



REDEEMER REDMOND

December 13, 2020

10:30 am



Third Sunday of Advent

Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent wreath, the candle of HOPE and the candle of PEACE. Now we light the third candle of Advent.

This is the candle of JOY.

As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth.

From the Gospel of Luke we read how the birth of Jesus brought joy into the world:

Advent Reading

Luke 1:1-14

1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

⁵ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸ Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹ And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth...."

Let us pray:

**We joyfully praise you, O Lord,
for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior
and what that means in our lives.
Thank you for the gift of salvation**

through the birth of your son, Jesus.
Create us anew as we wait,
and help us to see your glory
as you fill our lives with your living Spirit.
Amen.

Hymn: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

words, David Willcocks, George Whitefield, Charles Wesley; music, William H. Cummings, Felix Mendelssohn, public domain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercymild,
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 the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man 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 Son 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!”

Confession of Sin

Our LORD Jesus Christ, you are the fulfillment of Scripture.

You are the true and rightful King, the Son of David, the promised Messiah whose Kingdom will never end.

Forgive us for not rejoicing in your righteous reign and doing all we can to advance your kingdom of peace.

You are the chosen Servant of the Living God, full of the Spirit, sent to establish justice in the earth. .

Forgive us for not trusting that you care for us; that a bruised reed you will not break, and a faintly burning wick you will not quench.

Even though you had no form or majesty that we should look at you, and no beauty that we should desire you, and though you were despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, like one from whom men hide their faces, still you are the strong Arm of the LORD.

Forgive us for our messed up value system. We think more highly of outward success than inward humility. In so doing we reject you the Lamb of God.

You are the promised Healer who would bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and comfort those who mourn.

Forgive us not making much of your healing grace. Help us to grow into Mighty Oaks of Righteousness for the praise of your glory. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Hymn of Waiting

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

words from a German spiritual song; tr. Martin L. Seltz

verse 3

Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
Oh, Come lead us, with mighty hand
Through exile to the promised land.

Receiving of Grace

From Isaiah 53:5

He was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that
brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Hymn: Wexford Carol

traditional Irish folk melody, transcribed by William Grattan Flood (1859-1928); public domain

Good people all, this Christmas time
Consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done
In sending his beloved Son
With Mary holy we should pray
To God with love this Christmas day
In Bethlehem upon that morn
There was a blest Messiah born

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep
To whom God's angels did appear
Which put the shepherds in great fear
Prepare and go, the angels said
To Bethlehem be not afraid
For there you'll find, this happy morn
A princely Babe sweet Jesus born

With thankful heart and joyful mind
The shepherds went this babe to find
And as God's angel had foretold
They did our Savior Christ behold
Within a manger he was laid
And by his side the virgin maid
Attending to the Lord of Life
Who came on earth to end all strife

Hymn: Only You

David Crowder Band, 2003 Hoganmike Music; CCLI 2579397

Take my heart, I lay it down
At the feet of you who's crowned
And take my life, I'm letting go
I lift it up to you who's throned

chorus

And I will worship you, Lord
Only you, Lord
And I will bow down before you
Only you, Lord

Take my fret, take my fear
And all I have I'm leaving here
Be all my hopes, be all my dreams
Be all my delights, be my everything

Offering

Methods of Giving to Redeemer Redmond

- Write a check and mail it to PO Box 1482, Woodinville, WA 98072
- Go to redeemerredmond.org and click [Online Giving](#)
- Install our mobile app:  

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:7-53:6

- ⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
- ⁸ The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion.
- ⁹ Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.
- ¹⁰ The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
- ¹¹ Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the Lord.
- ¹² For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.
- ¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.
- ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
- ¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

53 Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us
peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Second Helvetic Confession states: "preaching of the Word of God is the Word of God." Through God's Word preached, God your Father speaks by his Spirit to his sons and daughters.

Behold Your God: The Arm

Rev. Jason Dorsey

Advent 2020  the true JESUS *Isaiah*

4 Roles for You

KING • SERVANT • ARM • HEALER

Prophetic Word



*Will you believe the message?
Esteem the Arm of the LORD?*

① WHO THE ARM OF THE LORD IS

☰☰ Arm of LORD metaphor 52:10, also 53:1

☑ Is connected w. the good news of Θ's salvation
52:7-10

☑ Is identified w. the servant 52:13

☑ Will both astonish/apall ▶ marred beyond human semblance + sprinkle many nations
▶ kings shall shut their mouth b/c of him

☑ Arm of LORD (52:10, 53:1) vivid metaphor, Θ Himself in his might "flex" "roll up sleeve"
"strong arm of Dad"

Who? They looked forward →  ← We look back
Acts 8:26ff
Ethiopian Eunuch

② WHAT IS WRONG WITH US

☰☰ 53:1-3

What is wrong w. us? Put this two ways

1. Personally = Your ♥ values, is naturally attracted to beautiful, powerful, sexy, successful, famous "winners, And equally averse to the weak, powerless, ugly, uncool, grieving people, "losers"

Examples

→ Your sin of not believing/esteeming Arm of LORD

2. Philosophically = Confronts human value system, calls for a revolution of values

Nietzsche "transvaluation of human values" of Christianity ► reject crucified one and exalt the superman

Bonhoeffer "The figure of the crucified invalidates all thought that takes success for its standards."

⇒⇒ Cross demands a rejection of your world-view and entering a new Kingdom "Great Reversal"

③ HOW ESTEEMING THE ARM CHANGES YOU

 | Corinthians 1:18-25

1. Personal ♥ change = You see this one who was despised + rejected, who had no form or majesty, a man of sorrows, etc. bearing your sin + iniquity of all, a weight that no other person could carry 53:4-6

⇒⇒ AND YOU LOVE HIM surely he has borne my griefs, my sorrows. He was pierced for my transgressions, he was crushed for my iniquities, by his wounds I am healed...

Do you esteem him above all others?

2. Philosophical Revolution "For the wisdom of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God... For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" | Corinthians 1:18+25

Are you ready for the transvaluation of all your values? Dying to the World?

The List of THE ARM

☑ Accept the Free Gift of the Mighty Salvation/Power of Θ 
How? By believing, receiving gift w. open hands!

☑ Stop holding your "arm" in contempt, living in despair b/c of your weakness, beating yourself up for failure...

Sing for joy @ Salvation by Θ 's Arm 52:7-10

☑ Start looking at all things through the Cross \dagger Luther, The cross alone is our theology
Examples

✦ How you esteem ministry/ministers
Esteem Christ-centered, saturated, exalting ministries + ministers vs Big Programs, slick leaders, human "success" standards

✦ How you do ministry Acts, displays the powerful work of the gospel, saints, prayer, witness, Matthew 28

"Arm of the LORD w. You"

Communion

Redeemer welcomes all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are baptized members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Communion with us.

Hymn: Jude Doxology

words by Cam Huxford; arrangement by Ghost Ship; UBP

Remember, Jesus brought you out of Egypt
Remember, he has sought you as his people
Remember, he has saved you from your sin
Remember, remember him

Remember, Jesus brought you through the Red Sea
Remember, mighty miracles that you have seen
Remember, you were slaves and now are free
Remember, that he is king

To the only God, our savior, Jesus Christ
The glory, honor, power, and dominion
Before all time, and now, and evermore

Remember, Jesus raised above the heavens
He's coming, he is coming with his kingdom
Do not forget, he is seated on the throne
Remember what he has done

To the only God, our savior, Jesus Christ
The glory, honor, power, and dominion
Before all time, and now, and evermore

Before all time, and now, and forevermore
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Last Hymn to Christ

Benediction

I Timothy 3:16

Great is the mystery of godliness.
**He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up to glory.**

Go rejoicing in the Power of Christ,
the Arm of the Living God



Announcements

Gather for Worship

Youth Group

Sundays at 9:00 am live and via Zoom | [Learn More](#)

Sunday Worship Services

Worship Service and Live Broadcast at 10:30

[RSVP to attend live](#) at Hilton Garden Inn, Redmond.

Get on our [mailing list](#) to receive announcements and the weekly Worship Guide in your inbox.

Install our [Mobile App](#) for ease of finding the Worship Guide, Facebook link, full Bible, and notes
(*search your app store for Redeemer Redmond*)

Hilton Garden Inn Logistics:

►Parking

Suggested Arrival: 10:10 - 10:15am. Park in the underground garage and take the elevator to the second floor. Exit the elevator to the left and follow wayfinding signs to the Auditorium. Plan for time to park, take the elevator and grab a cup of complimentary coffee at the back of the auditorium. If you arrive early, enjoy conversation on the outdoor terrace or invite someone to sit by the fireplace in the 2nd floor lounge, both of which are adjacent to the auditorium.

►RSVP for Online and In-Person Worship

To RSVP for the service, click the link found on our website under Sunday Morning or in our App. Please reserve your spot to let us know you will be worshipping with us so that we can keep total attendance under 50 people (25% capacity) per service. This will also help us with contact tracing.

Let us know how many will be attending. Only one registration per household - count yourself and anyone else coming with you. If your plans change, please use the same link to update your status and free up space for others.

►Nursery

The Nursery will not be staffed but you can reserve a family room (if you need one). See the Signup Genius link for details.

Grow in Community

Women's Christmas Tea & Traditions, Tues at 8pm

Calling all women to join for tea this Tuesday night right after the congregational zoom meeting. Hope you can come and don't forget to bring a cup of tea with you! Message [Jenny](#) if you are not already a member of the Facebook group.

Winter Snowshoe Hike, Dec 19

The next church outing in Creation will be Dec 19th. Lord willing we will return to the Stevens Pass area for more snowshoeing. Gotta enjoy these La Nina years! We will meet at Redmond Middle School at 8 am. If you have questions, contact [John](#) or [Scott](#).

Lessons and Carols

Redeemer's traditional "Lessons and Carols" service weaves Scripture and Song to tell the Christmas Story. We usually have this service on Christmas Eve, but this year we are having the Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 20th, at our usual worship hour.

Christmas Eve Service

Please join us for a short family/children led Christmas Eve service on ZOOM on Thursday, December 24th, from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Pastor Dorsey will be working with Redeemer families to make a special, kid-friendly service that you won't want to miss. Details will be forthcoming.

Baby Celebration for Mothers and New Babies

Mark your calendar! The end of 2020 is right around the corner! On Wednesday, January 20th at 8pm we will light candles and offer prayers of blessings for our new 2020 babies. Please plan to join us for this very special (virtual) event. Contact: [Jenny Dorsey](#)

Men's Prayer

Men's prayer is gathering virtually on Wednesday morning at 6:30 using Zoom. All Redeemer men welcome. Contact: [John Sanford](#)

Community Groups

Contact [John Sanford](#) to find out how you can get involved with a community group or reserve Zoom.

Go in Mission

Deacon Fund Special Offering

There is still time to give to the Deacon Fund and share our blessings with others in need. The Deacon Fund is used for helping our Church body and neighbors both near and far for a variety of human needs: food, furnishings, housing, counseling, campus ministries, and missions. Whether giving online or in person, please specify "Deacon's Fund" on your checks or [online donations](#).

Redeemer Officer Election, Dec 15th

Redeemer's elders are calling a congregational meeting via Zoom for Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00pm to vote on two candidates they have tested and recommend to serve as church officers: Jim Gibons to serve as a ruling elder and Christopher Maffucci to serve as a deacon. All members are encouraged to participate. If you are unsure if you are a member or if you do not receive your Zoom link by the day prior to election, please contact [John](#). Since this will be the first time that Redeemer holds a congregational meeting on Zoom we want to take some time to answer questions you may have. Please [Click Here](#) for more information.

Angel Tree Gift Giving, Dec 6-20

Thank you for signing up for giving gifts and delivering gifts for the [Angel Tree ministry](#)! Gifts are due this Sunday, December 13th. Wrapped gifts can be brought to Church, to the Huston house, or by calling for a pickup. Once gifts for each family are received, we will contact the deliverers for a gift transfer.

Contact [Frank or Linda Huston](#), or 425-894-3470, if you have questions about helping with this ministry opportunity.

Sacred Road

We have secured the week of July 3rd to go in mission to Sacred Road in Yakima. This is a combined youth/adult trip all that are interested in serving the church are welcome. Right now we have 4 confirmed with room for 6-8 more. If interested please reach out to either [Jordon Lewis](#) or [Jim Gibons](#) for more info. We will plan on setting up team meetings in the Spring timeframe. Prayerfully consider serving this partner ministry with us and bringing the light of Christ's love to our neighbor.

A reminder of ministries and neighbors we support:

- Jay Stoms' Family mission in South Africa
- RUF Western Washington and UW
- Northlake Young Life
- Youth for Christ
- Redmond School Break Food Lunch Program
- Congregant ministries and outreach efforts

Please pray for these ministries that the Lord will strengthen them and give them courage to continue to look to him for sustenance and direction during this time, and to maintain the hope they have in him.

Counseling and Deaconal Support

If you have a need for counseling or other support, please contact [Frank Huston](#) or one of the deacons.

