

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

28 January 2024

GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING



Back Wall

Kyrie Lewis, Esther Gray, and Katie Ito with the Yeomans and Peacock families, *Sacred Lineage, Holy Dependance*, 2023, oil of canvas, fabric, baskets, and clay

Themes of hospitality, womanhood, and human dependance are woven together in this piece. The women mentioned in Jesus' genealogy: Ruth and Tamar, Bathsheba and Rahab, call out to us across generations before Mary. Their words and wombs bear witness to the protective and steadfast love of God, represented in the cluster of baskets at the center. Their portraits flank the table-like installation, illustrating the intimate meeting of heaven and earth through a teenager that made space in her literal body to bear Christ.

We call attention to Mary through the clay artifacts in each basket that honor her pregnancy, as her cells expanded and divided, as her body stretched, bled, and tore to make way for the Living Word to dwell as flesh among us. The edge of the table is lined with a braided rope, reminiscent of an umbilical cord. Christ baptizes our human dependency through his reception of Mary's nourishment, hospitality, and affection.

Hanging Installation

Nick Dodge, *Tracing Our Roots*, 2023

As Jesus comes in the flesh he is intertwined with a family blood line and their ancestral roots. This piece expresses how truly tangible Jesus' connection to humanity was by blending the ideas of tree roots and blood lines. Much like a tree is rooted to a specific place, Jesus had a specific place where he was born, lived and matured. Much like blood lines show who we are related to, Jesus had a family tree that connected him to real people. The central intertwined light represents how Jesus takes root in history to instill new life. He brings light to the whole of the family tree and is the root from which the tree will give new life to many others.

Procession Art

Barb Knuckles, Susan Jones, Tom Peck, and Marcia Jones, 2023

Jesus was incarnate at the hidden level of cells and DNA. The four stands are made from a fallen sycamore branch, with the processed symbols of life sprouting from the dead "stumps". Week One is blood cells, Week Two is nerve and skin cells, Week Three is bone and muscle cells and Week Four is ultrasound images. The four "trees" also allude to the Body of Christ, made up of many parts, with Christ as the Head.

Banners

Karyl Boring, *Dwelling as We Wait*, 2023

The patchwork of our dwelling together as God's people is joined piece-by-piece with all those who have lived or will live, past, present and future, eagerly longing for Jesus' Return in Glory. Yet, in all of life, Jesus comes to us to dwell in and through us by his Holy Spirit. In joy and sorrow, in community and in solitude, in conflict and peace, in work and rest, in birth and death, in the light of day and the darkness of night, he is present with us as we wait. What wonder in this glorious, mysterious Truth!

Columns

Josie Thompson with Maggie Lotz, Merri Goebel, Moriah Taft, Sam Ueltschi, Megan Smith, and Quinton Thompson, 2023

South Window

Caleb Keitt and Derek Bender with Mendy & Emma Foster and Trisha McHugh, *In Your Mercy*, 2023

Communion Set

Emily Johnston

Call to Worship

from Psalm 148

Leader Praise the LORD from the heavens!
Angels, the sun, the moon, the stars, and the clouds all praise him!

All **Let them praise the name of the LORD!
He spoke the word, and there they were!**

Leader Praise the LORD from the earth!
The sea, fire, hail, snow, mist and wind fulfill his word!

All **Mountains, trees, livestock, creeping things and flying birds,
rulers and all people, young and old, men and women,**

Leader Let them all praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

All **He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the LORD!**

Opening Hymn

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise praise the Father praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise praise the Father praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*words: St. Francis of Assisi, 1225, paraphrased by William H. Draper, 1899-1919;
music: German hymn tune*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

based on Isaiah 45-46; Romans 1; 1 Corinthians 8

- Leader* This is what the LORD says,
he who created the heavens and the earth,
“I am the LORD, and there is no other;
apart from me there is no God.”
- All* **We’re not truth seekers. We’re truth suppressors.
We dull the sense that God is there,
and try to keep him at a safe distance.**
- Leader* There is but one God, the Father,
from whom all things came and for whom we live.
- All* **We live as if what we have comes from us,
from our hard work and our own hands;
We forget to say thank you,
because we don’t really believe it comes from a heavenly Father.**
- Leader* And there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ,
through whom all things came and through whom we live.
- All* **We live as if we get to decide what’s right for our lives.
Our standard is based on what we think makes sense.**
- Leader* The LORD is trying to wake us up.
“Who will you compare me to?” he asks.
“Who is my equal?”
- All* **We make the things of this world into idols.
We run after achievement, love, reputation,
and say to them, “You’re my security!
You’re my hope for the life I want!”
Good things you created, Lord, take your place.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on the Apostle's Creed; Psalms 121; 123; Isaiah 40; Colossians 1

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

Leader Don't you know? Haven't you heard?
 The LORD is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He doesn't get tired or worn out.

All **My help comes from the LORD,
 the maker of heaven and earth.
 I lift my eyes to you,
 until you show me your mercy.**

Leader God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in the Son,
 and through him to reconcile to himself everything—

All **All the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe:
 People and things,
 animals and atoms,
 by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**

Leader Christ, therefore, is pre-eminent in creation and re-creation.

All **He is supreme in the beginning and the end.**

Song in the Gospel

“The Lord is King”

All

**The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,
O earth and all ye heav’ns, rejoice!
From world to world the joy shall ring,
“The Lord omnipotent is King!”**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! Who then shall dare
Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! Bow down you must;
The Judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways;
Let every creature sing his praise.**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

*words Josiah Conder, 1824, Public Domain;
music Nathan Partain, 2003, UBP*

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 spring-time 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, 1866-1960;
music: William M. Runyan 1870-1957*

Prayer of Dependence

AJ & Jennie Rader

Children's Worship + Nursery

Redeemer Kids' mission is to partner with parents to help kids develop a lifetime relationship with Jesus. We love having children of any age join us in the worship service and also provide options to families that can engage young children wherever they are developmentally.

The Nursery welcomes children ages 0-3.

Children's Worship welcomes kids ages 4-Kindergarten. We are glad to extend this age and make additional accommodations on a case by case basis (e-mail emily@redeemindy.org.)

You are welcome to drop your children off at any point. Kids attending Children's Worship must be picked up by the end of communion. Nursery and Children's Worship spaces are located through the doors on the front left of the sanctuary.

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-5; John 1:1-5 NIV

Reader

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

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¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

People

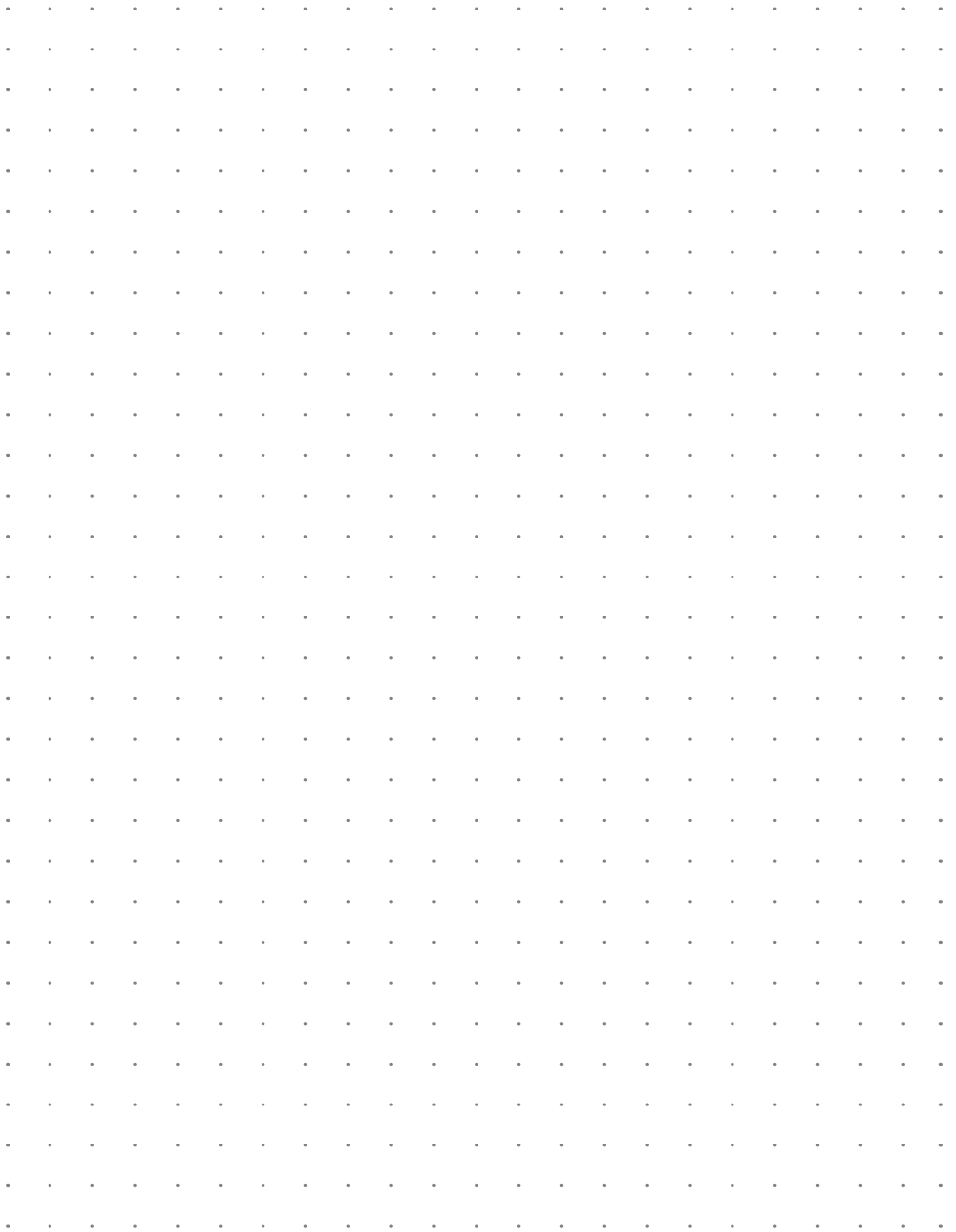
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

By the Word

Notes



Additional Texts

Psalm 147:15–20

- ¹⁵ *He sends his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.*
- ¹⁶ *He spreads the snow like wool
and scatters the frost like ashes.*
- ¹⁷ *He hurls down his hail like pebbles.
Who can withstand his icy blast?*
- ¹⁸ *He sends his word and melts them;
he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.*
- ¹⁹ *He has revealed his word to Jacob,
his laws and decrees to Israel.*
- ²⁰ *He has done this for no other nation;
they do not know his laws.*

Praise the LORD.

Hebrews 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Isaiah 28:23–29

- ²³ *Listen and hear my voice;
pay attention and hear what I say.*
- ²⁴ *When a farmer plows for planting, does he plow continually?
Does he keep on breaking up and working the soil?*
- ²⁵ *When he has leveled the surface,
does he not sow caraway and scatter cumin?
Does he not plant wheat in its place,
barley in its plot,
and spelt in its field?*
- ²⁶ *His God instructs him
and teaches him the right way.*
- ²⁷ *Caraway is not threshed with a sledge,
nor is the wheel of a cart rolled over cumin;
caraway is beaten out with a rod,
and cumin with a stick.*
- ²⁸ *Grain must be ground to make bread;
so one does not go on threshing it forever.
The wheels of a threshing cart may be rolled over it,
but one does not use horses to grind grain.*
- ²⁹ *All this also comes from the LORD Almighty,
whose plan is wonderful,
whose wisdom is magnificent.*

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.

Prayer

If you would like personal prayer during this time you can meet with today's prayer leaders AJ & Jennie Rader located in the back.

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

All

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shall be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

*words: Reginald Heber 1763-1826;
music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861*

Doxology

All

**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.**

Community Life

Today
10 am

Family Hope Meeting Redeemer's deacon team will be hosting a meeting with Family Hope in the Harrison Gallery. Family Hope is an Indy non-profit providing supportive relationships for isolated families through the temporary hosting of children and connections for parents. Join us to learn more about how you can support them and get involved in the work they do!

Feb. 2
6-9 pm

First Friday at the Harrison Center Come out to the Harrison Center to see six new gallery openings, including *In the Paint* by Israel Solomon in the Harrison Gallery. There will also be a tribute in the gym to honor artist and Greatriarch William "Bill" Rasdell, who passed away in November. *Use the QR code to volunteer.*



Feb. 12
6:30-8 pm

Christianity Explored We are excited to offer Christianity Explored again starting Monday, February 12th. This is a seven-week discussion group, looking at Jesus's life in Mark's Gospel, meeting the man who claimed to be God and discovering how he changed history. *If you or someone you know is interested in participating, please contact Erin (erin@redeemindy.org) for more information.*

Feb. 14
6 pm

Ash Wednesday Service We are excited to meet for Ash Wednesday this year as we head into the season of Lent. We will serve pizza for dinner at 5:15 pm in the Underground. The service will start at 6 pm, and we will have nursery workers available to care for children aged 0-kindergarten. *Please use the QR code here so we can provide enough childcare.*



Feb. 16-18

DEADLINE
Feb. 2

High School House Party Join us for the 3rd annual High School House Party! This is a great opportunity for students to spend time with each other and their leaders. There will be teaching, small groups, worship, games, good food and more! *Please don't hesitate to contact Mary Paxton and Nicholas for scholarship information. Use the QR code here to sign up.*



June 24-29

EARLY BIRD
DEADLINE
Feb. 15

Students Summer Camp We're so excited about taking our Middle & High School Students to summer camp at Ridge Haven this summer! We believe that summer camp is both the culmination of a year spent together studying God's Word in community as well as a massive on-ramp to deepening relationships and growing faith as we head into the next school year. *Use the QR code to learn more and register.*



Join the Stream Team If you are interested in or gifted with cameras, computers, or helping out at the church, then this is a great opportunity for you to serve. The stream team is a behind-the-scenes ministry (literally) that serves our members who are not able to make it to services in person. It's easy to learn and we are also recruiting high school students. *If you or someone you know would be a good team member, please contact David Atwell at davidatwell@gmail.com.*

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL GUIDE

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will be in the Speck Gallery.

The Creatives Class will be in the City Gallery.

The Formation Hour in the Harrison Gallery! Today, the deacon team is hosting a Family Hope info meeting during the 10 am hour. Next week we will have Ben Reed and Tom & Sandy Peck update us on their trip to Kenya.

Nursery is open for children ages 0-3 the whole morning.

REDEEMER STUDENTS SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

- *Middle School: the Underground*
- *High School: Room 205*

REDEEMER KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

- *Preschool 3: Nursery*
- *Preschool 4-5: Room 160 (Children's Worship)*
- *Kindergarten-1st Grade: Room 204*
- *2nd-3rd Grade: Room 201*
- *4th-5th Grade Boys: Room 203*
- *4th-5th Grade Girls: Sky Gallery (3rd Floor)*

Closing 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.**

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With His blood, He purchased me.
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Paid the debt, and made me free.**

*words Phillip Bliss, 1976;
music Luke Morton, 2005*

Benediction

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2024 year-to-date giving:

\$81,592



January 2024 budget:

\$254,909

Congregational Giving

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| January 7, 2023 | \$ | 42,820 |
| January 14, 2023 | \$ | 18,764 |
| January 21, 2023 | \$ | 21,483 |
| January Total | \$ | 81,592 |

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.

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 Desk in the back of the sanctuary 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

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