



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.



Welcome

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 95:1-7

Leader Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People **Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

Leader For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

People **In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

Leader Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

All **For he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

Opening Hymn

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

All

**I will sing of my Redeemer, and His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.**

**I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy, He the ransom freely gave.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer; with His blood, He purchased me.
On the cross, He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

**I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant power I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth, over sin, and death, and hell.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer; with His blood, He purchased me.
On the cross, He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

**I will sing of my Redeemer, and His heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God with Him to be.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer; with His blood, He purchased me.
On the cross, He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

words: Phillip Bliss, 1876; music: Luke Morton, 2005

Prayer of Confession

Leader Triune God—Father, Son, and Spirit—you live in relationship
and have made us to live in relationship with you.
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.

All **We 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.**

Leader We confess we struggle to find you when you seem distant.

All **If the world is out of control, maybe 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.

All **We find it hard to press on and keep believing.
Our 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 with 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

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

- All* **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;
 His kingdom spread from shore to shore, 'til moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- To Him shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown His head;
 His Name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.**
- People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song,
 And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His Name.**
- Let every creature rise and bring honor and glory to our King;
 Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud "Amen"!**

words: Isaac Watts; music: John Hatton

Song in the Gospel

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

All

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

words: Thomas Chisholm; music: William M. Runyan

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Ministry Spotlight

Christianity Explored

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

Hebrews 3:1-19

Reader

³ Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵ "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶ But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

⁷ So, as the Holy Spirit says:

"Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸ do not harden your hearts

as you did in the rebellion,

during the time of testing in the wilderness,

⁹ where your ancestors tested and tried me,

though for forty years they saw what I did.

¹⁰ That is why I was angry with that generation;

I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray,

and they have not known my ways.'

¹¹ So I declared on oath in my anger,

'They shall never enter my rest.'

¹² See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. ¹⁴ We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. ¹⁵ As has just been said:

"Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts

as you did in the rebellion."

¹⁶ Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? ¹⁷ And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? ¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Community Group Questions

1) *What kind of start do you feel like you've made for this year in your Christian faith? What are the challenges for you in keeping going in your faith?*

2) *Jesus is the faithful one (Hebrews 3:2, 5); in fact, he's the author and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:2). But what does that actually mean? Why and how does that matter for us pressing on in our faith?*

3) *One of the ways we fight sin is through having other people who speak the truth in love into our lives. How can your community group grow in those kinds of relationships? What will it take to "encourage each other daily . . . so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness?" (Hebrews 3:13)*

Children's Question

It can be hard to keep going as a Christian, to keep trusting and obeying Jesus. Jesus has been faithful to God (yes, Jesus had faith too like us), and he's faithful to us. How does Jesus' faithfulness make it so that you can keep going in your faith?

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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

“Alleluia Beautiful Lord”

Ensemble

Alleluia, beautiful Lord,
Be closer to me than I can comprehend,
Come be with me now; please don't delay.
Do not hide your eternal Spirit,
Ever loving—even when I fail,
Forgive my every grievous way.
Alleluia, beautiful Lord.

Glory is yours, O Heavenly Father,
Hear my silent innermost prayers,
I bow before you, O Lord most just.
Jesus, you are the key to the kingdom,
Keep me safely in your loving hand,
Loving-kindness is what I need most.
Alleluia, beautiful Lord.

Mercy, before I know I need it,
Not my will, but yours—help me obey,
O Lord, my prophet, priest, and king.
Preserve my life, answer my questions,
Quiet all my anxious, racing thoughts,
Restore me, hear me as I sing.
Alleluia, beautiful Lord.

Salvation comes from you, triune God,
Teach me how to live, help me understand,
Unto you, O king, I make my vow.
Virtue and honor are your ways, O Lord,
Walking with you is joy inexpressible,
Extend your grace and mercy to me now.
Alleluia, beautiful Lord.

You are Lord, the King of Zion,
Zeal for you is my absolute desire.
And I worship you, beautiful Lord.
Alleluia, beautiful Lord.
Alleluia, beautiful Lord.

Tom Peck, 2018

Song of Celebration

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Ensemble

Come, thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I’ve come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand’ring from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger interposed his precious blood.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face,
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen how I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry take my ransomed soul away;
Send Thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Here’s my heart, here’s my heart...
Here’s my heart—O take and seal it—seal it for thy courts above.

words: Robert Robinson, 1758, Public Domain; additional verse: Bradford Brown

Life as Worship

Valediction

based on Psalm 96:1-6

Leader

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People

**Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

Leader

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.

All

**For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

Departing Hymn

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

All

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n, from his eternal throne,
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days, adored and magnified.**

words: Matthew Bridges, 1851, Public Domain; music: George J. Elvey, 1868, Public Domain

Benediction



CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Sometimes the desire to share our faith is met with a halting fear of not knowing how.

- We worry about what to say.
- We worry that we won't know how to answer the hard questions.
- We interact with coworkers, friends, and family members, and want to share the best news of Jesus but don't know how to do it.

The Redeemer pastors invite you to *Christianity Explored*, a place for natural, intentional conversations about Jesus: who he is, what he did, and why any of it matters. This is a place for our friends to bring their questions, doubts, and stories, and for the two of you to respectfully engage with the good news about Jesus.

This free, 7-week course begins Wednesday, February 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.

Christianity Explored aims to facilitate a welcoming space to invite people to come alongside you in their questioning, and to have honest, intentional conversations.

For more information, head to [ceministries.org].
Do your friends have questions? [christianityexplored.org]

To register yourself and a friend, go to [redeemindy.org/events/ChristianityExplored].

With questions, email Charles Anderson [charles@redeemindy.org].

Today! Town Hall Meeting

Join us in the sanctuary between services today 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. If you have a specific question you'd like answered, text your question, including your name, to 317-699-8511.

Upcoming Events

Today
12:30pm

New-ish to Redeemer? Join us for lunch today!

After the 11:00 service today, join Redeemer staff and other people new to the community in the Speck Gallery for lunch. 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). Don't worry about not having registered—just come!

Tonight
6:30-8:15pm

Youth Group Tonight

Youth group meets tonight from 6:30-8:15pm. All 6th through 12th graders are welcome to join us in the youth room. Contact Caroline [caroline@redeemind.org] with questions.

Wednesday
6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday | All-Church Prayer Meeting

Desperate dependence on Jesus - it's a core value for us. Praying together as a church is a great way to live out and grow in that value. It doesn't matter if you've never prayed out loud or with other people before — everyone is invited, and you won't be put on the spot. 1/30, 6:30-7:30 in the Underground Gallery. We'll start and end promptly. Supervised play in the gym available for kids over age 4.

Next Sunday
10-10:50am

Spring Classes begin next Sunday!

With the postponing of the Town Hall meeting to today, the spring semester of Sunday classes will begin next week, 2/3. Classes meet from 10-10:50am, between the two worship services, with classes offered for all ages, including three classes for adults: the book of Daniel, church history, and the creatives class. Find more information at the Welcome Table or on the blog [redeemind.org/blog].

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 [redeemind.org/events/ChristianityExplored]. Questions, email Charles Anderson [charles@redeemind.org].



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year to date giving:

\$ 111,402.31



Jan budget:

\$168,070

2019 budget:

\$2,016,840

Congregational Giving

Jan 20th	\$	19,170.10
Jan Total	\$	111,402.31
Jan Budget	\$	168,070

Designated Giving

Mercy 2019 Total	\$	2,585.00
Missions Team 2019 Total	\$	2,460.00
Building Team 2019 Total	\$	103.14
Church Planting 2019 Total	\$	50.00

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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.