



Redeemer Presbyterian Church

Ordinary  
Time

9 October 2022

## Cover Art

*“Further Fall” by Derek Bender*

*To represent Ordinary Time, I wanted to take something easily overlooked and make it beautiful. It was also the perfect excuse to create something with leaves, which I had been wanting to do for a while. I've also been interested in rose windows since college, when I studied them in an art history class. So, it felt like a great idea to bring those two things together.*

*My process: I researched stained glass and compiled some forms that are typically used in church architecture. I then created an outline of a rose window in Adobe Illustrator. After that I went on a walk and collected leaves that had already fallen & had plenty of character. I then took the leaves home and dipped them in water to remove dirt. Next I used my scanner to import images of the leaves into my computer. After that, I Photoshopped my leaf scans, cutting them out, and then composing them within the window outline that I created.*

## Back Wall

*Gates and cymbals*

*Symbols and gates*

*In loving memory of Brian Allee*

## Banners

*“Haloes” by Tom Peck*

*Haloes—those mysterious circles surrounding the heads of people in ancient paintings—have been used throughout history to connote holiness, majesty, or splendor. Since at least the fourth century they have been included in Christian art to signify the sanctity of God the Father, Jesus, and the early saints.*

*Halo is a synonym for glory. The word halo, interestingly, derives from the Greek word for threshing floor—the hard-packed surface where oxen continuously moved round and round, making a circular path. Haloes, aptly, trace the arc of God's story: from the humble to the glorious; from the coarseness of the threshing floor to a sign of the glory of Jesus, the Son of God.*

*The wood that I used to make these haloes was commonplace—plywood, construction-grade pine, and scrap from previous projects. These modest materials reflect the shape of the threshing floor ultimately becoming the shape of glory. I worked on this project without a firm direction in its meaning; only that it was unusually enjoyable and a delight to turn each of these pieces. It was in conversation with Berenice Rarig that the full circle of their story became clear. Thanks, B!*

## Stair Cap Decoration

*Stained glass lanterns with wooden housing by Susan Jones & Ryan Collier*

## Window Covering

*Marcia Jones*

## Communion Set

*Tom Peck*

# Call to Worship

*from Isaiah 55:6-7; Hebrews 3:15; 2 Corinthians 6:2*

*Leader* Hear the words of your Almighty Father:

“Come back to me,  
And I will turn my face in blessing back toward you.”

*All* **Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call to him while he is near.  
Let the condemned stop going their own way,  
and those trapped in futility give up on their managing.**

*Leader* Let them return to the LORD,  
that he may have compassion on them.

*All* **Yes, for there is no other way,  
but for our God to freely forgive.**

*Leader* Today if you hear his voice do not harden your hearts.

*All* **Now is the moment of God’s favor,  
today is the day of his salvation.**

# Opening Hymn

*“Come, Ye Sinners”*

*All*

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.**

**Come ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.**

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry ’til you’re better, you will never come at all.**

**Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.**

**I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;  
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms,  
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.**

*words Joseph Hart, 1835; music RESTORATION, trad American Melody Walker’s Southern Harmony, 1835*

# Prayer of Adoration

# Prayer of Confession

*based on Ezra 8:28; Exodus 19:5*

*Leader*

Christian, you are devoted to the LORD:  
You are his treasured possession in all the earth.

*All*

**How are we treasured?  
We see ourselves as just ordinary—nothing special.  
Some of us sink even lower into self-loathing  
and see ourselves as worthless.**

*Leader*

Christian, you are devoted to the LORD:  
You belong to him.

*All*

**We act like we belong to ourselves:  
Free to do what we want with our bodies and our time.  
We chase after power, recognition, and pleasure.**

*Leader*

Christian, you are devoted to the LORD:  
You are holy for him.

*All*

**We hear holy and think “holier than thou.”  
We don’t want to be a fanatic or one of “those Christians.”  
So, we blend in and go along,  
Sometimes baptizing it as “being relevant.”**

*Leader*

Brothers and sisters, why do we shrink back from our devotion to the LORD?

*All*

**We’re not devoted to the LORD,  
Because we don’t see him as worthy of devotion.  
We confess, God, our sin underneath our sin:  
We think that you’re small and only sort of important.  
We fail to trust you as the merciful and majestic God  
revealed to us in Jesus Christ.**

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*based on 1 Corinthians 1:2, 18; 2:8; 6:11*

*Leader*

Church of God called Redeemer Presbyterian in Indianapolis:

Holy and special,

Loved in, through, and with Jesus Christ—

*All*

**We join with those in our city and in all sorts of places from Tehran to Tuscaloosa**

**Who call on his name—**

**He's their Lord and ours.**

*Leader*

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,

But to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*All*

**The Lord of glory was crucified for our sins—**

**It's a mystery of God's surprising love, power, and justice.**

*Leader*

You were washed in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.

*All*

**Our sin and guilt have been scrubbed away!**

*Leader*

You were sanctified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.

*All*

**We have been made beautiful, clothed in glory, we are the joy of our savior!**

*Leader*

You were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.

*All*

**We have been declared innocent, and the slate is wiped clean!**

*Leader*

The Lord has devoted himself to us:

Taking on humanity eternally in the resurrected Son,

Joining himself to us in his Son by the Spirit who lives in us.

*All*

**May we, by grace in the power of the Spirit,**

**devote ourselves to our God who has called us and loves us.**

# Song in the Gospel

*"Just as I Am"*

*All*

**Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about, confused, conflicted, full of doubts,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb I come.  
Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all in Thee I need to find, O Lamb I come.**

**Just as I am I come,  
Receiving all you've done  
And covered by your blood,  
I'm held within your love.**

**Just as I am, Thy love unknown, hath broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine and Thine alone, O Lamb I come.  
Just as I am, Thou will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb I come.**

**Just as I am I come,  
Receiving all you've done  
And covered by your blood,  
I'm held within your love.**

**You've won for me full forgiveness, just as I am O Lamb I come.  
Set free from fear, I can confess, just as I am O Lamb I come.  
I leave my rags of righteousness, just as I am O Lamb I come.  
For now I wear your Holiness, just as I am O Lamb I come.  
Just as I am O Lamb, I come. Just as I am, O Lamb, I come.  
Just as I am, O Lamb, I come. Just as I am, O Lamb, I come.**

**Just as I am I come,  
Receiving all you've done  
And covered by your blood,  
I'm held within your love.**

*words: Charlotte Elliott, 1835/alt.lyrics: Nathan Partain, 2011; music: Nathan Partain, 2011*

# Song in the Gospel

*"We Need to Hear Your Word - Psalm 119:33-40"*

*All*

**Train our hearts to love what you command.  
We let go of our perception as you lead us by the hand.  
Every foreign step we trust you as we follow further on,  
As you give us your desire, we obey with all we are.**

**Lord, we need to hear your word, Lord, we need to hear your word,  
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,  
Lord, we need to hear your word.**

**Turn us back, we try to fill ourselves.  
Show the emptiness fulfillment is outside your perfect will,  
O how easily like sheep deceived without their shepherds voice.  
Make alive in us your scripture, melody against the noise.**

**Lord, we need to hear your word, Lord, we need to hear your word,  
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,  
Lord, we need to hear your word.**

**Father, make our souls to hear you,  
Spirit, by your power, break through,  
Jesus, live in us and make true all you've said.**

**Lord, we need to hear your word, Lord, we need to hear your word,  
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,  
Lord, we need to hear your word.**

*Nathan Partain, 2020*



# 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)]



## Offertory

### Giving Update

As we enter the fourth quarter of 2022, we want to provide a brief snapshot of our current financial situation. Through last week you have generously given \$1,642,897. Our projected budget for January–October is \$2,293,267. We are currently projecting to end the year with a deficit of \$370,000. *(This takes into account our historic trend of receiving a bump in giving during the fourth quarter of the year.)*

Please pray for wisdom as we try to navigate the financial realities for this year and next. Please also pray about how Redeemer fits into your giving plans for the rest of 2022. If you have any questions, please reach out to [giving@redeemindy.org](mailto:giving@redeemindy.org).

Jan–Oct Giving: \$1,642,897  
Jan–Oct Budget: \$2,293,267  
Projected 2022 Shortfall: \$370,000

# Scripture Reading

*Ezra 9:1-4*

*Reader*

<sup>1</sup> After these things had been done, the leaders came to me and said, “The people of Israel, including the priests and the Levites, have not kept themselves separate from the neighboring peoples with their detestable practices, like those of the Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Jebusites, Ammonites, Moabites, Egyptians and Amorites. <sup>2</sup> They have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, and have mingled the holy race with the peoples around them. And the leaders and officials have led the way in this unfaithfulness.”

<sup>3</sup> When I heard this, I tore my tunic and cloak, pulled hair from my head and beard and sat down appalled. <sup>4</sup> Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel gathered around me because of this unfaithfulness of the exiles. And I sat there appalled until the evening sacrifice.

*Reader  
People*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Charles Anderson

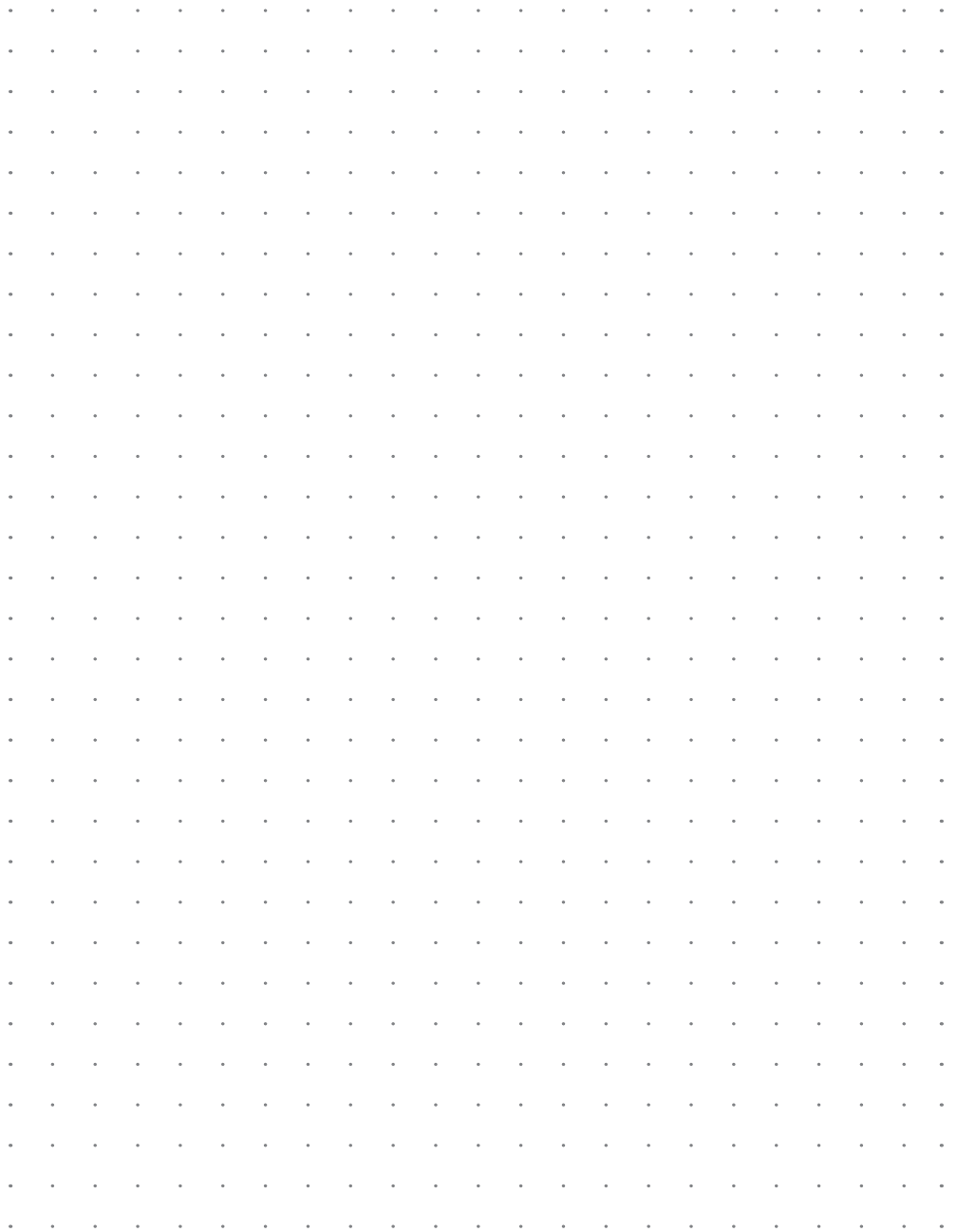
*Interfaith Marriage*

## **Additional Scripture**

*Romans 8:28-29*

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

# Notes



# Community Group Questions

1. *“I want you to get married so you can be happy.” The happiness motive is not a bad thing. In fact, it is one of the deepest motives we have. Blaise Pascal wrote, “All men seek happiness. This is without exception. Whatever different means they employ, they all tend to this end. The cause of some going to war, and of others avoiding it, is the same desire in both, attended with different views. The will never takes the least step but to this object. This is the motive of every action of every man, even of those who hang themselves.” How does the happiness motive rightly motivate us as Christians (whether in marriage or anything else)? How can it be distorted as a motive?*
2. *Some of the biblical passages that singles at Redeemer shared that help them include Psalms 34:8-10; 84:11; and Romans 8:28-29. Read those together as a group. How do these passages show us the gospel? How should these passages encourage our hearts—whatever our situation—to trust the Lord?*
3. *It takes a whole church to support Christian singleness and marriage. The sermon listed out some ideas; feel free to brainstorm further ones. What practically can you do personally and as a group to make both singleness and marriage as Christians more doable and plausible?*

# 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.*

# First Communion

*1st Service:*

Greta Miller & Hilde Miller

## Song of Celebration

*“One Thing I Have Asked (Psalm 27)”*

*All*

**The Lord is my salvation and my light whom shall I fear?  
He is my refuge, He’s my strong defense.  
Though foes rise up against me, they will fall, though war surrounds me,  
Yet my heart in Him is confident.**

*Refrain:*

**One thing I have asked the Lord, that I will seek,  
That I may dwell within his house to be with him.  
All my days to gaze upon his beauty,  
And to find new joys in him whose glory has no end,  
Whose glory has no end.**

**In the day of trouble he will hide me he will shelter me  
Under the cover of his tent.  
He will lift me high upon a rock, above my enemies,  
In victory he lifts my head.**

*[Refrain]*

**In your mercy hear my cry.  
Your dear presence do not hide.  
Though mother, father may forsake,  
The Lord will take me in, the Lord will keep me safe.**

**I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord  
Among the land of those who live.  
Wait upon the Lord be strong and let your heart take courage  
And do not doubt but wait for him.**

*[Refrain]*

*Nathan Partain, 2016*

# 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

**New Diaconal Candidates Meeting** In lieu of the Westminster Sunday School class, we will be hosting an interview and Q&A in the Sanctuary for you to get to know your deacon candidates and deaconesses. This is the second meeting that will lead up to the Congregational Meeting on October 23 at 10 am where we will vote on elder and deacon candidates. *Use the QR code to learn more.*



NEXT WEEK WE WILL HEAR FROM OUR WOMEN'S SHEPHERDING TEAM MEMBERS.

**Sunday School Today** The 1 Samuel Bible Study will be in Speck Gallery and Redeemer Kids classes will take place in their normal locations. Middle School Students will meet in the Underground, while High School Students will be in Room 205.

12:30 pm

**Artist Talk** Come to the Harrison Center Artist Talk on "Settings" by Ryan Collier, an artisan furniture maker in Hank & Dolly's Gallery, facilitated by Kyle Ragsdale, artist and curator at the Harrison Center.

October 29  
6:30-9:00 pm

**Men's Chili Cook-off** It's time for our third annual men's chili cook-off! We will have fire pits, drinks, and, of course, lots and lots of chili. Entries will be judged by an elite team of chili specialists, so if you plan to enter the competition, make sure to bring your A game. Questions? Email Sam. *Use the QR code to RSVP.*



October 20  
7-9:00 pm

**Redeemer Women Social** Bring a game. Bring a snack. Bring a friend. And bring yourself to the Speck Gallery. Whether you like *Solitaire*, *Twister*, *Sushi Go*, or just chatting, there will be space for you. Drinks will be provided. We hope to see you there. *No sign-up needed.*

**DEADLINE**  
October 14

**Storied Lives (New Hope Groups for Women)** New Hope is seeking adult, female applicants to our next round of Storied Lives Groups. This will be our tenth year offering these wonderful groups! If you have any questions, please email Carrie Sinsabaugh at [carrie@newhopeindianapolis.org](mailto:carrie@newhopeindianapolis.org). *Use the QR code to apply today.*



**4:8 Fund Update** Since the summer of 2020, our church has sought to confront the racial injustice we find in our city. One of our solutions to seek *the wholeness of our city* was to establish the 4:8 Fund, which provides mental health services to people of color in our neighborhoods. *Use the QR code to watch the video update from Julianne Vastbinder (Deacon Team Coordinator).*



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



# Closing Hymn

*"It is Well"*

*All*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well, with my soul;  
It is well, with my soul;  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control:  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate  
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well, with my soul;  
It is well, with my soul;  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well, with my soul;  
It is well, with my soul;  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;  
"Even so," it is well with my soul.

It is well, with my soul;  
It is well, with my soul;  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well, with my soul;  
It is well, with my soul;  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*words Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; music Philip P. Bliss, 1876*

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2022 year to date giving:  
\$1,642,897



January-September 2022 budget:  
\$2,293,267

## Congregational Giving

October 2, 2022 ..... \$ 117,135.41  
October Total ..... \$ 117,135.41

# Nice to Meet You

We're glad you're here and we'd love to get to know you better. Please help us do that by filling out whatever information you are comfortable sharing below. Tear it off and put it in the offering plate, or bring it to the Welcome Table for a small gift! We'll be in touch.

## I AM A...

- 1st/2nd-time Guest  Out-of-Town Guest  
 Regular Attendee  Redeemer Member

## FIRST & LAST NAME

- Male  Female

## SPOUSE OR FRIEND

- Male  Female

## CONTACT

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

