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Welcome

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Call to Worship

From I John 1:1-3

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - The life was made manifest and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us.

**That which we have seen and heard
we proclaim also to you,
so that you may have fellowship with us;
and indeed our fellowship is with the Father
and with his Son Jesus Christ.**

Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

John Mason Neale Thomas Helmore; Public Domain; CCLI# 31982

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears

refrain

Rejoice, rejoice
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, thou Rod of Jesus, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave

O come, thou Dayspring, from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery

O come, Adonai, Lord of might
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe

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,

Advent Prayer

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.**

Confession of Sin

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Silent prayer

Hymn of Waiting

O Savior Rend the Heavens Wide, verse 3

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

Receiving of Grace

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature.
Behold, the old has passed away, the new has come.

Prayer & Sending of the Children

Jesus welcomes children into his church with open arms. Parents, your children are welcome to stay with you during the entire service, but kids age 3 through 5th grade are also invited to attend Sunday School during the sermon and they will return for the final hymn.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Meredith Andrews and Jacob Sooter; Original Words and Music by Rowland Hugh Prichard and Charles Wesley | CCLI #7096082

Come thou long expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in thee

Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

chorus

Born they people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now thy gracious kingdom bring

By thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne

Hymn: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

William H. Cummings, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840, public domain

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 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!"

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading

Genesis 49:28-50:15

²⁸ All these are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father said to them as he blessed them, blessing each with the blessing suitable to him. ²⁹ Then he commanded them and said to them, "I am to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, ³⁰ in the cave that is in the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place. ³¹ There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife. There they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah— ³² the field and the cave that is in it were bought from the Hittites." ³³ When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people.

50 Then Joseph fell on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. ² And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. ³ Forty days were required for it, for that is how many are required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.

⁴ And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, ⁵ 'My father made me swear, saying, "I am about to die: in my tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there shall you bury me." Now therefore, let me please go up and bury my father. Then I will return.'" ⁶ And Pharaoh answered, "Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear."

⁷ So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, ⁸ as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. ⁹ And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen. It was a very great company. ¹⁰ When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they lamented there with a very great and grievous lamentation, and he made a mourning for his father seven days. ¹¹ When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning on the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning by the Egyptians." Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan. ¹² Thus his sons did for him as he had commanded them, ¹³ for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place. ¹⁴ After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

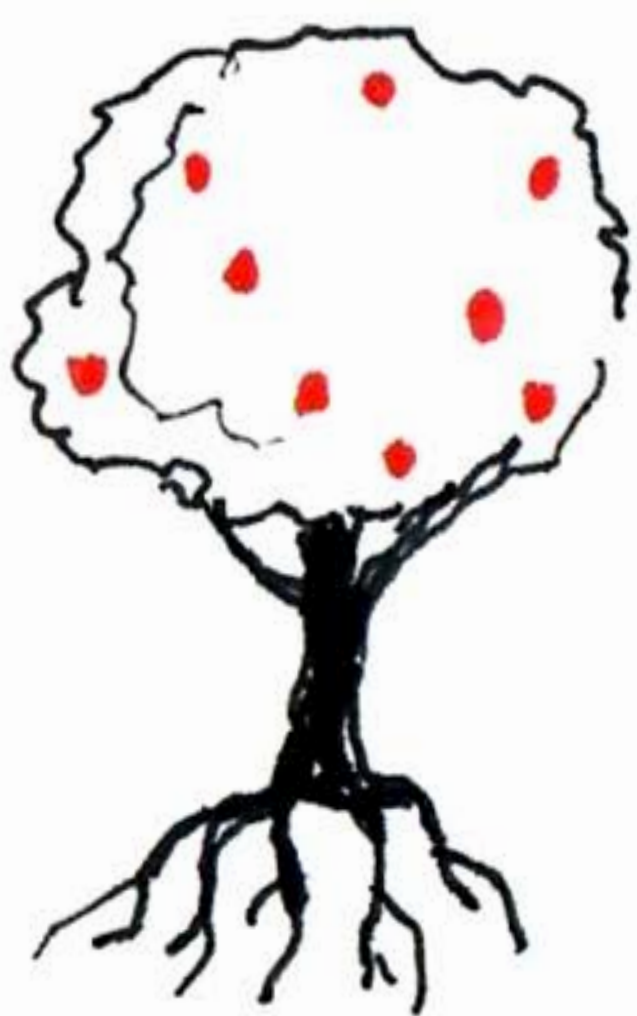
The Second Helvetic Confession states: "preaching of the Word of God is the Word of God." Through God's Word preached, God your Father speaks by his Spirit to his sons and daughters.

The Eternal Life of the Son

Rev. Jason Dorsey

↳ Being Mortal, Atul Gawande and the Eternal Life of the Son AP's Story

↖ Wait! OT doesn't have NT doctrine of Heaven ◀ This common view is an error; better to see it as root to fruit!



① ROOT ► THE OT STORY

☞☞ Death as Human Condition Post Fall
Cf Genesis 5... "and he died"

1. The importance of place + people

☑ Canaan, 49:28-33

☑ "Bury me with my Fathers... gathered to his people" 49:29, 33

Derek Kidner + Robert Alter

2. The grieving of death

"And the Egyptians wept for him for seventy days." 50:3, Cf 50:10-11

Doesnt this seem right? Mtg. w. David

3. The care + burial of the dead

☑ Embalming... cultural practices
Amy Allen

☑ Burial 50:12-14

Root But Full STOP! See that Joseph w. all his power + influence not able to stop or reverse death! Being Mortal



② FRUIT ► THE VICTORY OF JESUS

CHRISTUS **V**ICTOR Gustaf Aulen

☑ Death as wages of sin + reign of Devil

☑ Jesus' incarnation, life, crucifixion, and resurrection as victory over sin, devil + reign of death Isaiah 25:6-9

1. The importance of people + place

☑ Heaven as a place **John 14:1-3**,
"a city w. foundations" **Hebrews 11:8-11**

☑ Heaven as the place of Θ 's dwelling
and Θ 's People **John Gerstner** ▶ **Edward**

Heaven is the place, the home your soul longs for? ◀ In light of this, how should I live in my places w. my people? **Bonhoeffer**

2. The grieving of death but w. Hope!

☑ Jesus grieving friend Lazarus death
John 11:28ff

☑ Christians grieve but w. hope **1 Thess**
4:15

The grieving process is VERY IMPORTANT!
Give yourself, better Θ gives you permission!

3. The Care + Burial of Dead

Burial or Cremation? I can't bind your conscience but I believe burial is better based on Biblical Symbolism.

What? = Physical Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15

Responding to God's Word

Hymn: Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

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music, John Francis Wade, 1751; Public Domain; CCLI #2648015*

O come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him
Born the King of angels

chorus

O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God
In the highest



chorus

Yea, Lord we greet thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus, to thee be all glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

chorus

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:  

Though he was rich in glory, Christ, for your sakes, humbled himself. He was born into a poor family, lived the life you should have lived and for your salvation died penniless on a cross.

By his death we have been made rich as sons and daughters of the Living God.

You are saved by a poor man. Profane money. Put it in its place, remembering that it is:
a gift for you to enjoy,
a tool to leverage for his kingdom,
and a created thing to let go of when we die.

That letting go of money we might grasp the Living God, our true and real portion. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

**Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
Set up your kingdom in our midst.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God:
Have mercy on me, a sinner.
Holy Spirit, breath of the living God:
Renew me and all the world. Amen**

Communion

Hymn: The First Noel

Pete Kipley, Phil Wickham; CCLI# 5921887

The first Noel, the angel did say
Was to certain poor chepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

chorus

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 in gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.

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.

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.

Then entered in those wise men three
Fell reverently upon their knee
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

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.

Hymn: All Glory Be to Christ

Dustin Kensrue; CCLI# 7008232

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

chorus

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

Benediction



Announcements

Gather for Worship

Sunday Worship Services

Worship Service and Live Broadcast at 10:30

Chat and fellowship begins at 10:20

Sunday School

Ages 3 through 5th grade - During the sermon

Connect

Get on our [mailing list](#) for latest news in your inbox.

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(search your app store for "Redeemer Redmond")

Grow in Community

End of Year Giving

We praise God for the strong giving of Redeemer's congregation so far in 2022. We anticipate hitting our goals for projected giving! We encourage you to continue to give generously to help us finish 2022 well. This enables us to push forward the mission that God has given us in 2023 and beyond. Once again, thank you for your generous and sacrificial giving out of love for Jesus and the desire to advance his kingdom. Let's finish 2022 strong.

As in the past we will credit contributions to the year in which they are made:

- On-line giving is based upon the day it was made
- Offerings placed in the offering basket are based upon the day it was made. The Christmas Eve Service will be the last opportunity for this.
- Contributions sent by post are based upon the day the mailing was postmarked
- Bank checks which are not postmarked so are based upon the date of the check

Giving statements will be sent out by email at the end of January.

Young Adults Christmas Party, Dec 15

The Young Adults group is having a party Dec. 15th at 6:30pm at Emily's apartment. Bring your favorite candy for decorating gingerbread houses. We will also sing some carols and watch a Christmas movie - it will be a lot of fun! Let Emily know if you can attend!

International Feast, Dec 18th

Immediately following the Service on Sunday, December 18th, join us for an International Feast. Bring a traditional dish from your culture to share. Remember to bring a serving utensil. [Sign Up](#) to bring food here, and [invite your international friends and neighbors](#) to join us in this celebration of culinary diversity!

Kids' Christmas Story and Crafts Party, Dec 18th

All children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to a Christmas story and craft party on December 18th during the Sunday School time. Please invite family, friends and neighbors! This is a great way to introduce someone to Jesus! If you have questions, please contact [Linda Huston](#).

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School will take place during the sermon for children from 3 years old to 5th grade. We are using The Gospel Project curriculum, starting this year in Joshua. The Gospel Project is a Christ-centered, chronological Bible study about God's plan to rescue his people through his Son, Jesus Christ. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us! [Register Here!](#) Contact [Linda Huston](#) at 425-894-3469 for details.

Upcoming Schedule:

12/11 - (Big Truth) God Takes Sin Seriously (Ephesians 2)

12/18 - Christmas Story & Craft Party

12/25 - No Service or Sunday School (Christmas Day)

Hotel for the Holidays

Hilton Garden Inn has offered us a discount for friends and family we may have travelling to the NW for the holidays. Please [click this link](#) to view availability and reserve rooms. Contact [Tiffany Hing](#) with questions.

Christmas Eve Service, Dec 24th at 7pm

Our traditional Lessons and Carols Service will be held at Hilton Garden Inn on Saturday, December 24 at 7:00-8:30pm. The story of our Lord's coming is shared through songs and scripture. Guests and friends are especially welcome to join in celebration of our Lord's coming.

No Worship Service on Christmas Day, Dec 25th

In order to give our volunteers and families a day of rest and feasting at home following the Christmas Eve service, there will be no service on Christmas morning.

Community Groups Underway

See our [information sheet](#) for more information on who leads a community group in your neighborhood and their contact details. An email went out recently inviting you to join our new Online Community group, which meets twice monthly on Wednesdays at 7pm and began Nov 2nd. It included this [Zoom link](#) for your convenience - Let Pastor Jason know if you have trouble with the link and he can send you a direct invitation. See [John Sanford](#) with further questions.

Go in Mission

Angel Tree Ministry

Thank you for participating in the Angel Tree ministry with your gifts and prayers! Our church body is supporting 13 children of incarcerated parents with gifts for Christmas. All gifts should be brought to church or the Huston home by Sunday, Dec 11th in order for deliveries to be made before Christmas. See [Frank Huston](#) with questions.

Stoms Family Ministry Update

The Stoms family is associated with our church and serving as missionaries in South Africa, where Jay works with university students under the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES). Jay has sent a newsletter, updating us on the happenings there and sharing prayer requests. [Check it out here.](#)

Sacred Road Trip 2023

We have scheduled our next trip to Sacred Road on the Yakama Reservation July 1st-8th, 2023. We are looking for two people to fill roles of Team Leader and Worship Leader. Please see either [Emily Huston](#) or [Jim Gibons](#). We currently have space for 10 people on the team. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

Counseling and Deaconal Support

Counseling scholarships from the Deacon Fund are available. If you have need of counseling or other deaconal support, please contact [Frank Huston](#) or one of the deacons.

Emergency Relief for Ukrainian Refugees

Our church is supporting [Mission Eurasia](#) to provide food packages for Ukrainian refugees streaming into Poland, Moldova, Romania, and Hungary. Pastor Jason has been a board member of Mission Eurasia for over 10 years. If you would like to donate funds, goto <https://missioneurasia.org/donate> and select "Ukraine Emergency Relief Fund."

Ministries and Neighbors We Support

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, and to maintain the hope they have in him:

- Jay Stoms' Family mission in South Africa
- RUF Western Washington and UW
- Northlake Young Life and Youth for Christ
- Redmond School Break Food Lunch Program
- Congregant ministries and outreach efforts
- Mission Eurasia
- Ministry to Tibetan Buddhists in the Diaspora

