



# CHRISTMASTIDE

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1.2.2022

## Cover Art

*Quincy Owens*

## Window Covering

*Barb Knuckles*

*The window is a map of rebuilding: the rings represent us, our families, tribes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and the city. The metallic pipecleaners represent our interconnections, creating a beautiful pattern of God's grace and mercy reaching far beyond our individual selves.*

## Platform Art

*Tom Peck*

*Towers represent the corners of the rebuilt temple, constructed during Ezra's time. Golden bowls, part of the treasure provided to build the temple, define the structures. Yet, as the church calendar progresses, they also become monumental Advent candles, signalling our anticipation of Jesus, savior of the world.*

## Banners

*Erin Hall*

*The places we are from carry a feeling, a texture. The familiarity of a handrail or a rocking chair, a tile floor, a crack in the sidewalk can take us back in time, give us a sense of place, or keep us grounded. This season members of our community, mostly our youth and teens, have shared the texture of their place with us in these harmonious banners made of graphite rubbings on paper. These banners themselves are a tiny crack into small places and things that matter to big meaningful lives—and remind us to reconnect, engage, and to be present and intentional in the spaces we inhabit.*

## Stage Wall Installation

*Dirk Edwards, Hidi Gardner, and Redeemer parishioners*

## Golden Cloud

*Kyle Ragsdale*

## Heraldry

*Hanging Disc Installation*

*Barb Knuckles*

*As we rebuild, our unity is in Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the coming/already here kingdom of God. We are examples of the work of God redeeming people from every nation, tongue and tribe, unifying us without obliterating the beauties of our redeemed cultural differences. (Rev. 5:9) We are celebrating our unity and the beauty of our particularity using symbols of heraldry.*

## Communion Set

*Craig Dodge Lile*

# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*from Hebrews 12:1-2*

*Leader* This is not the only reality,  
heaven is looking on us now.  
Let us reject everything that entangles us  
and fix our eyes on Jesus,  
He is the forerunner and accomplisher  
of the life lived by faith  
which is our current calling.

*All* **For he could see us, his beloved,  
redeemed and beautiful,  
and in light of that future joy  
he endured the cross,  
completely disregarding its shame in comparison.**

*Leader* Then sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

*All* **May our hearts stay with him now  
who patiently endured such opposition against himself  
from sinners like us.**

**May we not grow faint and despair.**

*Leader* Jesus is the joy set before us.

*All* **Let us remain fixed on him.**

# Opening Hymn

*“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; music Nathan Partain, 2003*

## Prayer of Adoration

# Prayer of Confession

*Based on Isaiah 40; 42; Ezra 3*

*Leader*

We fear that God has forgotten us  
in the wilderness, in exile, in a pandemic.

*All*

**Have we dropped off your radar, God?  
We doubt that you notice us.  
So, we make up our minds to make our own way.  
May we lift our eyes to you and believe again  
that you are personally involved in our days.**

*Leader*

Our Father has spoken to us in his Word  
to assure us of his love,  
to share himself so that we would trust in him.

*All*

**But we would rather not follow your ways,  
or live in accordance with what is written.  
We mistrust that we can really get to know you from old pages.  
Our experience and insight feel much more relevant.  
Help us to see the short sightedness of our wisdom,  
and learn that you alone are trustworthy  
that in all that you have said to us,  
we will find fulfillment and life beyond what we can imagine.**

*Leader*

The new that you offer doesn't seem that necessary, we think;  
the old ways were doing all right.

*All*

**We confess that we don't want to live by faith,  
so we settle for the old ways we already know.  
Teach us to walk by faith not in what is seen and felt  
but what is unseen and to follow you into the unknown.**

*Leader*

Our Father, in your mercy, hear our confession.

*All*

**Jesus, in your mercy, do not leave us to ourselves.**

*Leader*

Spirit, in your mercy, lead us in the way of eternal life.

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*Based on Isaiah 40-43*

*Leader* O church, how can you say the LORD doesn't see your troubles?  
O Redeemer, how can you claim,  
"God doesn't see what's happened to us;  
our plight is overlooked"?  
Do you not know?  
Have you not heard?

*All* **The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He never gets weak or weary.  
No one can get their head around his understanding.**

*Leader* You who bring good news to Indy,  
go up on Crown Hill.  
You who bring good news to Downtown,  
lift up your voice with a shout,  
lift it up, do not be afraid.

*All* **"Here is our God!"  
The sovereign LORD comes with power,  
and he rules with a mighty arm.  
He gathers his flock in his arms  
and carries them close to his heart.**

*Leader* So now, this is what the LORD says—  
he who created you, Church,  
he who formed you, Redeemer:

*All* **"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you.  
When you walk through the fire,  
you will not be burned."**

*Leader* "I have given my Son in exchange for you.  
My Son has gladly laid down his life for you."

*All* **It really is true; the Lord has done a new thing!  
He has made a way in the wilderness.**

# Song in the Gospel

*“Jesus is Mine!”*

*All*

**Fade, fade, each earthly joy: Jesus is mine!  
Break every tender tie: Jesus is mine!  
Dark is this wilderness,  
Earth has no resting place,  
Jesus alone can bless: Jesus is mine!**

**Tempt not my soul away: Jesus is mine!  
Here would I ever stay: Jesus is mine!  
Perishing things of clay,  
Born for but one brief day,  
Pass from my heart away: Jesus is mine!**

**Farewell, ye dreams of night: Jesus is mine!  
Lost in this dawning bright: Jesus is mine!  
All that my soul has tried  
Left but a dismal void;  
Jesus has satisfied: Jesus is mine!**

**Farewell, mortality: Jesus is mine!  
Welcome, eternity: Jesus is mine!  
Welcome, O loved and blest,  
Welcome, sweet scenes of rest,  
Welcome, my Savior’s breast: Jesus is mine!**

*words Jane C. Bonar, 1843; music Nathan Partain, 2003*

# Song in the Gospel

*“Hold Thou My Hand”*

*All*

**Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,  
I dare not take one step without thy aid;  
Hold thou my hand; for then, O loving Savior,  
No dread of ill shall make my soul afraid.**

**Hold thou my hand, and closer, draw me closer,  
To thy dear self, my hope, my joy, my all;  
Hold thou my hand, lest haply I should wander,  
And, missing thee, my trembling feet should fall.**

**Hold thou my hand; the way is dark before me,  
Without the sunlight of thy face divine;  
But when by faith, I catch its radiant glory,  
What heights of joy, what rapturous songs are mine!**

**Hold thou my hand, that when I reach the margin,  
Of that lone river thou didst cross for me,  
A heavenly light may flash along its waters,  
And every wave like crystal bright shall be.**

**Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,  
I dare not take one step without thy aid;  
I dare not take one step without thy aid.**

*words Fanny Crosby, 1879; music Nathan Partain, 2003*



# Prayer of Dependence

## Children's Worship

*Children's Worship, for kids ages 3-5, is where children can begin to learn how to worship as a church family. Please check in your child before the service either in the back of the sanctuary or at the nursery desk. They will be dismissed right before the sermon, and we will bring them back into the sanctuary during communion. Parents must have their security tag when picking up their child in the sanctuary.*

## Offering of Gifts and Service

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



# Remembering Our Baptism

*Based on Matthew 28:18-20*

*Leader*

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

*Westminster Shorter Catechism: Question #94*

What is Baptism?

*All*

**Baptism is a sacrament in which the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, does signify and seal our grafting into Christ, and receiving of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.**

## Song of Baptism

*“Baptized in Water”*

*Ensemble*

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 Saward, add. lyrics Bruce Benedict, 1982*

# Covenant Baptism

*1st Service: Vivian Rosa Orr, daughter of Brian and Rosa Orr*

*2nd Service: Ezra Shay Lesh, son of Austin and Kaleigh Lesh*

## *Parents' Vows*

*Leader*

1. Do you acknowledge Vivian's/Ezra's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on her/his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her/his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly commit Vivian/Ezra to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her/him a godly example, that you will pray with and for her/him, that you will teach her/him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her/him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

## *Congregation's Vows*

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 and the God of your descendants after you."

*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 Vivian/Ezra into this church as one whom God has called his own according to the covenant? And do you now promise to surround her/him with Christian love, to pray for her/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 him.  
And whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes the one who sent him.**

# Scripture

*Ecclesiastes 3:9-14*

*Reader*

<sup>9</sup> What gain has the worker from his toil? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup> I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; <sup>13</sup> also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

<sup>14</sup> I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.

*Reader*

*All*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

Sam Haist

*Everything Beautiful in Its Time*



# 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

*“Jesus Thy Boundless Love to Me”*

*All*

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me,  
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
Unite my thankful heart with Thee,  
And reign without a rival there.  
To Thee alone, dear Lord, I live;  
Myself to Thee, dear Lord, I give.  
Myself to Thee, dear Lord, I give.

O, grant that nothing in my soul,  
May dwell but Thy pure love alone!  
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,  
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove;  
My every act, word, thought, be love.  
My every act, word, thought, be love.

This love unwearied I pursue,  
And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.  
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,  
Burn in my soul like heavenly fire!  
And day and night be all my care,  
To guard this sacred treasure there.  
To guard this sacred treasure there.

O that I, as a little child,  
May follow Thee, and never rest  
Till sweetly Thou hast breathed Thy mild,  
And lowly mind into my breast!  
Nor ever may we parted be,  
Till I become as one with Thee.  
Till I become as one with Thee.

In suffering be Thy love my peace,  
In weakness be Thy love my power;  
And when the storms of life shall cease,  
Jesus, in that important hour,  
In death as life be Thou my guide,  
And save me, Thou for me hast died.  
And save me, Thou for me hast died.

*Paul Gerhardt, 1653, translated from German to English by John Wesley, 1739; Nathan Partain, 2011*

## 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

Bible study registrations open today | [redeemindy.org/biblestudy](https://redeemindy.org/biblestudy)

Daily prayer guides

First Friday Blood Drive | RSVP using the QR Code below



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



# Closing Hymn

*“Abide in Me”*

*All*

**Abide in me, O Lord, and I in thee,  
From this good hour, O leave me nevermore;  
Then shall the discord cease, the wound be healed,  
The lifelong bleeding of the soul be o’er.  
Abide in me, o’ershadow by thy love  
Each half-formed purpose and dark thought of sin;  
Quench, ere it rise, each selfish, low desire,  
And keep my soul, as thine, calm and divine.**

**We raise our voices to the Father. He hears our prayers through his Son.  
We are enabled by his Spirit. Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come.**

**As some rare perfume in a vase of clay,  
Pervades it with a fragrance not its own,  
So, when thou dwellest in a mortal soul,  
All heav’n’s own sweetness seems around it thrown.  
Abide in me; there have been moments blest  
When I have heard thy voice and felt thy pow’r;  
Then evil lost its grasp, and passion, hushed,  
Owned the divine enchantment of the hour.**

**We raise our voices to the Father. He hears our prayers through his Son.  
We are enabled by his Spirit. Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come.**

**These were but seasons beautiful and rare;  
Abide in me, and they shall ever be;  
Fulfill at once thy precept and my prayer:  
Come and abide in me and I in thee.**

**We raise our voices to the Father. He hears our prayers through his Son.  
We are enabled by his Spirit. Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom...**

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We are enabled by his Spirit. Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come.**

*words Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1855; chorus and music Nathan Partain, 2002*

# Benediction

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2021 budget:  
\$2,487,554

year to date giving:  
\$2,166,807.36



## Congregational Giving

December 26 .....\$ 147,605.33  
December Total .....\$ 234,902.55

## 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).

## Fountain Square Pres

In 2014, Fountain Square Presbyterian Church opened its doors. The first daughter church of Redeemer, Fountain Square ministers to, worships with, and cultivates Christ-centered community in the Fountain Square neighborhood of Indianapolis.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church is part of a church planting movement in Indianapolis and we are earnestly working to fund the planting of another gospel community.

## Good to See You Again.

You've been around, but there are so many ways to get plugged in that you're not sure where to start. How about starting here? Give us your name and email, check some boxes, and drop this in the offering plate.

### FIRST & LAST NAME

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### EMAIL

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

- Learn More About Redeemer
  - Become a Member
  - Join a Community Group
  - Work with Global Missions
  - Use my Artistic Talents
  - Serve with Kids
  - Serve with Students
  - Greet on Sunday Mornings
  - Make & Serve Food
  - Join a Prayer Team
  - 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.

## 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

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- Male     Female

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

### SPOUSE OR FRIEND

\_\_\_\_\_

- Male     Female

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO SAY!

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

Classes  
10:00 a.m.

## Church Plants

### FOUNTAIN SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN

901 Shelby Street  
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Sunday Worship  
10:30 a.m.