



# REDEEMER REDMOND

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# Welcome

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## 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

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### 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: I Will Sing of My Redeemer

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*words: Phillip Bliss, 1876; music: Luke Morton, 2005, UBP*

I will sing of my Redeemer  
And his wondrous love to me  
On the cruel cross he suffered  
From the curse to set me free

I will tell the wondrous story  
How my lost estate to save  
In his boundless love and mercy  
He the ransom freely gave

*Refrain:*

Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer  
With his blood, he purchased me  
On the cross, he sealed my pardon  
Paid the debt, and made me free

I will praise my dear Redeemer  
His triumphant power I'll tell  
How the victory he giveth  
Over sin, and death, and hell  
(Refrain)

I will sing of my Redeemer,  
And his heav'nly love to me;  
He from death to life hath brought me,  
Son of God with him to be.

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent Wreath — the candles of HOPE, PEACE, and JOY. Now we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the candle of LOVE. Jesus demonstrated self-giving love in his ministry as the Good Shepherd. Advent is a time for kindness, thinking of others, and sharing with others. It is a time to love as God loved us by giving us his most precious gift. As God is love, let us be love also. In the First Epistle of John, we find these words:

## **Advent Reading**

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### **I John 1:1-4**

**1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— **2** 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— **3** that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

## **1 John 3:11-18**

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup> We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

<sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

## **Advent Prayer**

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Let us pray:

**Teach us to love, O Lord.**

**May we always remember to put you first  
as we follow Christ's footsteps,**

**that we may know your love and show it in our lives.**

**As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus' birth,  
also fill our hearts with love for the world,**

**that all may know your love**

**and the one whom you have sent,**

**your son, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

# Confession of Sin

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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

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## O Savior Rend the Heavens Wide, verse 4

There shall we all our praises bring  
Ever to you, our Savior King  
There shall we laud you and adore  
Forever and forever more  
Forever and forever more  
Forever and forever more

# Receiving of Grace

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## 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

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*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.*

# Hymn: What Child Is This?

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*William Chatterton Dix, 1865*

What child is this, who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping

*chorus*

This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
The babe, the son of Mary

Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding  
Good Christian fear for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh  
Come peasant king to own him  
The King of Kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone him

# Hymn: Speak O Lord

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*Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend, 2005; CCLI# 4615235*

Speak O Lord as we come to you  
To receive the food of your holy word  
Take your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us  
Speak O Lord till your church is built  
And the earth is filled with your glory

## **Doxology**

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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**

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### **Genesis 50:15-26**

<sup>15</sup> 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."

<sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

<sup>22</sup> So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's house. Joseph lived 110 years. <sup>23</sup> And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation. The children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were counted as Joseph's own. <sup>24</sup> And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." <sup>25</sup> Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." <sup>26</sup> So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

*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 Forgiveness of the Son

Rev. Jason Dorsey

↳ The forgiveness of the Son

**So Relevant!** Conversation w. Esther

① Why You Need It



*It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil we did to him*



Why? <sup>①</sup> = The evil that we do and that is done to us makes a debt that must be paid

All the evil [let's name it]

- ☑ Jealousy of Joseph
- ☑ Rejection of his  $\Theta$  given dreams
- ☑ Violence to Joseph, selling him
- ☑ Years of Joseph's life in prison
- ☑ Joseph's lost years w. family
- ☑ The brother's lie devastated family

Point? There's real evil that could be payed back! What about in your family? *Examples*

Why? <sup>②</sup> = Without forgiveness your family can't stay close + grow closer!

☰☰ Please forgive the transgressions of your brothers and their sin because they did evil to you

➔➔➔ Evil is real! Only forgiveness overcomes it and keeps  $\hearts$  soft + close *Joseph wept when they spoke to him*

Do you see your + your family's need for it?

② What Forgiveness is

1. It is the refusal to sit in the judgment seat of  $\Theta$

☰☰ Am I in the place of  $\Theta$

2. It is paying the debt down yourself, again + again

☞☞ Genesis 45 + 50:19 + 20

See... A Kind of Sacrifice Rev. Tim Keller

3. It is moving toward the other in comfort + embrace

☞☞ Genesis 50:21

Watch in awe + wonder what the forgiveness of Joseph does for his family's closeness + future  
50:22-26 ... Highest act of human love + sacrifice and it creates close, graceful family

How? So Hard, even impossible!

### ③ How To Do It

☑ Not by summoning moral vigor + courage to be like Joseph!

Why Not? = Because you will miss the mighty motivation that moved Joseph!

GOD God meant it for good

☑ But instead look to Θ, Specifically the Forgiveness offered by the SON JESUS



Jesus pays your debt  
Jesus offers full forgiveness  
Jesus brings us close + closer

# Responding to God's Word

## Hymn: How Great Is Our God

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*Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin; © 2004 worshiptogether.com songs, sixsteps Music, and Alletrop Music; CCLI# 4348399*

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at his voice  
And trembles at his voice

*Chorus*

How great is our God  
Sing with me, how great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

And age to age he stands  
And time is in his hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb  
*chorus*



*bridge*

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

## Offering

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### Methods of Giving to Redeemer Redmond

- Write a check and mail it to PO Box 1482, Woodinville, WA 98072
- Go to [redeemerredmond.org](http://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**

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**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: Man of Sorrows**

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*Paul Ferrin, Philip Paul Bliss; CCLI# 4127699*

Man of sorrows what a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned he stood,  
Sealed my pardon with his blood:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty vile and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was he,  
Full atonement can it be:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die;  
“It is finished” was his cry;  
Now in heaven exalted high:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King,  
All his ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

## **Hymn: Joy to the World**

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*Isaac Watts, Public Domain, CCLI# 2648369*

Joy to the world the Lord is come,  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns  
Let all their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love  
And wonders of his love  
And wonders, wonders of his love

## **Benediction**

# Announcements

## Gather for Worship

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### 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.

Install our [mobile app](#) for easy access to resources

*(search your app store for "Redeemer Redmond")*

## Grow in Community

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### 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.

## **International Feast, Dec 18th**

Immediately following the Service this Sunday, 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 this Sunday 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:*

12/18 - Christmas Story & Craft Party

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

1/1 - No Sunday School (New Year's Day)

## **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.

## **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.

## **Church Snowshoe, Jan 21**

Our next church snowshoe will be January 21st. God has blessed us with considerable snow to enjoy. We will meet at Redmond Middle School at 8 am. If you plan to attend, please let John or Scott know so we can plan on enough snowshoes. This is a great time to enjoy fellowship and Creation. You are encouraged to invite friends, family, and neighbors!

## **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**

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### **Angel Tree Ministry**

Thank you for participating in the Angel Tree Ministry again this year. We are blessing 13 children whose parents are incarcerated. If you signed up to help with deliveries, please plan to do so this week, before Christmas. See [Frank Huston](#) with questions.

### **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

