



Christmas Day

25 DECEMBER 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.

Letters

Advent Workshop

Many hands and hearts crafted letters of encouragement scattered through the sanctuary this morning. Little hands painted and pasted and drew. Hearts of all ages added messages. Finally, letters were prayed over...trusting the Holy Spirit to match the right message to each right household. Take one home as a gift.

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.



Welcome

Carol

“Joy to the World”

All

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

**And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

words Isaac Watts, 1719; music “Antioch”; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

Prayer of Adoration

Carol

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

All

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’ angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’ Incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

words Charles Wesley, 1739; music Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Lesson

Luke 2:8-9

Reader

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Carol

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

All

**God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r when we were gone astray.**

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**From God our heav’nly Father, a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds, brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.**

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan’s pow’r and might.”**

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**Now, to the Lord, sing praises all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood, each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.**

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

English carol, 18th century

Lesson

Luke 2:10-14

Reader

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

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: \$2,307,005*
- *2022 Still Needed: \$444,915*

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.

Carol

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

All

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of angels.
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be glory giv’n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

words and music John F. Wade, c.1743; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

Passing of the Peace

Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

Reader

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Notes



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

"Emmanuel"

All

**He comes to be the Word that all words are judged by.
He comes to be the Light that all lights are seen by.
He comes to be the Blood that all debts are paid by.
He comes to be the Word that all words are judged by.**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

**He comes to bring some rest to the heavy laden.
He comes to gut the one who abused his children.
He comes to burn all memories of Satan.
He comes to bring some rest to the heavy laden.**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

**We beheld him, we have seen God's face.
We have touched him, "God with us" remained.
We received him, we believed in his name, in his name, in his name.**

**He comes to lift our heads to proclaim his witness.
He comes to dwell in us to reflect his radiance.
He comes to send us out, his incarnate presence.
He comes to lift our heads to proclaim his witness.**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

When He comes again then we will be always with him.

Nathan Partain, 2012

Community Life

New Year's Day Service Time

Sunday, January 1 | 10:00 am

January
1-15

Save the Date for Winter/Spring Bible Study Sign-ups Redeemer Women and Redeemer Men will study 2 Samuel this semester. Groups will meet at various times and locations. *Sign-ups will run from next Sunday to January 15th. Time slot options will be the same as the fall options.*

January 8
12:30-2 pm

Better Bible Study Skills Workshop We will share lunch and discuss what you need to do, what you could do, and what you shouldn't do when you study your Bible. The workshop is taught by Erin Anderson, Sam Haist, and Emily Pilkington. *Use the QR code to register.*



Tuesdays
6 am

No Zumba Class this Tuesday, December 27th We will return on Tuesday, January 3rd at 6 am. *If you have any questions, please email women@redeemindy.org.*

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

Closing Hymn

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

All

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching
O'er the silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.**

**The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.**

**Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.**

words John W. Work, Jr., 1907; Spiritual

Benediction

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Year 2022 to date giving:
\$2,307,005

January-December 2022 budget:
\$2,751,920

Congregational Giving

December 4, 2022	\$ 125,180
December 11, 2022	\$ 90,967
December 18, 2022	\$ 36,825
December Total	\$ 252,973

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.

