

Explanation of Advent Art

Bulletin Cover

Karyl Boring

Stage Installation

Poetry often feels complicated. When we study it in school, all the dissection of rhythm and rhyme and meter and meaning can strip it of its beauty. And its point.

Poetry is about response. As we were brainstorming for Advent, we began using the old technique of word mapping as a tool for interacting and responding to the poetry before us.

As word maps link concepts and ideas together, so we are held together by the Word of God. Join us in reflecting how the words connect to each week's sermon, to Advent, to Scripture as a whole, and to your heart.

~~Redeemer Creatives Class

Window Installation

Songs pour out in circles and layers; words and promises. Covenant promises retain eternal significance. Desires and hopes deferred are both already and not yet fulfilled. Out hearts respond in prayers, poems, and personal reflections. These circles represent rings of overlapping voices, intersecting promises, and hopes - the promise of a bridegroom for the bride, the rhythm and music of our deepest desires.

~~Erin Hall



Call to Worship

based on Psalm 11

All In the Lord I take refuge.

Leader How then can you say to me:

"Flee like a bird to your mountain.

For look, the wicked bend their bows;
they set their arrows against the strings
to shoot from the shadows
at the upright in heart.

When the foundations are being destroyed,
what can the righteous do?"

All The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne.

Leader He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them.

The Lord examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, he hates with a passion. On the wicked he will rain

On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot.

All For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.

Opening Hymn

"Rejoice! Lord is King"

All Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven,
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up
To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice! Rejoice, I say, rejoice!

words: Charles Wesley, 1744; music: Nathan Partain, 2003

Welcome

Prayer of Confession

Leader

The Triune God-Father, Son, and Spirit-lives in relationship and has made us to live in relationship with him. You call on us to find you, you implore us to seek you. but we confess we struggle to find you

when the world feels out of control.

AllWe despair that things are awful and out of control. We don't believe your promises, because they feel out of touch with reality. We rely on ourselves, because we're not sure you'll come through.

We confess we struggle to find you Leader

when you seem distant.

If the world is out of control, Allmaybe it's because you don't care. We think that you're an uninformed, uninvolved parent. Our hearts grow cold, and we write you off.

Leader

We confess we struggle to find you when we get tired in our faith.

We find it hard to press on and keep believing. AllOur sin blinds us to how desperate we really are. We live in relationships that aren't meaningful, where we don't speak or hear the truth in love.

Lord, please, seek us and find us!

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Isaiah 55:6-7; 59:16; Hebrews 12:2

Leader The Lord saw that there was no one, so his own arm achieved salvation for him.

All God came near in Jesus to seek us out, to find us, to become like us in order to save us.

Leader Jesus is God's king; through him, he is putting all things right.

All Jesus is God like us,
who became fully human
in order to take our sin upon himself.

Leader Jesus is God's faithful one,
the pioneer and perfecter of faith,
who trusted in his Father to raise him from the dead.

All So we know that we can seek the Lord and call on him, for he will have mercy on us.

Song in the Gospel

"All You Do is Good"

All
You are full of compassion and abounding in love.
You create things from nothing, call what's not though it was.
You are light with no shadow, with no shifting or change.
You turn weeping to dancing and despair into thanks.

You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good, All you do is good.

You release every captive, cut the shackles from slaves. Those who hate you, you ransom, give your blood for their shame. With the bent stem, you're tender, shield the smoldering flame You bring home the unwanted, call the lost back by name.

You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good, All you do is good.

You lift up, you, you revive, you, you restore, you, you increase, you, You anoint, you, you fill up, you, you spill out, you, you release, you, You make grow, you, you bring forth, you, you call out, you, you set free, it's Who you are. It's who you were. It's who you will always be.

Your life is eternal, not in measure but kind, Running over with healing, inexhaustible might. You in us, and we in you, the delight in your face. Resting here we enjoy you, and our joy is your praise.

You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good, All you do is good.

Nathan Partain, 2015

Song in the Gospel

"All Those Who Sow Weeping"

All
Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter.
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord.
Restore us, O Lord.

Although we are weeping,
Lord, help us keep sowing,
The seeds of Your Kingdom,
For the day you will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry,
Lord, please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy.

The nations will say, "He has done great things!" The nations will sing songs of joy. Restore us, O Lord. Restore us, O Lord.

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Isaac Wardell 2012

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Membership

1st Service
Jon & Jo Denne
Phil, Abby, & Emmitt Kirk
Matthew, Amy Rose, and Foster Netzley
Marshall & Terry Overley

2nd Service Josh, Catherine, Hannah, Jack, Sarah, Eliza, & Margaret Gillespie

Membership Vows

Leader

- 1. 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?

Scripture

Hebrews 2:5-9

Reader

⁵ For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere,

"What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, By putting everything in subjection under his feet."

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Reader People This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Finding Jesus When the World Feels Out of Control

Community Group Questions

- 1) In what ways does the world feel out of control to you right now? What are the dangers for our faith when life seems like that?
- 2) Read Psalm 8 and Hebrews 2:5-8. What is supposed to be true of human beings and the world? How does that make the problem worse, in a way?
- 3) Read Hebrews 2:9. Why does Scripture point us to Jesus? What difference does it make to see him when things feel out of control?

Children's Question

Sometimes family, friends, school—all of it can seem crazy, like things are out of control. What do you do when you feel like that? God knows that our world can feel like that, and so he wants us to see Jesus. Read Hebrews 2:9. What's true of Jesus that can help you trust that God is in control?

Call to Communion and Prayer

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

Redeemer welcomes 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 to receive Communion with us. We will be coming forward for the distribution of Communion. Please eat the bread privately, and then drink the cup together with us after everyone has returned to their seats. Clear cups (located in the interior rings) contain grape juice. Red cups (exterior ring of tray) contain wine. Children who have been examined by the elders and admitted to the Lord's Table are able to partake of Communion.

The ministry of prayer is one of the ways we live together as a community of believers and seekers. During Communion, members of our prayer team are available at the front of the sanctuary. It would be our privilege to pray with you as we walk together through the joys and struggles of life. We also encourage you to pray with one another in the pews during this time of movement in our service.

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

"Will Your Anchor Hold"

Ensemble

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, When the clouds unfold their wings of strife? When the strong tides lift and the cables strain, Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

We have an anchor that keeps the soul Steadfast and sure while the billows roll, Fastened to the Rock which cannot move, Grounded firm and deep, grounded firm and deep, In the Savior's love, the Savior's love.

It is safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand, For 'tis well secured by the Savior's hand; Though the tempest rage and the wild winds blow, Not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.

We have an anchor that keeps the soul Steadfast and sure while the billows roll, Fastened to the Rock which cannot move, Grounded firm and deep, grounded firm and deep, In the Savior's love, the Savior's love.

When our eyes behold through the gath'ring night The city of gold, our harbor bright, We shall anchor fast by the heav'nly shore, With the storms all past forevermore.

We have an anchor that keeps the soul Steadfast and sure while the billows roll, Fastened to the Rock which cannot move, Grounded firm and deep, grounded firm and deep, In the Savior's love, the Savior's love.

words: Priscilla J. Owens, 1882; music: Nathan Partain, 2003

Song of Celebration

"A Son of God"

Ensemble

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 just 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 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 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

Life as Worship

Valediction

based on Hebrews 12:2-3

Leader

Fix your eyes on Jesus,
the forerunner and accomplisher of faith.

For he could see you,
his beloved, redeemed and beautiful,
and in light of that future joy
he endured the cross,
completely disregarding its shame in comparison,
and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Meditate on him who endured such opposition
against himself at the hands of sinners like us,
so that you will not grow faint and despair.

All Jesus is the joy set before us.

Let us remain fixed on him

and endure with joy.

Amen.

Departing Hymn

"Tis So Sweet"

All

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
And to take him at his Word;
Just to rest upon his promise,
And to know, "Thus says the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er. Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust his cleansing blood; And in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er. Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease; Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er. Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; And I know that thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er. Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er. Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

words: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music: William J. Kirkpatrick

Benediction

New Member Spotlight

Membership makes real and practical how we are connected to Jesus by being connected to each other. We are happy to have these people with us, sharing in the work of God's mission for Redeemer and this city. Get to know a little bit about those vowing membership this month.



Jon & Jo Denne

Jon and Jo have been attending Redeemer for about 3 years. Both passionate about family, they have valued being part of Redeemer's community groups, a place where they feel like they can share their joys and struggles. Jo said, "I have seen how Jesus has put other Christians in my life who have the same struggles and who I know understand my situation and are committed to praying for us."



Phil, Abigail, & Emmitt Kirk

The Kirks have been a part of the Redeemer family since June of 2018. Phil is passionate about redeeming Indianapolis through sustainable housing solutions and living in community with neighbors, and Abby has a heart for urban education. Since being at Redeemer, they have grown in connectedness to Jesus through intentional community and gospel-centered preaching.



Josh, Catherine, Hannah, Jack, Sarah, Eliza, & Margaret Gillespie

The Gillespie family has been worshiping with us since September, brining with them Josh's passion for music and Catherine's love of learning. "I have enjoyed the thought out togetherness of the service," Josh said. "From the liturgy and confessions to the selections of songs we sing, it all ties together with the sermon in a profound way that helps reinforce my faith and desire for Christ." Catherine, too, has grown in her connectedness to Jesus since attending Redeemer. "Thoughtful corporate confession has added depth to the way I pray, as a good reminder to look at my heart and life in light of what I'm reading in Scripture."



Matthew, Amy Rose, & Foster Netzley

In their last year and a half at Redeemer, the Netzleys have greatly enjoyed being connected to a community group that has been very supportive and kind.



Marshall & Terry Overley

Marshall and Terry have been with us for 6 months, bringing Terry's passion for reading and Marshall's love for serving, spending time with, and worshiping with his family. When asked about something that has been part of his connectedness to Jesus since coming to Redeemer, Marshall credited Charles's life boat analogy about the now but not yet. "We have been saved, and are looking to the coast guard ship which will finally save us. The analogy has taught me about trusting and resting in Christ at this stage." Terry has been learning that her response to Jesus must be minute-by-minute, not just once, or occasionally.

Come meet and connect to Redeemer's newest members in the gym between services today over coffee and donuts.

Congregational Meeting, January 20, 10am

Join us in the sanctuary to talk about what's been happening in the life and mission of Redeemer, and to hear about our vision for 2019. This is a great time for discussion as a church family, so please try to come.

Upcoming Events

Today 10-10:50am

IPS Prayer Meeting

Parents, join NextGen Ministry leaders today in the youth room between services for a time of prayer for Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) and for connecting with other IPS families and friends.

Women's Spring Bible Studies | Sign up in the courtyard entrance today!

Join Redeemer Women as we study the book of Joshua. Sign-up in the courtyard foyer today, online [redeemindy.org/events/joshua], or at the Ministry Fair next Sunday. Studies start the week of January 20th and conclude by the end of May. Enrollment is \$20 and ends Sunday, 1/13. If you have any questions, email [women@redeemindy.org].

Registration closes tomorrow! | Youth Ski Trip

All middle and high school youth are invited to our annual ski trip to Perfect North, January 21! For all information and to RSVP, go to [redeemindy.org/events/ski], and contact Caroline [caroline@redeemindy.org] with any questions. Registration closes tomorrow.

Save on Registration through January 10 | The Gospel Coalition Conference, April 1-3

The Gospel Coalition is bringing its national conference to Indianapolis again, and Redeemer has a discount code. Learn from Tim Keller, Jen Wilkin, D. A. Carson, Trip Lee, and others as they focus on "Conversations with Jesus," about our calling to respectful evangelism. Early registration is \$149 through Jan. 10 with the discount code REDEEMERINDY; after that, it will be \$169 through Feb. 28. Details at [https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/TGC19/] and register at [https://signupforms.com/registrations/15705].

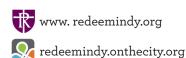
Next Sunday Jan 13

You're invited to the Spring Ministry Fair!

Next Sunday we will be hosting our bi-annual ministry fair and we want you to be there! Between services and after second service, each ministry at Redeemer will be represented at a booth in the gym with volunteers ready to answer questions and help you get plugged in! Whether you like working with children, craft supplies, or electronics, there is room for everyone to serve at Redeemer. We need relational people and folks with technical training. We look forward to helping you find a place where your gifts meet a need!

Go to Seminary with Charles!

Indianapolis Theological Seminary has its January and Spring Courses online now at [indysem. org]. You can enroll as a student or audit a class. This is a great way to learn and study the Bible and Reformed theology. Charles Anderson will be teaching the General Epistles January 17–31. If you have questions, email Charles [charles@redeemindy.org].









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year to date giving: \$ 1,894,893.73

> 2018 budget: \$1,753,775

Congregational Giving

Dec 30th	\$ 102,200.56
Dec Total	\$ 305,401.15
Dec Budget	\$ 146,243.75

Designated Giving

Mercy 2018 Total	\$ 38,539.88
Missions Team 2018 Total	33,445.38
Building Team 2018 Total	
Church Planting 2018 Total	\$ 263,029.52



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, contact Jen Maurer [jen.maurer@redeemindy.org].

Fountain Square Pres

In 2014, Fountain Square Presbyterian Church opened its doors. The first daughter church of Redeemer, Fountain Square ministers to, worships with, and cultivates Christ-centered community in the Fountain Square neighborhood of Indianapolis.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church is part of a church planting movement in Indianapolis and we are earnestly working to fund the planting of another gospel community.

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

EMAIL

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	Learn More About Redeemer
	Become a Member
	Join a Community Group
	Work with Global Missions
	Use my Artistic Talents
	Work with Kids
	Work with Youth
	Greet on Sunday Mornings
	Make & Serve Food
	Join a Prayer Team
	Talk to Someone About Counseling
	Do Something Else:

^{*}Go to www.redeemindy.org/ministries for a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions.