



# Christmastide

1 JANUARY 2023

## Cover Art

*Illustrations by Breezy Brookshire*

## 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 Isaiah 43; Philippians 3*

*Leader*

Listen to the LORD who created you.  
O Israel, the one who formed you says,

*All*

**“Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you.  
I have called you by name; you are mine.  
I am the LORD, and there is no other savior.”**

*Leader*

From eternity to eternity you are God.  
No one can snatch anyone out of your hand.  
No one can undo what you have done.

*All*

**“For I am about to do something new.  
See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?  
I will make a pathway through the wilderness.  
I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.”**

*Leader*

“I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake  
and will never think of them again.”

*All*

**So we focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past  
and looking forward to what lies ahead,  
we press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize  
for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.**

# Opening Hymn

*“Another Year Is Dawning”*

*All*

**Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be,  
In working or in waiting, another year with thee.  
Another year of leaning upon thy loving breast,  
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.**

**Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;  
Another year of gladness in the shining of thy face.  
Another year of progress, another year of praise,  
Another year of proving thy presence all the days.**

**Another year of service, of witness for thy love;  
Another year of training for holier work above.  
Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be  
On earth, or else in heaven, another year for thee.**

*Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874; music (“The Church’s One Foundation”) Samuel Wesley, 1864*

## Prayer of Adoration



# Prayer of Confession

*from Exodus 34:6; Psalm 23:1; 1 John 1:1; John 14:23*

*Leader* Father, you are the only one who does not change. Everything beautiful about you is, was, and will always be. And you are the only Shepherd who can guide us through the violence of this life into your eternal abundance.

*All* **But no matter how much you have done or will do,  
we prefer Doubt as our god who will protect us.  
We believe that if we are skeptical, we won't be deceived,  
so we walk in agreement with a spirit of distrust,  
rejecting everything that might lead us to you.  
Our souls grow thirsty and alone and we wither,  
unwilling to risk our faith on you.**

*Leader* Jesus, you are fully human; a person, someone we could eat a meal across from, get into an argument with, walk next to. We could become familiar with the wrinkles of your expressions, grab your hand, know your voice, recognize your smell.

*All* **But we hold you at a distance as an idea,  
a character who lived in history but is not alive right now;  
We do not seek your opinion,  
we are not curious about what you want,  
we have stopped actively following you,  
treating you as a static example of life principles,  
instead of a person who is going somewhere  
whom we must keep looking to in the moment  
so that we know where to go.**

*Leader* Holy Spirit, you are the indwelling of the Triune God. You, the Father and the Son have made your home in us, that we would be born as a new heavenly creation.

*All* **But we have tried to believe on our own,  
tried to generate spiritual understanding  
through fleshly minds and we are worn out and frustrated.  
Would you gift us with knowing Jesus,  
gift us with trusting you more than our fears,  
gift us with the invisible truths being tangible to us through faith,  
gift us with you, yourself, being a relationship we live in.**

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*from John 5:19, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Revelation 11:14*

*Leader*

Jesus, loved the Father more than anyone or anything else.  
He knew the reality of heaven, even in the fog of earth.  
He lived by the heartbeat of his Father,  
    doing what he was doing, saying what he was saying,  
    giving of himself gladly as the accomplisher of his Father's will  
    at every moment of his life.  
This he came to do and fulfill so that when he died in your place,  
    you could be clothed in his loving obedience,  
And when he rose again  
    you could be given his Spirit to dwell inside you.

*All*

**Jesus, you are our life,  
We are forever beautiful through faith in your work.  
We are forever enjoyed by our almighty Father.**

*Leader*

There is no rejection or hesitation or even indifference  
    in your Father's heart toward you,  
    only a holy, divine, zealous, eternal love.  
You have been brought into the unbroken affection of the Trinity.  
He has secured a place for sinners to be reborn into his glory  
    and to live in him forever in splendor.

*All*

**Spirit of Jesus, prepare us for your return,  
when all that is now true,  
will be seen and experienced by everyone throughout the universe.**

# Song in the Gospel

*“Thou Who Wast Rich”*

*All*

**Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love’s sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,  
Sapphire paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love’s sake becamest poor.**

**Thou who are God beyond all praising,  
All for love’s sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising,  
Heav’nward by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who are God beyond all praising,  
All for love’s sake becamest man.**

**Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
Make us what thou would have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship thee.**

*words: Frank Houghton; music: French Carol Melody, Arr. by Charles Kitson, 1930*

# Song in the Gospel

*“The First Noel”*

*All*

**The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds, in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light and so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; born is the King of Israel.**

**And by the light of that same star three wise men came from the country far;  
To seek for a King was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; born is the King of Israel.**

**This star drew nigh to the northwest; o’er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; born is the King of Israel.**

**Then entered in those wise men three, fell reverently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presence their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; born is the King of Israel.**

**Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heav’n and earth of naught, and with his blood mankind has bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; born is the King of Israel.**

*English Traditional 1833*



# 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're at developmentally. The Nursery welcomes children ages 0-3.\* Children ages 3-5 are also still welcome to attend Children's Worship. We hope this added flexibility encourages all families as they teach their children about what it means to 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 2:22-38*

*Reader*

<sup>21</sup> On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is appointed to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that is opposed, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

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

*Reader  
People*

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**  
Jeff Nottingham  
*Simeon's Song*

**Notes**

A large grid of small dots for taking notes, consisting of 20 rows and 25 columns.

# 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

*“Simeon’s Song”*

*All*

Anticipating this all of my life, because of the promise You gave me,  
Now I am old, my life draws to a close, and yet I still look to You.  
Into the temple a family arrives, and as I take up the Baby,  
From deep within me, my spirit awakes, I know what I’m saying is true:

That my eyes have now seen Your salvation,  
You have prepared it for all men to see;  
It’s the light of Your revelation,  
A gift You have lovingly given to me.

Here in the temple my vigil goes on, waiting for Your consolation,  
All my devotion is centered on You, seeking the One who will heal.  
With trembling hands I reach out for the Child, given without hesitation,  
Almost as if someone else says the words, the truth of Your love I reveal:

That my eyes have now seen Your salvation,  
You have prepared it for sinners like me;  
It’s the light of Your revelation,  
A gift I have waited a lifetime to see.

May the Lord bless you and keep you in peace, though your life will be grievous,  
Give me a moment to gather my words . . . I have waited so long.  
This Child is destined to save us from sin—He, the messiah of promise;  
Hearts will be opened and thoughts be revealed, showing the right and the wrong.

And my eyes have now seen Your salvation,  
You have prepared it for all men to see;  
It’s the light of Your revelation,  
A gift You have lovingly given to me.

So now I can depart in peace, Lord,  
Now I can depart in peace.

*Words and Music by Tom Peck*

# 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

**Winter/Spring Bible Study Sign-ups Open Today** Redeemer Women and Redeemer Men will study 2 Samuel this semester. Groups will meet at various times and locations. *Sign-ups will run from today to January 15th. Time slot options will be the same as the fall options.*

January 6  
6-9 pm

**First Friday** Come to First Friday at the Harrison Center this Friday, January 6th, from 6-9 pm. This month features the show "Prodigies and Portents" by Johnny McKee, along with five other gallery openings. Also, join us for line dancing in the gym!

January 8  
12:30-2 pm

**Better Bible Study Skills Workshop** We will share lunch and discuss what you need to do, what you could do, and what you shouldn't do when you study your Bible. The workshop is taught by Erin Anderson, Sam Haist, and Emily Pilkington. *Use the QR code to register.*



January 22  
10 am

**Town Hall** Join us in the sanctuary to hear a wrap-up of 2022. We will also share what 2023 has in store and take time for questions from the congregation.

January  
27-28

**Discovering Redeemer Class** Interested in learning more about Redeemer? Come to Discovering Redeemer to learn more about our story and what it means to be part of the community here. Our next session will be Friday, January 27, from 6-9 pm and Saturday, January 28, from 9 am-12 pm. Find more details and RSVP at [redeemindy.org/events](https://redeemindy.org/events).

Tuesdays  
6 am

**Zumba Class** We will return this Tuesday. *If you have any questions, please email [women@redeemindy.org](mailto:women@redeemindy.org)*

*More information can be found at our website: [redeemindy.org](https://redeemindy.org).*



# Closing Hymn

*“Angels We Have Heard On High”*

*All*

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**See within the manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heav’n and earth,  
Lend your voices, lend your aid, to proclaim the Savior’s birth!**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Raising up the banner high, all the heav’ns proclaimed him nigh,  
He was promised, He has come, let us sing to God’s own Son.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

*French traditional carol; English paraphrase by James Chadwick, 1862*

# Benediction

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2022 giving:  
\$2,443,660

January-December 2022 budget:  
\$2,751,920

## Congregational Giving

December 4, 2022 .....	\$ 125,180
December 11, 2022 .....	\$ 90,967
December 18, 2022 .....	\$ 36,825
December 25, 2022 .....	\$ 136,655
<b>December Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 389,627</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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Classes  
10:00 a.m.



