



Cover Art

Cyanotype by Barb Knuckles

Back Wall Toile of Shepherds and Angels

Made by congregants of all ages

Banners

"Enlightened Juxtaposition" by Karyl Boring, Marcia Jones, Caleb C. Keitt, and Advent Workshop

Stair Caps

Mailboxes by Landon Shire, Dirk Edwards, and Tom Peck

Hanging Installation

"Letters of Hope" by Nick Dodge & Michael Taft with the Fossy Posse

Much like Luke's Gospel, dedicated to Theophilus, comes as a message of hope about Jesus' coming into the world, these hanging letters are meant to remind us of different words of hope we have heard from God and our loved ones this Advent Season. Most of these letters are simply white but if you look closely some of them are misted with gold paint, reminding us of the divine words that come through ordinary letters.

South Window

"Let the Light In" by Kipp Normand, Kyle Ragsdale, Marcia Jones, and Kate Brumbaugh

The south window was created using cyanotype, a photographic process. As sunlight acts as the developing light source, objects and images placed on the fabric appear white.

The poem mentions old discarded vessels of light -- we are reminded of this building, once abandoned then brought back to life. But before that, a congregation dreamed for this building and prayed for a thriving congregation -- a seven-day-a-week building. (Images of their prayers and plans and history are embedded in the cyanotype. We are reminded that Jesus has been bringing light and has been writing us into his story for decades right here on this corner. We are seeing it unfold with light.

Delft Pottery with Paper Whites

Advent Workshop

Table Runner

Advent Workshop

Communion Set

Noelle Hoover

Use the QR code to see the historic pictures of Redeemer Presbyterian Church used in the tapestry on the South Window.



Call to Worship

from Psalm 67

Leader May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us

All **So that we may show forth his ways on the earth,
And that Jesus would be known among every nation.**

**May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.**

Leader May every nation be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.

All **May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.**

Leader The earth now gives its worship;
God, our God, blesses us.

All **May God give his Spirit to us still,
that all the ends of the earth will revere him.**

Opening Hymn

"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 shalt 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, 1826; music: John B. Dykes, 1860

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

adapted from *Common Worship* and an Epiphany confession by Austin D. Hill

Leader God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all that you have made
and dispel the darkness from our hearts.

All **We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.**

Leader The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.

All **Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We fail to offer you our treasure,
the best of who we are and what we have.
We do not treasure you as good and glorious.**

Leader In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and pour out the gifts of your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed,
we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Colossians 1:15-16; Hebrews 1:3; John 1:14; Isaiah 53:2, 12

Leader Jesus is God's own well-loved Son, the spitting image of his Father:
The radiance of his glory,
The exact representation of his nature.

All **In him all things were created:
the stars and the starfish,
quasars, quarks, and quails.
The glory of God's world came through him and for him.**

Leader He took on flesh and tabernacled among us.

All **We have seen his glory,
the glory of one who's full of grace and truth,
the glory of the Son who comes from the Father.**

Leader Yet there was nothing on the surface to make him beautiful,
no visible glory to attract us to him.

All **But when the hour of his glory came,
he poured out his life to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.**

Leader He bore the sin of many—

All **He bore our sin!
We are forgiven.
Amen! Hallelujah!**

Song in the Gospel

“Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness”

All

**Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved, through these I am,
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed.
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!
Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that's His,
In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.**

**This spotless robe the same appears,
When ruined nature sinks in years;
No age can change, its glorious hue,
The robe of Christ is ever new.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed.
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!
Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that's His,
In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.**

**O let the dead now hear thy voice;
Now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed.
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!
Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that's His,
In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.**

words Nikolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1739; music Nathan Partain, 2010

Song in the Gospel

"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 deservéd 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.**

**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

No Children's Worship

There will be no Children's Worship this morning as it is the 5th Sunday of the month. We have a practice of taking a break on 5th Sundays in order for our littlest ones to experience the entire service every so often while also giving our volunteers a bit of rest.

There are activity booklets and worship guides located in the back of the sanctuary that we encourage you to pick up in order to help your kids still engage in worship.

The nursery is still open and available for ages 0-3

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Offertory Song

"When I Look on the Heavens Vast"

All

**When I look on the heavens vast, beyond what no ones' eyes have seen,
The billion worlds beyond my grasp, or all the greatest minds could reach,
Yet you are far far greater still, you stoop to view, infinity
If every realm fits in your hand, what good am I to thee?**

**And yet your way is not like ours, your thoughts transcend, our highest thoughts,
Ignoring majesties unknown, intent to search, for what is naught.
Above all things, you're pleased to dwell, within the meek and humble soul,
Your thrill is gathering the weak, cut free the bent, from every load.**

**This is who you are, This is what you do, Father, this your work, Spirit, how you move
Jesus, this your name, Forever you remain, This is who you are, Fountainhead of Grace.**

**You are the God of broken cries, against the proud, far from the strong,
Your heart is fixed upon the faint, to them you give, your new song.
Our fame and wealth, before your face, is wretched, poor, naked and blind,
But those who have nothing but you, no words can match, what joys they find.**

**This is who you are, This is what you do, Father, this your work, Spirit, how you move
Jesus, this your name, Forever you remain, This is who you are, Fountainhead of Grace.**

**Lord, you became, ungodly low, O help our souls to receive,
Eager to disregard your throne, to touch our vile disease.
Your zeal of fire, to give yourself, to make us yours, by any means.
To welcome strangers to your love, and share your trinity.**

**This is who you are, This is what you do, Father, this your work, Spirit, how you move
Jesus, this your name, Forever you remain, This is who you are, Fountainhead of Grace.**

Nathan Partain, 2023

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:19-22

Reader

¹⁹ But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰ Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

*Reader
People*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Additional Scripture

Romans 5:5

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Psalms 2:7

*He said to me, "You are my son;
today I have become your father."*

Isaiah 42:1

*Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.*

Romans 8:15

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

John 17:25-26

"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Notes



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.

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.

First Communion

Sohee VanderWoude

Song of Celebration

"The Long Way Down"

All

In heaven, in the precious trinity,
There the stars sang out together in the young eternity.
His was beauty, His was infinite strength,
Yet the Father, Son and Spirit set to save humanity.

The Creator, what appalling mystery.
How the Breath of Life,
The Word of Truth became a human being,
Found in weakness, loved his God obediently.
The Almighty, lowest servant, came to wash his people's feet.

It's the long way down, that the Light of light from heaven,
Midst the filth of men be found.
It's the long way down, not caring for his splendor he took,
The long way down.

Rejected, even by his family,
People used, misunderstood and scorned him as a novelty.
The beat him, hating his authority,
Yelling, "Crucify this Christ, we do not want him as our king!"

It's the long way down, his the body broken for us,
His the cup for us poured out.
It's the long way down, the Most Holy died for sinners,
It's the long way down.

Through the humiliation, in the deepest of realms,
Jesus was raised victorious, over sin and death and hell.
Every knee'll bow before him, every tongue'll bless his name.
We were raised with him, to heav'n above,
To the praise of his enduring love.

I'm so thankful, for all he has done for me,
All forgiveness, grace and mercy, mine, and him above all things.
And his riches, he has given vast and free,
Let me give up all for others good and make our joy complete.

It's the long way down, I deny myself, take up my cross, yet I find increase abounds.
It's the long way down, the treasure of salvation, it's the long way down.
It's the long way down, if it's Jesus you would follow, it's the long way down.

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

Sunday School Redeemer Kids classes will be in their usual locations. Middle school boys and girls will meet in Room 205. High school students will join the adults in the Underground for our special Sunday School class centered on *Attucks: The School that Opened a City*, a documentary about Crispus Attucks High School. *The Sunday Morning Bible Study on 2 Samuel* will begin next Sunday.

3:5 pm

Youth Group this Evening Middle school and high school students please join us this evening for youth group in the gym. Afterward, high schoolers are invited to hang out at Greek's Pizza on 16th. Email Mary Paxton Lind (marypaxton@redeemindy.org) with any questions.

The Art of Fathering: Spring Fatherhood Workshops Join us for a new series of workshops that explore the joys and challenges of fatherhood. The group will launch on February 18 for mutual encouragement, prayer, and thoughtful conversation. *Questions? Contact sam@redeemindy.org. Registration closes today.*



February 5
10 am

Christianity Explored Interest Meeting Please consider joining us for this informational meeting if you have thought, wondered, or been curious about the following: What is Christianity Explored all about? or I'd like to invite someone, but I don't know how to extend the invitation! We will cover these questions/thoughts and more. We'd love to have you join us. *Any questions before then, please email erin@redeemindy.org.* Christianity Explored starts February 20th.

February
17th: 4:30 pm
19th: 12 pm

High School House Party Join us for the 2nd annual High School House Party! Charles and Erin Anderson will lead us again as we head to a big house in northern Indiana to hang out for the weekend. This is a great opportunity for students to spend time with each other and their leaders. *Please don't hesitate to contact Mary Paxton (marypaxton@redeemindy.org) for scholarship information.*



March 11
8:30 am-
12:30 pm

GRACE Training We are partnering with GRACE to build a culture that connects our values to the need to protect the vulnerable. This training is for all adults; please mark your calendars and plan to attend. *Adult preregistration is unnecessary, but please register your child(ren) for childcare. Childcare registration will close on February 25th.*



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

Closing Hymn

“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

All

**O Savior, rend the heavens wide;
Come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down,
Unbar the way to heaven’s crown.**

**O Morning Star, O Radiant Sun,
When will our hearts behold your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without your light,
We grope in gloom and dark of night.**

**Sin’s dreadful doom upon us lies;
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O, come, lead us with mighty hand,
Through exile to the promised land.**

**There shall we all our praises bring
Ever to you, our Savior King;
There shall we laud you and adore
Forever and forever more.
Forever and forever more.
Forever and forever more.**

words from a German spiritual song; tr. Martin L. Seltz; music Nathan Partain, 2003

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$74,910

January 2023 budget:

\$231,909

Congregational Giving

January 1-8, 2023\$	20,168
January 15, 2023\$	23,281
January 22, 2023\$	31,461
January Total\$	74,910

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 Table 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

CONTACT

Email

Phone

USE THE QR CODES IF YOU'D LIKE TO...*



Recieve the Church Newsletter



Join a Community Group

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

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.

