



Redeemer

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Our target is not discipline, it is devotion.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:6-7 and 2 Corinthians 1:20

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be on his shoulder,

People: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

People: All the promises of God find their Yes in Jesus Christ. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory.



WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

We're glad to have you joining us in worship today. If you'd like to know more about Redeemer, including ways to get involved, please scan the QR code and let us know.

We have a hearing loop. Please switch your hearing aid to T-coil.



ADORING GOD IN SONG

How Firm a Foundation

TRINITY HYMNAL #94 (VERSES 1-4, 6)

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
**That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.** (repeat bold)



PARENTS AND NURSING MOMS:

We have a "wobble room" in the back of the Sanctuary. While not soundproof, it does offer you a little extra room to move around. If you are a nursing mom in need of a quiet place on Sunday mornings, the "wobble room" and infant nursery are available options. We also have a nursing mother's room available on the lower level. Changing tables and changing supplies are also available on the lower level. Our nursery coordinator will be happy to answer any questions and help you get settled.

Oh Give Thanks (Psalm 107)

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

Chorus:

Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;
And the God of glory took away our shame.

(Chorus)

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees.
Then we cried like desperate sailors to the only One who hears,
And the God of comfort took away our tears.

(Chorus 2x)

CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

MATTHEW 1:21-23

She (Mary) will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DEACON'S PRAYER

RYAN SLATE

HOW CAN WE GIVE TO THE CHURCH?

There are several ways to give to the church. You can drop a check or cash in the offering plate as it is passed. You can mail a check, bring it by the church office, or leave it in our outside mailbox. You can also give online through your Breeze account or on our website. Online you can give by credit card or Bank ACH. Questions? Contact the church office, office@redeemerpca.net

OFFERTORY

Abide with Me

Abide with Me
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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, oft as I 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, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting, death? 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.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.
(Repeat bold)

Doxology

TRINITY HYMNAL #731

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.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

MINISTRY OF WORD & PRAYER

Reading of Scripture

LUKE 10:38-42

PAGE 1105 IN THE PEW BIBLE

Prayer for the Kingdom of God on Earth

STEVE WELSH

SONG OF PREPARATION

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Come away from rush and hurry
to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry,
come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,
life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered
here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness
we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy
we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence
all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing
into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens—
life's confusions, fears and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
take instead his kingdom's reign.

**Bring your thirsts,
for he will quench them—
he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment
when to self we gladly die**

(Repeat bold)

*Sung to the tune of Come Thou
Fount of Every Blessing
Lyrics of Come Away from Rush
and Hurry by Kara Young*



CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Children ages 4 through Kindergarten are invited to attend Children's Church during the song of preparation. This is a great opportunity for them to prepare for participation in the full worship service as well as practice the different elements of worship.

SERMON

One Thing Is Necessary

Luke 10:38-42

ROSS JELGERHUIS, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

1. The glory of our distracted hearts (v38-39)

2. The grief of our distracted hearts (v40)

3. Grace for our distracted hearts (v41-42)

Listen to the Sermon online at:
WWW.REDEEMERPCA.COM



RESPONSE

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war

And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore
And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

**Come rejoice now, O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore**
(Repeat 3x)

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore
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Christ Is Mine Forevermore
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BENEDICTION

Audio Production Volunteers Needed

We are growing the Audio Production Team and looking for 3-4 people to join us working in the sound booth. If you are looking for an opportunity to serve, have a passion for music and technology, and thrive working under pressure, we'd love to hear from you. Don't worry we will train you! We'll be sharing more information about this opportunity soon, or you can e-mail the office, office@redeemerpca.net.

Support Refugee Hope Partners this Christmas

Thank you to everyone who has helped support our local mission partner, Refugee Hope Partners (RHP). We are helping RHP with supplies for their Early Learning Club. Don't forget to bring the supplies or snacks you have collected back to Redeemer. Have a question about RHP, reach out to Justine Bowser. justine@refugeehopepartners.org

Message from the Diaconate - Gift of Thanks to Our Staff

To the Redeemer Family: Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting the ministries and staff of Redeemer throughout 2024. The Diaconate would like to provide the opportunity for you to contribute to a year-end gift for the staff. This monetary gift will be given as a small token of appreciation for the hard work and dedication our church staff provides throughout the year. We would like to collect your contributions by Sunday, December 29. As these funds are being collected for the express purpose of a year-end gift for the staff of Redeemer PCA, your contribution is considered a donation to a charitable organization. Please note "year-end staff gift" in the memo portion of your check. Your contribution will be included in your annual statement of giving to Redeemer. If you have any questions, please contact any Deacon.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday

- Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 14: **R.O.M.E.O. Breakfast**, 8:30 a.m. at Redeemer
- January 16: **5th & 6th Grade Gathering Event**
- January 18, **Memorial Service** for Susan Forcum, 11 a.m. at Redeemer
- **Vacation Bible School 2025:**
June 16-20

Church Office Holiday Schedule & Year-End Giving

The church office will be closed from December 25 - January 1. If you'd like to make a contribution before the end of the year you can mail your check to the church office, and it will be counted as part of your 2024 giving as long as it is postmarked by December 31. You can also give online at redeempca.com. All gifts postmarked on or after January 1 will be credited to 2025.

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OUR MISSIONARIES & MINISTRY PARTNERS

We desire to see the life-changing power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ declared and displayed locally and globally. Therefore, we partner with like-minded people committed to the same mission supporting them personally, prayerfully and financially. We consider them part of our Redeemer family.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Cartee & Colleen

MTW - Senior Director of Field Operations

Jonathan & Beka

MTW

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MTW

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MTW

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MTW

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MTW

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RUF-I, Reformed University Fellowship - International, NCSU

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Chuck & Lauren Askew, RUF - NCSU

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Jim Hahn, RUF - UNC Chapel Hill

Cadey Campbell, RUF Intern - Montana State

LOCAL MINISTRIES

Justine Bowser

Refugee Hope Partners - Raleigh

Safe Families for Children (SFFC) of Greater Raleigh/Durham

Redeemer Presbyterian Church Mercy Team

CLI Prison Alliance

Reformed Youth Ministries (RYM)

Lamp Seminary - RDU

CHURCH PLANTS

Tim & Angela Inman,

Christ Church, Dunn, NC

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