



## 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 103:1-5*

*Leader* O fall down before the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, revel in the holiness of his being.

*All* **O my soul, adore him, worship the LORD,  
and do not forget all that he is doing for you—**

*Leader* He forgives all your sins,  
*All* **He forgives all my sins!**

*Leader* He heals all your diseases,  
*All* **He heals all my diseases!**

*Leader* He claims your life, so that you are not destroyed.  
*All* **He claims my life, so that I am not destroyed!**

*Leader* He crowns you with his love and compassion,  
*All* **He crowns me with his love and compassion!**

*Leader* He fills you and covers you in good,  
*All* **He fills me and covers me in good!**

*Leader* Yes! So that you are reborn and made new.  
*All* **I am reborn and made new!**

# Opening Hymn

*“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

*All*

**O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!  
Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease,  
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears,  
’Tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of reigning sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.  
He speaks, and, listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive,  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.**

**My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of thy name.  
O for a thousand tongues to sing,  
My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!!**

*words Charles Wesley, 1739; music Carl G. Glaser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839*

# 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

*"Look There! The Christ!"*

*All*

**Look there! The Christ, our Brother, comes,  
Resplendent from the cursed tree,  
And what he brings in his hurt hands  
Is life on life for you and me.**

**Joy! Joy! Joy to the world and all therein.  
Joy! Joy! Joy to the world and all in this good day's dawning.**

**Good Jesus Christ, inside his pain,  
Looked down Golgotha's stony slope,  
And let the blood flow from his flesh,  
To fill the springs of living hope.**

**Joy! Joy! Joy to the world and all therein.  
Joy! Joy! Joy to the world and all in this good day's dawning.**

**Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died,  
In darkest hurt upon the tree,  
To offer us the worlds of light,  
That live inside the Trinity.**

**Joy! Joy! Joy to the world and all therein.  
Joy! Joy! Joy to the world and all in this good day's dawning.**

*words John Bennett, 1920; music Nathan Partain, 2003*

# Song in the Gospel

*“The Wonderful Grace of Jesus”*

*All*

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?  
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,  
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost,  
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,  
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!  
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,  
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus' name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,  
By its transforming power, making him God's dear child,  
Purchasing peace and heaven, for all eternity;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,  
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!  
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,  
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus' name!**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,  
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!  
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,  
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus' name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?**

*words by Haldor Lillenas, 1918; chorus and music by Nathan Partain, 2011*



# Prayer of Dependence

## Children's Worship

*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 but also want to provide options to families that can engage young children wherever they are developmentally. **The Nursery welcomes children ages 0-3.** Children ages 3-5 are welcome to attend Children's Worship.*

*\*If you would like your three year-old to attend Nursery and are able, we'd love to encourage you to attend the 11:00 service where more classroom space is available.*

## Offering of Gifts and Service

*Online giving available at [[redeemindy.org/give](https://redeemindy.org/give)]*



# Scripture Reading

*Luke 4:1-13*

*Reader*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

<sup>9</sup> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you carefully;

<sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

*Reader  
People*

This is the Word of the Lord.

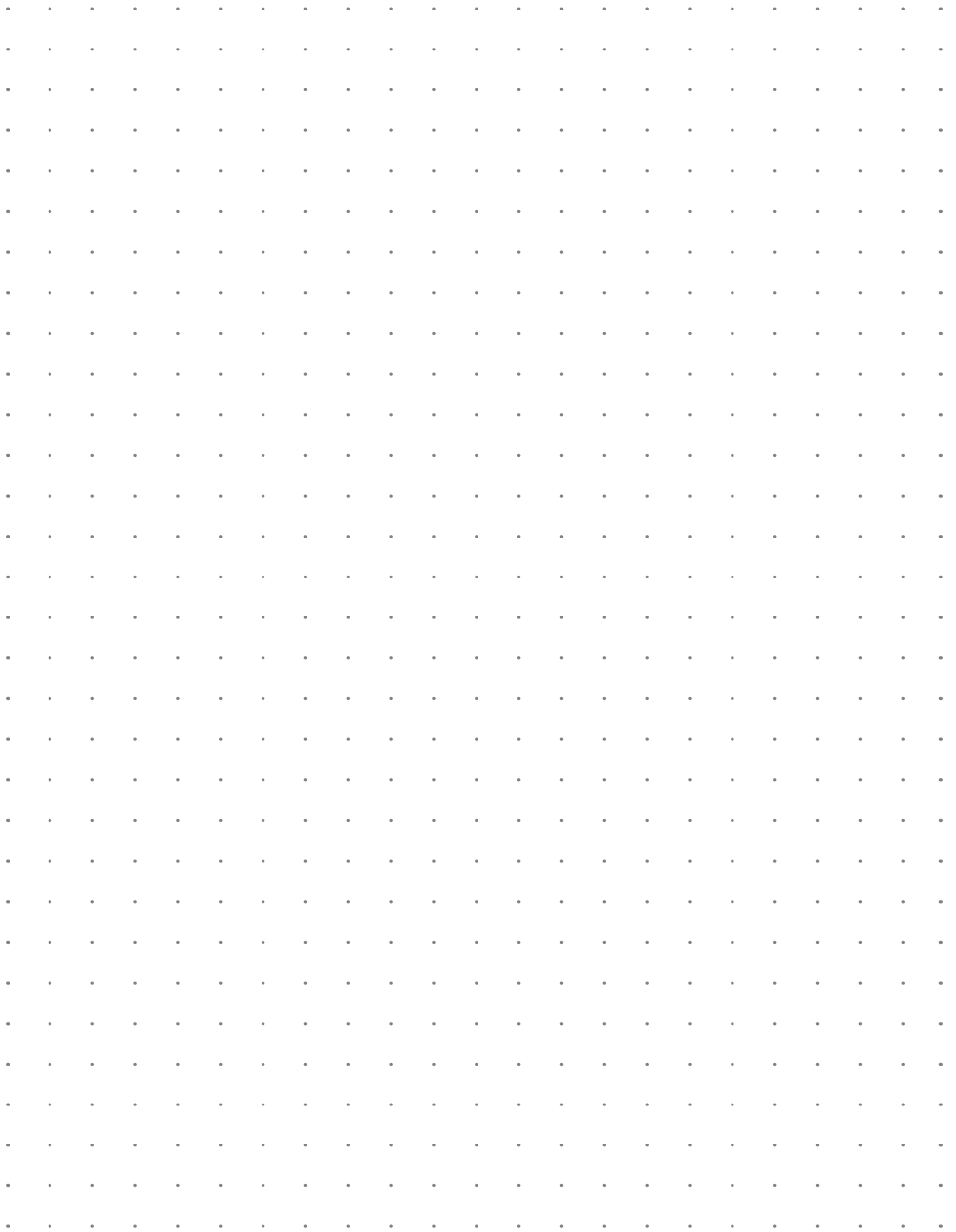
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Nicholas McDonald

*A Feast in the Wilderness*

# Notes



# Additional Scripture

*Luke 5:16*

*“But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”*

*Exodus 5:1*

*Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.’”*

*Deuteronomy 32:10–11*

*In a desert land he found him,  
in a barren and howling waste.  
He shielded him and cared for him;  
he guarded him as the apple of his eye,  
like an eagle that stirs up its nest  
and hovers over its young,  
that spreads its wings to catch them  
and carries them aloft.*

*Genesis 1:1–2*

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 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. And God said, “Let there be light.”*

*Deuteronomy 8:3–5*

*<sup>3</sup> He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.*

*“We’ve Lost the Plot,” Megan Garber, *The Atlantic**

*In the future, the [dystopian] writers warned, we will surrender ourselves to our entertainment. We will become so distracted and dazed by our fictions that we’ll lose our sense of what is real. We will make our escapes so comprehensive that we cannot free ourselves from them. The result will be a populace that forgets how to think, how to empathize with one another, even how to govern and be governed.*

*That future has already arrived. We live our lives, willingly or not, within the metaverse.*

*Isaiah 43: 18–21*

*Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert*

## Community Group Questions

1. *We discussed the “wilderness” as a place of deprivation, dishonor and death. Do any of these experiences resonate with things you’re going through? In the past? Things you worry about in the future?*
2. *How did Jesus face deprivation, dishonor and death in his ministry?*
3. *How does Jesus’ facing of the ultimate deprivation, dishonor and death at the cross reveal his heart for you?*

# 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.*

### *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

*"For His Own Sake"*

*All*

I have seen the bright birth of the morning.  
I have worked through the sweat of the day.  
I have laughed as the summer rains poured down from heaven and  
I've harvested oceans of grain.  
I have worked and I've worked and had nothing.  
I have prayed and I've prayed with no rain.  
I have lost to the fire, storm and locust and  
Woke up to find all my land left in shame.  
Still each morning and noon and in evening,  
I will trust my Lord and bless his name.  
Not seeking the gain but the Giver,  
So that I love him for nothing but for his own sake.

I have made the mistake that my blessing,  
Means the favor of God on my ways,  
And thought every hardship, his anger against me and  
Cried out in darkness for grace.  
Now I know that his favor is steadfast,  
He has anchored my soul in his peace,  
So that suffering is now just the pangs of my hunger,  
To know the embrace of my King.  
Still each morning and noon and in evening,  
I will trust my Lord and bless his name.  
Not seeking the gain but the Giver,  
So that I love him for nothing but for his own sake,

I have learned that this world is not truest.  
That there's hope held securely beyond and  
Since Jesus has suffered through my own destruction,  
I entrust my all to my God.  
I have seen deepest loss bring rejoicing,  
Seen a mother with her stillborn sing praise,  
I have seen those abused and those ravaged by sickness,  
Through tears and in anguish give thanks.  
Still each morning and noon and in evening,  
I will trust my Lord and bless his name.  
Not seeking the gain but the Giver,  
So that I love him for nothing but for his own sake.

*Nathan Partain, 2014*

# 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 Bible Study Class on 2 Samuel will be in the Speck Gallery.

12:30 pm

**Artist Talk** Harrison Center artist talk this Sunday with India Cruse-Griffin on “The Love We Breathe” in the Harrison Gallery, facilitated by Kyle Ragsdale, artist, and a curator at the Harrison Center.

3:5 pm

**Youth Group this Evening** Middle school and high school students please join us this evening for youth group in the gym. *Email Mary Paxton (marypaxton@redeemindy.org) with any questions.*

Feb. 20th  
6:30-8 pm

**Christianity Explored Kickoff** A 7-week interactive study designed to give people time and space to discover the best news they’ve ever heard! We will read a biography of Jesus, looking at who Jesus is, what he achieved, and what it means for us today. Christianity Explored will be run weekly for 7 Mondays from 6:30-8 pm at the Bulldog on College Ave. *If you have questions, please email erin@redeemindy.org.*

February 22  
Dinner 5:15pm  
Ser: 6pm

**Ash Wednesday Service** We look forward to meeting for Ash Wednesday this year as we head into the season of Lent. We would love for our community to join in this time of prayer as we seek our Father’s will and welcome his work in new ways during this season. 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 0-5. *Please use the QR to sign-up so we can provide enough childcare.*



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](http://redeemindy.org).*



## Closing Hymn

*“Praise the Savior Now and Ever”*

*All*

**Praise the Savior, now and ever; praise him, all beneath the skies;  
Prostrate lying suff’ring, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.  
Vict’ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory, he doth rise.**

**Man’s work faileth, Christ’s availeth; he is all our righteousness;  
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.  
Through his merit, we inherit light and peace and happiness.**

**Sin’s bond severed, we’re delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent’s head;  
Death no longer is the stronger, hell itself is captive led.  
Christ has risen from death’s prison; o’er the tomb he light has shed.**

**For his favor, praise forever, unto God the Father, sing;  
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.  
Praise the Spirit; through Christ’s merit, he doth us salvation bring.**

**Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.  
Praise the Spirit; through Christ’s merit, he doth us salvation bring.**

*words: Venantius Fortunatus, ca. 530-609, Tr. by Augustus Nelson; music: attr. to William Moore, 1825*

## Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$184,766

January-February 2023 budget:

\$464,318

## Congregational Giving

February 5, 2023 .....	\$	72,872
<b>February Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>72,872</b>

# 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

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## I'D LIKE TO... \*

- Become a Member  
 Join a Community Group  
 Use my Artistic Talents  
 Talk to Someone About Counseling  
 Do Something Else:

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\*Go to [www.redeemindy.org/ministries](http://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](mailto:info@redeemindy.org).

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8:30 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Classes  
10:00 a.m.

