



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. Our 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

Please see the Sound Tech for Assisted Listening Devices.



Call to Worship

based on Psalm 62:5-8

Leader Beloved,
wait in your soul for no one else but God,
for any true hope is only found in him.

All **Only he is my steadfast rock.**

Leader Only he will save you from your fears.

All **Only he is my secure hiding place.**

Leader In him, you will no longer cower.

All **My rescue,
my meaning and worth,
stand only on God,
my immovable bedrock;
my safe refuge.**

Leader Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him!

All **Our only shelter is God.**

Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord"

All

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If, with his love, he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again,
Gladly fore'er we adore him.**

**Let the amen sound from his people again,
Gladly fore'er we adore him.**

words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr: Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music: Lobe den Herren, 1665

Welcome

Prayer of Confession

based on John 6:35-59

Leader Jesus said,
“I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me shall not hunger,
and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

All **But we keep scavenging for a different food.
We want decadence and escape,
fashion identities to put on,
achievements to feel good about,
money to buy joy and security,
people to affirm and indulge us.
We live for this food even though it constantly deceives us,
keeping us hungry and craving,
because the moment we have what we want,
the life is gone from it.**

Leader Jesus said,
“The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

All **But we treat this intimate sacrifice for us as a last resort.
When we come to our end,
we might look for comfort in Jesus.
When we repeatedly wreck ourselves,
we might consider looking to him.
When there is no other hope to be found,
we might turn in need to him.**

Leader We are being offered the most real, only true food and drink
in heaven and on earth, and we treat it with contempt.

All **Jesus, forgive us.
Teach our hearts to recoil at empty food,
to wait for your satisfaction,
and to have a taste for you,
who is our eternal delight.**

**We look to you, our feast in the desert.
and through your blood, we ask this.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on 1 John 4:18, John 14:27, John 10:10-11

Leader

O Flock of God,
know now that Jesus gave himself to be devoured by the wolves of your sin
so that you would be saved.

He did this so that your death would be completely swallowed up forever.

By his Spirit he gives you the very peace that resides in him.
And he does not give like the fleeting and deceitful promises of the world.
His peace is immeasurably deep and permanent.

So do not let your hearts be troubled.
Do not be afraid of what you deserve,
or of what your Father Almighty might think of you.
There is no need for fear in his love.
For there is no punishment reserved for you anymore,
only ever-unfolding joys.

Jesus is not a liar.
He is not offering you a lesser pleasure.
He is inviting you into the unthinkable abundance of heaven.

All

**The thief comes only to steal from us,
to kill us,
to destroy us;
Jesus came that we would have a kind of life,
that keeps filling even as our cup overflows.**

Song in the Gospel

“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand”

All

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest upon unchanging grace;
In every rough and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When I shall launch in worlds unseen, O may I then be found in him;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

words: Edward Mote, 1834; music: William B. Bradbury, 1863; Public Domain

Song in the Gospel

"I Love the Lord with All my Heart"

All

**I love the Lord with all my heart, his blessings never end,
Like water rolling from a fount, his Spirit is within.**

**I love the Lord, he first loved me, before his name, I knew
His life, his death, for me his blood, healed my deserved wounds.
I love the Lord though troubles tempt, my heart to doubt his will.
I wrestle with my wayward mind, until my soul is still.**

**All I want is you, all my springs in you,
All my strength and good, all my drink and food, all I want is you.
All my hope is you, all my joy is you,
All I've sought and searched, in heaven and on earth,
All I want is you. All I want is you.**

**I love the Lord with all my heart, his presence I adore.
I want to linger in this place, and worship evermore.
I love the Lord and I will sing, I lift my hands and voice.
My heart now brims with thankfulness, in his love, I rejoice.**

**All I want is you, all my springs in you,
All my strength and good, all my drink and food, all I want is you.
All my hope is you, all my joy is you,
All I've sought and searched, in heaven and on earth,
All I want is you. All I want is you.**

**I love the Lord with all my heart, his blessings never end,
Each morning as I search them out,
His beauty's new again.**

Nathan Partain, 2015

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Ministry Spotlight

Redeemer Women Spring Bible Studies

Children's Worship is for ages 4 through kindergarten and is a time for children to worship through song, Bible stories and response (art or story play). Children will return to the sanctuary before communion, and parents can pick them up at that time. Visitors are welcome, and parents are always invited to attend with their children.

Scripture

John 6:35-59

Reader

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

Reader
People

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

Sermon

Eric Whitley

Finding Jesus When You're Hungry

Community Group Questions

1) *The inferior spiritual food of this world is often found in good things. What good, God-created things do you seek for life itself? How have you seen the pursuit of these things negatively affect your life, your relationships, and your Christian faith?*

2) *Are you afraid that feeding on Christ won't satisfy your hunger and your thirst? How does John 6:35-59 promise that it will? What is preventing you from believing that Jesus is all you need? What do you love that you're afraid you will have to give up?*

3) *What would a life of laboring for Christ as our superior food look like? How would this change your view of daily life, your relationships, and your relationship with the stuff of this world? Come up with one action item for this week as a way of actively laboring for Christ as your superior spiritual food. If you have time, share as a group.*

Children's Questions

What's your favorite food? Why is it your favorite? Did you know, that just like you enjoy your favorite food, that Jesus wants you to enjoy being in a relationship with Him? Do you enjoy being in a relationship with Jesus?

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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

"I Need Jesus"

Ensemble

Well, I was lost inside confusion and a nightmare of a dream,
I did not know which god to turn to or if it were up to me,
Until some simple words were spoken that I gratefully received,
And just one prayer sprang up within me and I started whispering,
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

But soon I found that sweet salvation just uncovered all my need.
That sin and me, like blood and ink, were all mixed up inseparably,
And that it's not my deeds or branches but the roots of my whole tree,
That are so rotten full of hatred, that for me to merely breath,
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

See, I had thought, one day, more holy or mature that I would be,
That I'd lead others on to righteousness and teach the blind to see.
Instead, I've found each day I'm frightened just how evil I can be,
And now I feel the most at home with all the perverts and unclean 'cause
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

I keep on looking for some reason I should raise my self-esteem,
'Cause all my gifts and all my efforts must sure add up to something,
But then again, again with tears of joy, I'm brought down to my knees,
Here at the foot of him who died for me I'm stripped of everything and,
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

Now I say, "Glory! Hallelujah!" I'm so glad to be redeemed!
To be so desperate for Jesus and so gloriously weak,
I do not ever want to stray from the Community of Need
O may I never leave dependence or forsake my Food and Drink,
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

Nathan Partain, 2012

Song of Celebration

"I Have Found a Hidden Fountain"

Ensemble

I have found a desert fountain, he is running o'er with peace,
And he satisfies my thirsting, and he brings me to my knees.
Now at last, I've known refreshing; now I've drunk my fill of Truth.
How his love, it satisfies me, I have tasted, he is good.

I have found a wild river, and he cuts a path so deep.
He washes out my boundaries, and he uproots all my trees.
No, I cannot fight his current, he never fails and never yields
How he pushes, bends and breaks me, until all my soul is healed.

I have found a fearsome mountain, he does not move and cannot fall,
In his strength I am so fragile, in his shadow I'm so small.
I have laid in cracks and caverns, in his hands and in his side.
All that power, rent to save me, Oh, I give him all my life.

Nathan Partain, 2011

Life as Worship

Valediction

based on Ephesians 1:3-10, Isaiah 55:11-13

Leader

Dearest children,
Your Father has lavished you in the riches of his grace,
you have been redeemed by the blood of someone else,
his son, Jesus his Anointed One.

Do not fear,
his purpose was set forth before the beginning of the world
and will not be thwarted.

You will be found holy and without blame before him.
This is his unchanging desire throughout time for you.
And he will bring it to pass at the right time
when all things will be at peace together and rejoice in him.

All

**We shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace
and all the earth, its mountains and hills and fields and trees
will rejoice with singing and clap their hands.**

For Jesus shall reign forever and ever!

Departing Hymn

“Arise, my Soul, Arise”

All

**Arise, my soul, arise! Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands;
My name is written on his hands.**

Refrain:

Men

Arise! Arise! Arise, arise my soul, arise!

Women

Arise! Arise!

Men

Arise! Arise! Arise, arise my soul, arise!

Women

Arise! Arise!

All

Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

**He ever lives above, for me, to intercede,
His all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead,
His blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.**

(Refrain)

**Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”**

(Refrain)

**My God is reconciled, his pard’ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence, I now draw nigh, with confidence, I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father” cry.**

(Refrain)

words: Charles Wesley, 1742; music: Kevin Twit, 1996

Benediction

WELCOME TO REDEEMER

Our Calling

Connecting people to Jesus who is bringing wholeness to the city.

- Transforming Safety of the Gospel • Life-Giving Authority of Scripture •
- Thoughtful, Expectant Worship • Meaningful Relationships •
- Creating Beauty Where We Are • Respectful Evangelism •
- Desperate Dependence on Jesus •

Newish to Redeemer?

We're so glad you're here! We know that getting connected at a new church can be challenging. You're trying to figure out how to meet people, what the church is about, where to plug in. Basically, you're asking yourself: Does this church fit me? Do *I* fit this church? These are great questions, and we want to help you figure them out.

We'd love for you to join us for lunch after the 11:00 service January 27th in the Speck Gallery. Newcomer's Lunches are a great opportunity to meet other new people, ask questions, and learn more about Redeemer. All ages are welcome (plus, we'll have supervised play for kids in the gym after we eat).



Interested in learning more about Redeemer? Come get answers to questions like:

- What's our story? Where'd we come from as a congregation and who are we interested in becoming?
- Why does Redeemer have membership? What difference does it make?

Dig deeper into what it means to be a part of the community here! Join the next session Friday, February 8 from 6-9pm and Saturday, February 9 from 9-noon.

Register online:
redeemindry.org/events/discoveringredeemer



Next Sunday: Town Hall 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

Today! You're invited to the Spring Ministry Fair

Today we are 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!

Today

Artist Talk in the Harrison Gallery

Join Tyler Meuninck in the Harrison Gallery after second service as he talks about his newest show, *Thru·way*, up now through the end of the month.

Today

Enrollment Ends Today | Women's Spring Bible Studies

Join Redeemer Women as we study the book of Joshua. Sign-up at the Ministry Fair today, or online [redeemindy.org/events/joshua]. 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].

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].

Jan 27

Adult Christian Teaching & Training Classes begin January 27

The spring semester of CT&T begins in two weeks! Interested in discovering answers to interesting questions that will help you know better the God of history? Choose *His Story*, a look at church history with Greg Enas. Looking to learn how to study the Bible better, trust God in the midst of difficult circumstances, and learn a bit more about biblical prophecy? Join Dan Barber for his class on the book of Daniel. More information to come next week!

Feb 6
6:30–8:30pm

Step into Respectful Evangelism | Christianity Explored

Christianity Explored is a place for natural, intentional conversations about Jesus, a place for our friends to bring their questions, doubts, and stories, and for the two of you to respectfully engage with the gospel. This free, 7-week course begins Wednesday, 2/6, from 6:30–8:30pm at Shoefly Public House. We'll eat dinner together, read through the gospel of Mark, and have honest conversations about Jesus. For more information or to register you and a friend, head to [redeemindy.org/events/ChristianityExplored]. Questions, email Charles Anderson [charles@redeemindy.org].



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year to date giving:

\$ 9,982.76



Jan budget:

\$168,070

2019 budget:

\$2,016,840

Congregational Giving

Jan 6th	\$	102,200.56
Jan Total	\$	305,401.15
Jan Budget	\$	168,070

Designated Giving

Mercy 2019 Total	\$	100.00
Missions Team 2019 Total	\$	320.00
Building Team 2019 Total	\$	--
Church Planting 2019 Total	\$	50.00

Interested in giving online through your mobile device? Download the *Tithe.ly Church App* by scanning this QR code and following the instructions to set up an account.



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

I'D LIKE TO... *

- 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:
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*Go to www.redeemindy.org/ministries for a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions.