century they have been included in Christian art to signify the sanctity of God the Father, Jesus, and the early saints.*

*Halo is a synonym for glory. The word halo, interestingly, derives from the Greek word for threshing floor—the hard-packed surface where oxen continuously moved round and round, making a circular path. Haloes, aptly, trace the arc of God’s story: from the humble to the glorious; from the coarseness of the threshing floor to a sign of the glory of Jesus, the Son of God.*

*The wood that I used to make these haloes was commonplace—plywood, construction-grade pine, and scrap from previous projects. These modest materials reflect the shape of the threshing floor ultimately becoming the shape of glory. I worked on this project without a firm direction in its meaning; only that it was unusually enjoyable and a delight to turn each of these pieces. It was in conversation with Berenice Rarig that the full circle of their story became clear. Thanks, B!*

## Stair Cap Decoration

*Stained glass lanterns with wooden housing by Susan Jones & Ryan Collier*

## Window Covering

*Marcia Jones*

## Communion Set

*Tom Peck*

# Call to Worship

*based on Psalm 136*

- Leader* Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
*All* **for his steadfast love endures forever!**
- Leader* Give thanks to the God of gods and the Lord of lords,  
*All* **for his steadfast love endures forever!**
- Leader* He alone does great wonders.  
*All* **He is the author of everything we have seen.  
Whether from a microscope or a telescope.  
He is even the author of what we have not yet seen  
and do not yet understand.**
- Leader* He has delivered us from sin  
and guides us to the safety of the gospel.  
*All* **He remembers us. He rescues us. He provides for us.**

# Opening Hymn

*“Psalm 136– The LORD is All That’s Good”*

*All*

**The LORD is all that’s good. He is the Power of powers.  
He is the Beauty of beauties. He is the Fear of fears.**

**He alone is the Author of wonders. His thoughts are like the universe.  
His care spread the earth on the water.  
He’s the Truth of the day. He’s the Hope through the night.**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.  
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able  
To make us stand pure in his sight.**

**He crushed the head of death, Delivered us from the reach of his hand.  
With his mighty arm he made us a path,  
A way through the deep, we walk on dry land.**

**While Pharaoh is damned to darkness, He guides us through the wilderness.  
He breaks every scepter, makes low every name.  
In us he has planted his kingdom, his flame.**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.  
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able  
To make us like stars in the night.**

**He never forgets our weakness. He spares us from the enemy.  
He strengthens our soul with the breath of his mouth.  
Give thanks to the Lord of heaven. Cry out!**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.  
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able  
To raise us from death unto life.**

*Nathan Partain, 2000*

# Prayer of Adoration

# Prayer of Confession

*based on Ezra 8:28; Exodus 19:5*

*Leader*

Christian, you are devoted to the LORD:  
You are his treasured possession in all the earth.

*All*

**How are we treasured?  
We see ourselves as just ordinary—nothing special.  
Some of us sink even lower into self-loathing  
and see ourselves as worthless.**

*Leader*

Christian, you are devoted to the LORD:  
You belong to him.

*All*

**We act like we belong to ourselves:  
Free to do what we want with our bodies and our time.  
We chase after power, recognition, and pleasure.**

*Leader*

Christian, you are devoted to the LORD:  
You are holy for him.

*All*

**We hear holy and think “holier than thou.”  
We don’t want to be a fanatic or one of “those Christians.”  
So, we blend in and go along,  
Sometimes baptizing it as “being relevant.”**

*Leader*

Brothers and sisters, why do we shrink back from our devotion to the LORD?

*All*

**We’re not devoted to the LORD,  
Because we don’t see him as worthy of devotion.  
We confess, God, our sin underneath our sin:  
We think that you’re small and only sort of important.  
We fail to trust you as the merciful and majestic God  
revealed to us in Jesus Christ.**

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*based on 1 Corinthians 1:2, 18; 2:8; 6:11*

- Leader* Church of God called Redeemer Presbyterian in Indianapolis:  
Holy and special,  
Loved in, through, and with Jesus Christ—
- All* **We join with those in our city and in all sorts of places from Tehran to Tuscaloosa  
Who call on his name—  
He's their Lord and ours.**
- Leader* The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,  
But to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- All* **The Lord of glory was crucified for our sins—  
It's a mystery of God's surprising love, power, and justice.**
- Leader* You were washed in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.  
*All* **Our sin and guilt have been scrubbed away!**
- Leader* You were sanctified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.  
*All* **We have been made beautiful, clothed in glory, we are the joy of our savior!**
- Leader* You were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.  
*All* **We have been declared innocent, and the slate is wiped clean!**
- Leader* The Lord has devoted himself to us:  
Taking on humanity eternally in the resurrected Son,  
Joining himself to us in his Son by the Spirit who lives in us.
- All* **May we, by grace in the power of the Spirit,  
devote ourselves to our God who has called us and loves us.**

# Song in the Gospel

*“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”*

*All*

How deep the Father’s love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure;  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away;  
As wounds which mar the chosen One,  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there,  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life,  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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*Stewart Townsend, 1995*

# Song in the Gospel

*"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! O 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.**

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"He has done great things," we will say together.  
We will feast, and weep no more.**

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*Sandra McCracken and Josh Moore, 2015*



# 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're at 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](https://redeemindy.org/give)]



# Ordination of Elders

## Elders

- *Andrew Christenberry*
- *Matthias Lind*
- *Marshall Overley*
- *Mark Smith*

## Ruling Elders Vows

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

## Congregation's Vows

*Leader*

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

*All*

**We do.**

## Charge to New Ruling Elders

## Prayer for New Ruling Elders

# Scripture Reading

*Ezra 10:7-44*

*All*

<sup>7</sup> A proclamation was then issued throughout Judah and Jerusalem for all the exiles to assemble in Jerusalem. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who failed to appear within three days would forfeit all his property, in accordance with the decision of the officials and elders, and would himself be expelled from the assembly of the exiles.

<sup>9</sup> Within the three days, all the men of Judah and Benjamin had gathered in Jerusalem. And on the twentieth day of the ninth month, all the people were sitting in the square before the house of God, greatly distressed by the occasion and because of the rain.

<sup>10</sup> Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, “You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women, adding to Israel’s guilt. <sup>11</sup> Now honor the LORD, the God of your ancestors, and do his will. Separate yourselves from the peoples around you and from your foreign wives.”

<sup>12</sup> The whole assembly responded with a loud voice: “You are right! We must do as you say. <sup>13</sup> But there are many people here and it is the rainy season; so we cannot stand outside. Besides, this matter cannot be taken care of in a day or two, because we have sinned greatly in this thing. <sup>14</sup> Let our officials act for the whole assembly. Then let everyone in our towns who has married a foreign woman come at a set time, along with the elders and judges of each town, until the fierce anger of our God in this matter is turned away from us.” <sup>15</sup> Only Jonathan son of Asahel and Jahzeiah son of Tikvah, supported by Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite, opposed this.

<sup>16</sup> So the exiles did as was proposed. Ezra the priest selected men who were family heads, one from each family division, and all of them designated by name. On the first day of the tenth month they sat down to investigate the cases, <sup>17</sup> and by the first day of the first month they finished dealing with all the men who had married foreign women.

<sup>18</sup> Among the descendants of the priests, the following had married foreign women:

From the descendants of Joshua son of Jozadak, and his brothers: Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib and Gedaliah. <sup>19</sup> (They all gave their hands in pledge to put away their wives, and for their guilt they each presented a ram from the flock as a guilt offering.)

<sup>20</sup> From the descendants of Immer:  
Hanani and Zebadiah.

<sup>21</sup> From the descendants of Harim:  
Maaseiah, Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel and Uziah.

<sup>22</sup> From the descendants of Pashhur:  
Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad and Elasah.

- <sup>23</sup> Among the Levites:  
Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah (that is, Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah and Eliezer.
- <sup>24</sup> From the musicians:  
Eliashib.
- From the gatekeepers:  
Shallum, Telem and Uri.
- <sup>25</sup> And among the other Israelites:  
From the descendants of Parosh:  
Ramiah, Izziah, Malkijah, Mijamin, Eleazar, Malkijah and Benaiah.
- <sup>26</sup> From the descendants of Elam:  
Mattaniah, Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth and Elijah.
- <sup>27</sup> From the descendants of Zattu:  
Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad and Aziza.
- <sup>28</sup> From the descendants of Bebai:  
Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai and Athlai.
- <sup>29</sup> From the descendants of Bani:  
Meshullam, Malluk, Adaiah, Jashub, Sheal and Jeremoth.
- <sup>30</sup> From the descendants of Pahath-Moab:  
Adna, Kelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui and Manasseh.
- <sup>31</sup> From the descendants of Harim:  
Eliezer, Ishijah, Malkijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, <sup>32</sup> Benjamin, Malluk and Shemariah.
- <sup>33</sup> From the descendants of Hashum:  
Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh and Shimei.
- <sup>34</sup> From the descendants of Bani:  
Maadai, Amram, Uel, <sup>35</sup> Benaiah, Bedeiah, Keluhi, <sup>36</sup> Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,  
<sup>37</sup> Mattaniah, Mattenai and Jaasu.
- <sup>38</sup> From the descendants of Binnui:  
Shimei, <sup>39</sup> Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah, <sup>40</sup> Maknadebai, Shashai, Sharai,  
<sup>41</sup> Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah, <sup>42</sup> Shallum, Amariah and Joseph.
- <sup>43</sup> From the descendants of Nebo:  
Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, Joel and Benaiah.
- <sup>44</sup> All these had married foreign women, and some of them had children by these wives.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Ben Hein

*Is God Still Building?*

## Additional Scripture

<sup>60</sup> On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

<sup>61</sup> Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!

<sup>63</sup> The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. <sup>65</sup> He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

<sup>66</sup> From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

<sup>67</sup> “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

*John 6:60-69*

<sup>18</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

<sup>21</sup> My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 1:8-2:2*

# Notes



## Community Group Questions

1. *What has your relationship with God's Word been like? Has it always been easy to accept—even the challenging parts? Are there places in Scripture that are a challenge for you to make sense of or even believe? How do we commit ourselves to the serious study of God's Word while still living by faith - even when Scripture confounds us or makes us angry?*
2. *Where do you find your own view of yourself naturally drifting? Are you tempted toward self-righteous pride? Self-loathing and heaping condemnation on yourself? Why do we need Scripture to give us an accurate view of ourselves?*
3. *Read 1 John 1:5-2:2. Think about your day-to-day understanding of sin. Do you tend to minimize sin, downplay God's holiness, or fear the possibility of forgiveness? What difference does the instant, total, freely given forgiveness in Christ mean for you?*
4. *Think back on our series in Ezra. How would you answer the question, "What is God Building?"*

# 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

*“Abide With Me”*

*All*

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.**

**Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile  
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee.  
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.**

**I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.**

**Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.**

*Henry Francis Lyte, 1847*

## 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

**Sunday School Today** The 1 Samuel Bible Study will meet in the Speck Gallery. Redeemer Kids classes will take place in their normal locations. Middle School Students will meet in the Underground, while High School Students will be in Room 205.

12:30 pm

**Artist Talk** Harrison Center Artist Talk with Kyle Ragsdale discussing his solo exhibit “Hugo & the Fish Purse.” Kyle’s current body of work is inspired by recent journeys to Florence, Cinque Terra, and Sienna, Italy. New paintings and prints reference ancient stories of miracles and longing inhabited by saints, bears, angels, and a very magical fish.

**Small Business Sunday** We will have coffee from Rivet Coffee and baked goods from Pana Donuts in the gym after service.

Today  
10 am

**Mercy Month Sunday Today!** *YoungLives* is a relationship-based ministry where adult women walk alongside teen moms and their babies, introducing teen moms to Christ and helping them grow in their faith through individual mentor relationships, group meetings, meals, and the provision of baby necessities. *Join us in the gym during Sunday school to learn more about how you can support and get involved in the work they do!*

November 13  
& 20

**Blanket Drive** In the spirit of caring for the overlooked as we commission and ordain new Deacon team members, we will collect new and *gently* used blankets for *Shepherd Community Center* to give to those in need during their food distribution initiatives and to families in their programs. *We will set up by the courtyard entrance to accept donations after both services.*

November 13  
9 am-2:30 pm

**Church-wide Advent Workshop** Join us in the gym for any part of this annual craft event for all ages, where we will create sanctuary art for our Advent worship. There will be multiple projects to choose from and show your creativity! Also everyone is welcome to join us for the lunch after second service. *Questions? Email Kyle Ragsdale (kyle@harrisoncenter.org)*

**Advent Writers Needed** More information to come. *Email Cindy Ragsdale if you would like to participate. (cindylongragsdale@gmail.com)*

November 22  
12:30 pm

**Newcomer’s Lunch** We know getting connected at a new church can be challenging. Over a meal, you will meet Redeemer leaders and other newcomers, hear some of our stories, be able to ask questions, and find out the next steps. Join us in the Speck Gallery on November 20th after the 11:00 am service. *Use the QR code to register.*



Tuesdays  
6 am

**Zumba** Join us for our 45 minute Zumba Class in the Gym. Enter through the courtyard door. THERE WILL BE NO ZUMBA CLASS ON NOVEMBER 22ND (THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING).

DEADLINE  
Tomorrow

**The Unity Fund Giving Initiative** The PCA Foundation has a one-month challenge in October to raise support for the PCA Unity Fund. *We would love to encourage you to consider giving to the Unity Fund, so use the QR code to give now.*



*More information can be found at our website: [redeemindy.org](http://redeemindy.org).*

# Closing Hymn

*“Your Ways and Not my Ways”*

*All*

**My will, O Lord, my deepest need, to you I give  
For what I'd seek, and what I'd gain, is foolishness  
When I fight against your voice with hardened heart  
I am lost, toyed with and I stumble in the dark.**

**I want your ways and not my ways, I want your plans and not my plans  
cause when you bless it's so much more than I could ask**

**You turn in me, and from my earth bring loving fruit  
O Spirit breathe, abide in me and I in you.  
O bind your heart to mine and never leave  
And Jesus keep me ever at your feet**

**I want your ways and not my ways, I want your plans and not my plans  
cause when you bless it's so much more than I could ask  
I want your will and not my will, I want your time and not my time  
cause when your work is done, it's beautiful and right.**

**When you call me, I'll obey and won't resist.  
Every part and every reach of me says “yes”**

**I want your ways and not my ways, I want your plans and not my plans  
cause when you bless it's so much more than I could ask  
I want your will and not my will, I want your time and not my time  
cause when your work is done, it's beautiful and right.**

**I do not know how but i can taste, That I will weep and laugh with praise  
because it pleases you to overwhelm with grace.**

*Nathan Partain, 2016*

# Benediction

# Deacons On the Move

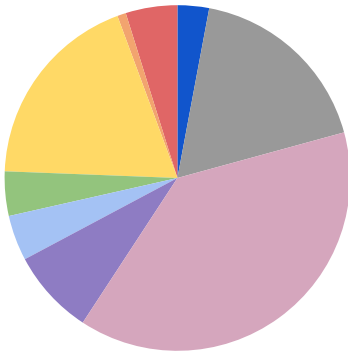
## What is the deacon team?

The deacon team exists to connect people to Jesus and care for our congregation and city through acts of service, mercy, and justice.

## Mercy Month Special Offering

The Mercy Fund is partially funded through Redeemer's general budget. However, additional gifts from the congregation are also vital for the Deacon Team to be fully funded. Next week, on November 13th, we will take up a special offering at the end of each service to be used for mercy and justice needs in the congregation and in the city.

### Mercy Fund Expenses 2022



MINISTRY	EXPENSE
Walk in Assistance	\$1,994.07
Partner Ministry Gifts	\$12,025.31
Counseling Scholarships	\$26,000.00
Rent & Utilities	\$5,397.97
Groceries	\$2,875.00
Internal Teams & Initiatives (Legacy Ladies, Meal Train team, Homebound Care team, and Weekend Respite)	\$2,804.44
Care Needs (i.e. medical procedures, moving assistance, legal fees, etc.)	\$12,662.91
Administrative Expenses	\$547.12
Foster & Adoption Grants	\$3,266.43
<b>Total expensed</b>	<b>\$67,573.25</b>
Current balance	\$33,643.70
4:8 Fund expenditures	\$24,420.67
4:8 Fund balance as of 09/30	\$79,399.52



Use the QR code to learn more about what the Deacon Ministry does, who we are, and how you can get involved.

# How Do I Get Involved?

I have...	How to use it for mercy and justice at Redeemer
2 minutes	Pray for the deacon team to be Christ's hands and feet as we seek to care for the congregation and city.
An evening	Watch kids of parenting teens during a YoungLives meeting (2x/month)
A Saturday morning***	Volunteer to play with kids during a Redeemer Weekend Respite event for single parents, parents of children with special needs, and foster and adoptive parents.
A car***	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport parenting teens to and from 2 mtgs/month</li> <li>• Deliver a pre-made meal from the Redeemer freezer to someone at Redeemer who is in need of meals</li> </ul>
Things to donate or a willingness to shop***	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donate gently used baby gear to YoungLives (can be dropped off at Redeemer)</li> <li>• Donate blankets for Shepherd on November 13th and 20th</li> <li>• Donate bus passes for residents of Wheeler Homeless Misison to use to get to appointments or work</li> </ul>
Space in my home for a child	<p>Host a child whose parent is experiencing distress for 1-90 days. Example of types of needs through Family Hope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single mom, overwhelmed, looking for 2-3 days respite for 2-year-old twins &amp; a 1-year-old boy. Can host separately.</li> <li>• Homeless mom looking for 2-3 weeks hosting for 3-year-old son while she works and saves for a deposit on apartment. No daycare.</li> </ul>
Time to get coffee and make a couple of phone calls once a month	Be a Support Coach through Family Hope. Support Coaches walk alongside parents and offer mentorship, resource connection, and encouragement.
The ability to cook***	Make a meal for someone at Redeemer who has had a baby, had surgery, or another similar need. (Can be dropped off at Redeemer and put in the freezer for someone to use later)
A calling to get more involved	Consider becoming a deacon assistant or deaconess/deacon.
Other	Have a skill or talent and not sure how to use it for others? Talk to a deacon team member!

\*\*\*If your community group has any desire to serve, this might be a good opportunity to serve together.

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2022 year to date giving:  
\$1,875,920

January-October 2022 budget:  
\$2,739,325

## Congregational Giving

October 2, 2022 .....	\$ 117,135
October 9, 2022 .....	\$ 40,608
October 16, 2022 .....	\$ 37,571
October 23, 2022 .....	\$ 71,416
October 30, 2022 .....	\$ 78,290
<b>October Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 345,072</b>

## 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](mailto:info@redeemindy.org).

## Good to See You Again

You've been around, but there are so many ways to get plugged in that you're not sure where to start. How about starting here? Give us your name and email, check some boxes, and drop this in the offering plate.

### FIRST & LAST NAME

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### EMAIL

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### I'D LIKE TO... \*

- Learn More About Redeemer
  - Become a Member
  - Join a Community Group
  - Work with Global Missions
  - Use my Artistic Talents
  - Serve with Kids
  - Serve with Students
  - Greet on Sunday Mornings
  - Make & Serve Food
  - Join a Prayer Team
  - Talk to Someone About Counseling
  - Do Something Else:
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\*Go to [www.redeemindy.org/ministries](http://www.redeemindy.org/ministries) for a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions.

# 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

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- Male     Female

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

## SPOUSE OR FRIEND

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- Male     Female

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTACT

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO SAY!

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

Classes  
10:00 a.m.