

Cover Art

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Table Runner

Advent Workshop

Communion Set

Noelle Hoover

Processional Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

All
O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

words Anonymous, 9th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1851; music French melody, 15th cent

Arrival Letter

from Matthew 24:4-26

Reader Jesus warned his disciples:

"Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

"So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the hearer understand— then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

"If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you ahead of time.

"So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the wilderness,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 11:1-4b

Leader A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

All The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

Leader He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

All But with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

Leader He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

All Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Processional Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

All
O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free,
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory over the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

words Anonymous, 9th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1851; music French melody, 15th cent

Letter of Confession

All Dear Savior,

I'm running low, almost out now. I find it hard to ask, When will you come?

To keep looking for the morning begins to seem insulting, like an inability to accept reality.

To watch for you like you are about to walk through the door, I flinch at the thought of exercising my faith like that again. It disrupts my world, like a loud noise or a bright light in a sleepy room.

My soul is pulled down and wants to give in, to stop straining against the drag.

I hear it in those around me,

from the successful and educated,
from the mistreated and used,
from doctors and novelists, in advertisements and posts.
Even my own heart screams it:
"No one is coming for you. You're on your own! You have always been on your own."

It wants to kill the child-faith I have had for you and replace it with an anger that is supposed to protect me. And the thought is tempting, to hate you for making me think it possible that all this hurt could be swallowed up in your joy.

But somehow, despite me, a light never goes out, below all the fury, You seem to stay.

Help me to stand again, To believe, to breathe, To lift my head, clear-eyed, expectant, To sing again, like I used to.

Calling out in the dark,

Your Beloved

Letter of Redemption

From Isaiah 43; Psalm 103:12 and John 1:16; Rev 3:8; 2 Timothy 2:13; Luke 14:28

Leader

My Beloved, I see you. I know you are weak, but you've held to my word, and you still call on my name.

Do not be afraid. I have redeemed you completely. I have called you specifically, claimed you as my own. You are my responsibility now.

I have saved you and I will sustain you, I will carry you.

You are precious and honored in my sight, and I love you.

Do not be afraid. I am always with you. No one can take you out of my hand, And when I save, it cannot be reversed.

Forget the former things.
Do not dwell on the past.
Watch! I am doing something new.
It is already springing up.
Can you see it?
I have made the way for you.

You have betrayed and rejected me; There is nothing you could offer to ever make things right.

So please believe me when I tell you...
Though you lose faith, I will remain faithful,
I knew who you were when I died for you,
I counted the costs, bound myself to you,
and I will bring you all the way to glory.

Keep these words I am sending you, They still will be true tomorrow, whether you feel it or not, I will be with you; my favor is on you, blessing you with grace upon grace, For this is my glory; this is who I am.

Always abounding in steadfast love for you,

Your Savior

Song in the Gospel

"Savior of the Nations. Come"

All Savior of the nations, come, show yourself, the virgin's son.

Marvel, heaven, wonder earth, that our God chose such a birth.

Not by human power or seed did the woman's womb conceive; Only by the Spirit's breath was the Word of God made flesh.

Mary then was found with child, still a virgin, chaste and mild. God had favored her with grace to receive the Prince of Peace.

Christ laid down his majesty, passed through dark Gethsemane. Though he left his Father's home, Christ now sits on God's own throne.

Christ in glory intercede for your creature's suff'ring need. Let your resurrecting power soon complete the vict'ry hour.

Praise to you, O Lord, we sing. Praise to Christ, our newborn King! With the Father, Spirit, one, let your lasting kingdom come.

Words: Ambrose, 4th century, and Martin Luther, 1523; tr. Calvin Seerveld, © 1984 music: Enchiridia, Erfurt, 1524; arr. Bruce Benedict © 2009 Cardiphonia Music

Song in the Gospel

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

All Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear; Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the angels singing: news, glad tidings of a birth; "Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to Earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end; By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend. Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall; This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all!

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley, 1745

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]



Financial Giving Update

As we approach the end of the year, we want to keep you updated on our current financial situation.

- · 2022 Budget: \$2,751,920
- · 2022 Giving: \$2,054,032
- · 2022 Still Needed: \$697,888

Please prayerfully consider the role you can play in helping us reach this goal. In addition to giving online or through cash or check, you can give stocks or other appreciated assets.

Please email giving@redeemindy.org with any questions.

New Members

First Service:
Clare Collins
Jacob & Alexandra Flagg, Jude
Noah & Krisandra Johnson, Elizabeth
Norman Kamer
Walter Kamer
Caleb & Megan Larsen, Leo, and Jonah
Gabe & Holyn Lindman
Greta Miller
Hildi Miller
Tim & Megan Winn, Abigail, and Naomi

Second Service:

Caleb & Elise Keitt
David & Laura Mann, Eadie Cate, Levi, and June
Sharon Mathews
DJ & Kara Moreland, Mimi and Mira
Alexander Pulliam
Isabel Pulliam
Sean & Rosemarie Staley, Kaleb, Maja, and Madeleine

Membership Vows

- Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving
 his displeasure and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?
- 2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?
- 3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- 4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- 5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and peace?

Baptism

Second Service: Eadie Cate Mann

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 to New Members

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 these brothers and sisters into this church as those whom God has called his own according to the covenant? And do you now promise to surround them with Christian love, to pray with and for them, and to set an example of genuine faith and virtue?

All We do, for whoever welcomes these children of God in Christ's name, welcomes him.

And whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes the one who sent him.

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Reader

- ²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."
- ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."
- 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"
- 35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.
 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail."
- 38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Reader People This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Amidst Vulnerability

Additional Passages

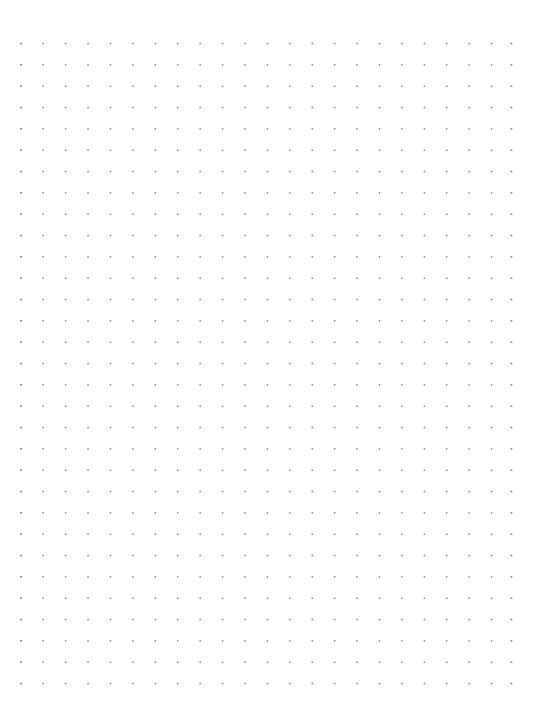
Exodus 40:34-35

 34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35 Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Luke 9:34

 34 While Peter was speaking, a cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

Notes



Community Group Questions

- 1. Vulnerability is defined by Andy Crouch as exposure to meaningful risk. As Curt Thompson says, therefore, to be human is to be vulnerable. Where do you feel exposed to meaningful risk? But we can take it a step further: Mary shows that to know God and be known by God may only increase your vulnerability. Where do you feel exposed to meaningful risk in and because of your faith?
- 2. How does the incarnation—from the promise of Jesus' conception in Luke 1 through the whole of his life and culminating in the cross—show how God relates to the vulnerability that comes with being human?
- 3. Mary in Luke 1:38 models faith for all believers. How can the truths of who God is as expressed in 1:26–38 cultivate and feed your faith? Circle back to question #1—what could it look like in one particular place where you feel vulnerable for you to say and pray v.38 to the Lord?

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

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Though an Infant now we view Him, He shall fill His Father's throne, Gather all the nations to Him; every knee shall then bow down: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Words James Montgomery, 1816; Music: Tom Peck, 2017

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 **Advent Sunday School Class** Join us for a special Sunday School class on the "Mothers of Jesus" in the gym. 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.

Small Business Sunday We will have coffee from *Tinker Coffee* and baked goods from *Taylor's Bakery* in the gym after service.

DEADLINE Next Sunday Near West Coat/Winter Clothing Drive Redeemer for the Near Westside is hosting a 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.



December 10 5:15-7 pm Weekend Respite Our care ministry partners with Redeemer Kids to provide quarterly respite childcare events to single parents, parents of children with special needs, and foster and adoptive parents. Our respite care event will have lunch included. Please sign up by December 7th, so we can assure that we have enough volunteers. Sign-ups also help us plan for one-on-one support and food allergies. If you are interested in volunteering to serve the families of Redeemer in this way, please contact Amanda Huron (amanda.huron@redeemindy.org).



December 17 9-11:30 am Redeemer Women Advent Morning Christmas is a time when two narratives compete for our attention. Too often the familiar story of the incarnation is overshadowed by the hustle and bustle of the season. This year, Redeemer Women invites you to slow down and savor the story of Christ's birth. Join us in reading *Hidden Christmas* by Tim Keller and gather with other women in the Underground for a time of reflection, discussion, and worship. *Please use the QR code to register*.



December 21 4-7 pm Redeemer Kids Christmas Party Christ's birth is good news of great joy meant for all people. Wear your Christmas pajamas and enjoy pancakes and toppings in the Underground. We'll have a live Nativity Petting Zoo in the back parking lot, a service project for Shepherd Community Center, and other fun activities in the Gym and Speck Gallery. Use the QR code to register. If you would like to volunteer email Emily (emily@redeemindy.org).



Christmas Eve, Christmas Sunday, and New Year's Day Service Times

Christmas Eve | 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, December 25 | 10:00 a.m. Sunday, January 1 | 10:00 a.m.

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

Closing Hymn

"Canticle of the Turning"

All My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near and the world is about to turn!

Though the nations rage from age to age we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near and the world is about to turn!

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; There are tables spread, every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near and the world is about to turn!

words Rory Cooney, 1990, from the Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55, UBP; music Nathan Partain, 2002, UBP

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2022 year to date giving: \$2,054,032

January-November 2022 budget: \$2,522,593

Congregational Giving

November 6, 2022\$	45,861
November 13, 2022\$	61,079
November 20, 2022 \$	34,179
November 27, 2022\$	36,992
November Total\$	178,111

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.

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	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.

