



Advent

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
17 December 2023

Cover Art

Advent Workshop, 2023

Back Wall

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

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

Our skin comprises three main layers, with the outmost layer having five layers. This is our epidermis—which showcases skin color and pimples—where big cells constantly create smaller cells that squeeze their way to the surface to eventually become dust. This helped inform the structure of the window curtain. From bottom to top, the lattice is organized with the youngest hands in blue, the youngest eyes in pink, the teen and middle-aged hands in brown, the oldest eyes in blue, and finally, the oldest hands in pink.

This piece is made of you. Through God’s providence, your hands, eyeballs, and stories are woven and printed on this tapestry.

Communion Set

Emily Johnston

One can find a few meanings from this piece’s colors. The light and dark clay symbolizes how, during birth, the baby emerges from the dark in the womb and into the light outside. It also illustrates the belief that Jesus was the light coming into the dark world. The swirl pattern shows the movement of the dark when lightened. The blue color is in honor of Mary, who delivered Jesus.

The cup is about the size of a newborn’s head, the chalice is the size of the average placenta, and the opening of the pitcher is 10cm. The unglazed outside is a nod to our birthday suits.

Procession

from Jeremiah 33:20-26

Reader

This is what the LORD says: “If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night no longer come at their appointed time, then my covenant with David my servant—and my covenant with the Levites who are priests ministering before me—can be broken and David will no longer have a descendant to reign on his throne. I will make the descendants of David my servant and the Levites who minister before me as countless as the stars in the sky and as measureless as the sand on the seashore.”

The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: “Have you not noticed that these people are saying, ‘The LORD has rejected the two kingdoms he chose, Israel and Judah’? So they despise my people and no longer regard them as a nation. This is what the LORD says: ‘If I have not made my covenant with day and night and established the laws of heaven and earth, then I will reject the descendants of Jacob and David my servant and will not choose one of his sons to rule over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and have compassion on them.’”

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 11

Leader Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot—
yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.

All **And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.**

Leader He will delight in obeying the LORD.
He will not judge by appearance
nor make a decision based on hearsay.

All **He will give justice to the poor
and make fair decisions for the exploited.**

Leader The earth will shake at the force of his word,
and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.

All **He will wear righteousness like a belt
and truth like an undergarment.**

Opening Hymn

"Good Christians Now Rejoice!"

All **Good Christians now rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christians now rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christians now rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

words: Henrich Suso, 1366; music 14th Century German Melody; Public Domain

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Leader The eternal Son of God took on flesh and blood, with a real body and soul,
and was born as Jesus, fully divine and fully human.

All **We imagine a Jesus who isn't really like us:
He floats above the ground by a few inches
and is too divine to really be human.**

Leader Jesus matured and got stronger, bigger, wiser;
he grew in favor with God and people.

All **We don't want process—we want results now.
It's hard to grow in our faith; it's slow.
We get discouraged and quit trying.
Sanctification must be for other people, not us.**

Leader Without a Jesus who's really human,
we act as if he's too far away to relate to us.

All **Jesus can't understand what I'm struggling with—
What does he know about it?
Maybe he's too exalted to care about what gets me excited,
or what keeps me up at night worried.
We decide things on our own, we don't depend on Jesus,
we take matters into our own hands.
We live functionally as if we don't have a savior.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Isaiah 53; Hebrews 2; 4

Leader

The Son of God became like us in every way,
in order to save us, to rescue us,
so that he could make atonement for our sins.

All

**Because he's really human, Jesus can be our substitute;
he takes our place and bears our sin.**

Leader

Jesus, you know what it's like to be discouraged or tired,
curious, excited, upset, angry,
even to suffer when you're tempted.
Praise God, that through the whole of your life,
you trusted your Father and did not sin.

All

**Help us when we're tempted:
Give us the power of your Spirit to say yes to our Father
who loves us, controls all things, and will keep his promises.**

Leader

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,

All

**So that we may receive mercy and find grace
to help us in our time of need.**

Song in the Gospel

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

All

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Christ, by highest heav’n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”
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words Charles Wesley, 1739; music Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; Public Domain

Song in the Gospel

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

All

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”**

Gerard Moultrie (1864)

Prayer of Dependence

Kyle & Cindy Ragsdale

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]



New Members

First Service:

- Victoria and Jonathan Berry
- Andrew and Kelsey Brougher
- Tim and Lauren George
- Jesse & Stephanie Yeomans
- Jack & Courtney Young

Second Service:

- Dave Anderson
- Cameron Blount & Madeline Richmond
- Ben Brandt
- Amanda and James Briggs
- Jill and Stephen Cady
- Nicholas Ewing
- Kelley Folkening
- Merri & Gunnar Goebel
- Steve and Beth Herr
- Andrew and Beata Johnson
- Patrick & Morgen Rieth
- Ryan, Laura, Reese, Elle, and Evie Speicher
- Shanti Treese
- J.K. and Christina Wall

Vows of Membership

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and peace?

Welcome of Members

based on Mark 10; 1 Corinthians 10, 12; Galatians 6; Ephesians 2; Philippians 2; Hebrews 3, 10; 1 Peter 4

Leader Brothers and sisters, new and old,
If we are encouraged by being united with Christ,
if we draw comfort from his love,
if we share together in the Spirit,

All **Then let us pursue unity in heart, mind, and spirit,
by looking out for each other's interests,
just as Christ has done for us,
in giving his life as a ransom in our place.**

Leader We need each other
All **to experience more of God's Spirit and love.**

Leader We need each other
All **to be encouraged against sin's deceitfulness.**

Leader We need each other
All **to mourn and carry our burdens.**

Leader We need each other
All **to spur one another on toward love and good deeds.**

Leader May we faithfully serve each other God's grace in its various forms.
All **Each of us have gifts.
None of us have every gift.**

Leader Christ in his body broke down the wall of hostility,
that divided us from the Father and from each other.

All **In him we are being built together
to become a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

Baptism

Second Service:

Dave Anderson

Song of Baptism

“Baptized in Water”

Leader Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting His promise, faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

All **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, looking to heaven now we sing.**

In the name of God, the Father, with the Son and Holy Ghost.

Trad. Gaelic Melody, Michael Seward, add. lyrics Bruce Benedict, 1982

Vows of Baptism

Congregation’s Vows

Leader Our God made a covenant with Abraham, the father of all who believe, saying,
“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you
and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God.”

All **Peter preached the gospel to the church saying,
“The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—
for all whom the Lord our God will call.”**

Leader Do you, the members of this congregation, receive Dave Anderson into this church
as one whom God has called his own according to the covenant? And do you now
promise to surround him with Christian love, to pray for him, and to set an example of
genuine faith and virtue?

All **We do, for whoever welcomes this child of God in Christ’s name, welcomes Christ.
And whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes the one who sent him.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:39-40, 51-52; Hebrews 5:7-10

Reader

Luke 2:39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Hebrews 5:7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

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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 Kyle & Cindy Ragsdale 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

“While Shepherds Watched”

All

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around**

**“Fear not!” said he; for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind:**

**“To you in David’s town this day
Is born of David’s line
The Savior who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign:**

**“The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands
And in a manger laid”**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Christ is born
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Christ is born**

**“All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace
Good will henceforth from God to man
Begin and never cease”**

Andrew Peterson

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.**

NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION TODAY!

We are pausing Sunday School for a month. And today at 10 am we invite you to celebrate our new members! Please use this time to introduce yourself to our new family and grab a slice a cake.

The nursery will be closed between services, so please pick up your children after the first service.

Community Life

Near West Coat/Winter Clothing Drive ENDS TODAY Redeemer for the Near Westside is hosting another winter clothing and supply drive for the students and teachers at Matchbook Learning, a K-8 school on the Near Westside. We are collecting new and gently used winter clothing (coats, gloves, hats) for K-8 children and their families, as well as basic supplies for teachers. *We also have an Amazon list to purchase new items and supplies for teachers, but all donations are welcome.*



OPENS
Dec. 31
CLOSES
Jan. 14

Adult Spring Bible Studies Redeemer Women and Men will study the Book of Proverbs this spring. You will choose the option and time that works best for you (these are the same as the fall times.) Your Bible study leader will contact you by email as soon as possible after registration closes on January 14th. *If you have any questions, please contact Emily (emily@redeemindy.org) for more information.*

Jan. 10
7 pm

ITS Symposium Brandon Crowe of Westminster Theological Seminary will be speaking from the book of Acts on how the resurrection both demonstrates the veracity of the scriptures, and how the scriptures demonstrate the historical reality of the resurrection. It will be held at Castleview Church. *Use the QR code to sign up.*



Feb. 2-3
DEADLINE
Dec. 31

CIP Men's Retreat Join us for a great opportunity to connect with other men, and set aside time to grow together in Christ! Bob Smart, pastor of Christ Church in Normal, IL, will address questions men ask as we are transformed by the gospel. *Email Sam (sam@redeemindy.org). Use the QR code to sign up.*



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

Christmas Eve Service Times

10 am Sunday Morning Service *No Sunday School*

5 pm Candlelight Service Redeemer Kids Open

7 pm Candlelight Service *Redeemer Kids Closed*

New Year's Eve Service Time

10 am Sunday Morning Service *No Sunday School*

Closing Hymn

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

All

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

**The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
Ring out the angels chorus that hailed the Savior’s birth.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.
That Jesus Christ is born. That Jesus Christ is born.**

words John W. Work, Jr., 1907; Spiritual; Public Domain

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$2,512,644

January-December 2023 budget:

\$2,785,909

Congregational Giving

December 3, 2023\$ 45,068

December 10, 2023\$ 126,982

December Total\$ 172,050

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

CONTACT

Email

Phone

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



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