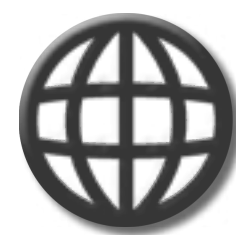




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Welcome

We are a people who live by a story,
the story of the Bible.

It is the story of God creating us in his image
and putting us in a beautiful world for us to care for
and to serve and glorify him.

It is the story of our sin, our rebellion from God,
and the destruction and death that came from that.

It is the story of the God who loved us so much
that he sent his only Son to save us from our sin.

It is the story of Jesus the Rescuer,
his incarnation, beautiful life, sacrificial death,
victorious resurrection and eternal reign.

It is the story of Jesus' healing kingdom that we
are called to be ambassadors and agents of.

And it is a story that we invite you to enter into
by faith. Come and see God's love for the world.

Call to Worship

From Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in darkness have seen
a great light

**Those who dwell in a land of deep darkness,
on us a light has shone.**

Song of Adoration: Joy to the World

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

Prayer of Adoration

3rd Sunday of Advent

Today we relight the candles of HOPE and PEACE. Now we light the candle for the third Sunday in 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 2:1-14

2 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear

not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom
he is pleased!”

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 t
hrough 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 your 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

words, Martin Seltz; music, Nathan Partain, 2003 UBP

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

From II Corinthians 5:17

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

Children's Sunday School

Jesus welcomes children into his church with open arms. Parents, your children are welcome to stay with you during the entire service. We also provide a Sunday School for kids (ages 1st-5th grade) and preschool (3 years to kindergarten). Children will return to their families before our last hymn to Christ (approximately 11:40am)

Hymn: Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

*english translation, Frederick Oakeley and William Thomas Brooke;
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

Hymn: Revelation Song

Jennie Lee Riddle, 2004; CCLI # 4447960

Worthy is the
Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is he
Sing a new song
To him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything
And I will adore you

Clothed in rainbows
Of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and
Glory and power be
To you the only wise King

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

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

Scripture Reading

Ruth 3

3 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? ² Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³ Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do." ⁵ And she replied, "All that you say I will do."

⁶ So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her. ⁷ And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet

and lay down. ⁸ At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet! ⁹ He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer." ¹⁰ And he said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹ And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. ¹² And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I. ¹³ Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the Lord lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning."

¹⁴ So she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." ¹⁵ And he said, "Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out." So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city. ¹⁶ And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did you fare, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her, ¹⁷ saying, "These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, 'You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'" ¹⁸ She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today."

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 Dependence on and Drawing Near to the Redeemer

Rev. Jason Dorsey

③ Historic Story models faith in Christ the Redeem
Today! We learn best "over the shoulder + through
the heart" Steven Garber

↓
Ruth's example of your soul's tender + intimate trust
in Jesus either for the first time or life of faith

Where do you see that? Reading into the text!

① THERE IS A NEED

☞☞ "My daughter, should I not seek rest for you,
that it may be well with you." 3:1

What? = Deep Rest

- ☑ Physical Rest: place, home, provision...
- ☑ Social Rest: people, belonging
- ☑ Emotional Rest: being loved, hope
- ☑ Spiritual Rest: Loved + sheltered by Θ

Ruth's Need for Rest

The need for rest/redemption spans so much
Examples...

But you must know it! What is your need today?

② THERE IS A REDEEMER

☞☞ Naomi counsels Ruth → Boaz

1. Relative Boaz our relative (3:2), Redeemer or Go'el is a male relative who offers protection, security "rest" by buying back from poverty, widowhood, slavery, shame, etc. their land and name. "Maintaining the family unit and its possession of any inherited agrarian land were basic to the culture." Cf. 4:5

2. Relative who is able "spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer"
3:6-10 = Wealth, property, power

3. Relative who is willing 3:10-13. In Boaz's case there was a closer relative who must be asked first to Redeem Ruth Erik M. ▸
Grandma was Rahab

Redeemers do not exist today! Redemption is Not practiced! Aw... Yes there is One

JESUS THE REDEEMER { Relative
Able
Willing
Hebrews 2:14-18 ▸ Rest Hebrews 3+4

John 5 ▸ Jesus' coming to us!

③ THERE IS A COMING TO THE REDEEMER



→
Your coming to
Christ by faith



☐☐ Ruth's faith

- ☑ IN Naomi's counsel
- ☑ IN Boaz's care
- ☑ IN coming w. nothing but need!

Ruth comes & lies at Boaz's feet

See Boaz's beautiful, kind, response,
his words 3:10-11 + Boaz will not rest
until he has procured Ruth's redemption
and his work 3:14-18

Boaz a Type of the Archetype, the Ultimate Redeemer, Jesus Christ, The Fulfillment, The Substance...



Apply

1. Come to Jesus by faith ► first time or life of faith
2. Come to Jesus as you are
3. Come to Jesus + ask Him to give you REST "spread your wings over me."

Responding to God's Word

Offering

Though he was rich in glory, Christ, for your sakes, humbled himself, was born into a poor family and died penniless on a cross.

By his death you have been made rich as sons and daughters of the Living God. Humble yourselves!

You are saved by a poor man. Profane money.

Put it in its place, remembering that it is:

a gift from God for you to enjoy,

a tool to leverage for God's kingdom,

and a created thing to not grasp but let go of..

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

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:  

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 Liturgy

First Communion

Violet Mohrmann

Hymn: What Wondrous Love

*words, Alexander Means, 1811; music William Walker, 1835;
public domain; CCLI # 197297*

What wondrous love is this
O my soul, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul, for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the great I AM
While millions join the theme
I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme I will sing

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on and joyful be
And through eternity
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And through eternity I'll sing on

Hymn: Go Tell It on the Mountain

John Wesley Work, Jr., 1865, Public Domain

chorus

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And brought us God's salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

chorus

Benediction



Announcements

End of Year Giving

We praise God for the strong giving of Redeemer's congregation so far in 2021. We anticipate hitting our goals for projected giving! We encourage you to continue to give generously to help us finish 2021 well. This enables us to push forward the mission that God has given us in 2022 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 2021 strong.

Gather for Worship

Sunday Worship Services

Worship Service and Live Broadcast at 10:30

Chat and fellowship begins at 10:20

Children's Sunday School, age 3 to 5th grade

In the fireplace room 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

No Christmas Eve Service

In lieu of a Christmas Eve service this year, we will celebrate and remember the birth of our Savior in our Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday the 19th.

Lessons & Carols Service followed by International Christmas Dinner, Dec 19th

You are invited to join us for a special service and potluck on Dec 19th. At our usual service time, we will hold a traditional service of Lesson and Carols, weaving readings of the Christmas story with Christmas carols. Following the service, we will hold an International Christmas Dinner. [SignUp here](#) to bring a traditional dish from your culture to share. There will also be a Christmas movie for kids to enjoy.

Children's Sunday School, Fall 2021

The curriculum for Sunday School is following the new cycle of [The Gospel Project](#), a 3 year curriculum covering the entire Bible, which helps kids dive deep into the big story of the Bible—God's plan to rescue his people through his Son, Jesus Christ. [Register here.](#)

Upcoming Sunday School Schedule:

Dec 12 – Christmas Story and Crafts

Dec 19 – No Sunday School (Lessons & Carols Service)

Dec 26 – No Sunday School (Merry Christmas!)

Jan 2 – God Changed Jacob (Gen 25-33)

Church Snowshoe Hike, Dec 18th

God has heard our prayers and has sent us an abundance of snow! We will have a time of enjoying God's gift of snow on Sat, Dec 18th. Location TBD. Please let [Scott](#) or [John](#) know if you will be attending so we can ensure we have enough snowshoes. We will meet at Redmond Middle School at 8 am.

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

If you aren't already part of a Community Group, see our [information sheet](#) for more information on who leads one in your neighborhood and their contact details. See [John Sanford](#) with further questions.

Identity Mapping Discipleship Course, Jan - Apr '22

Want to know who God crafted you to be? Desire to step into your calling with more joy and boldness? Do you need to work through wounds in your past? Do you want clarity on your focus, priorities and goals in your future? Pastor Dorsey is leading two virtual cohorts through his Identity Mapping discipleship curriculum. The cohorts will meet via Zoom on Tuesday evenings, beginning Jan 4th, 2022 through end of April. Each cohort will meet 16 times, 1.5 hrs per session. Curriculum cost: \$125. Scholarships available for Redeemerites. Learn more [HERE](#). Reserve a spot on the cohort [HERE](#).

Go in Mission

Angel Tree Ministry, Dec 12th

If you signed up to provide gifts for children of incarcerated parents, they are due today. Please get them to Frank or Linda Huston either after the service or work out a time to drop off at their home. 425-894-3470. Thank you to all who volunteered!

Sacred Road Trip, Jul 2-9

We have secured the week of July 2nd to go in mission to Sacred Road in Yakima. All that are interested in serving the church are welcome. Right now we have 3 confirmed with room for 6 more. If interested please reach out to either Emily Huston or Christopher Maffucci for more info. We will plan on setting up team meetings in the Spring. Prayerfully consider serving this partner ministry with us and bringing the light of Christ's love to our neighbor. Also Sacred Road is currently asking for donations to raise \$30,000 for 2 new vans. [Click here to donate.](#)

Deacon Fund Offering

If you missed your chance last week, you can still give to the Deacon Fund. 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. Please mark checks with "Deacon Fund" on the memo line, or use the Church Subsplash account ("giving" page on web or app), selecting "Deacon's Fund" from the list of options. Thank you from the Deacons!

Counseling and Deaconal Support

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

Remember to pray for those we support:

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

