



# REDEEMER REDMOND

December 10, 2023





# Welcome

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“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

## Call to Worship

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**From 1 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.**

## 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

## **Second Sunday of Advent**

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Today we relight the candle of HOPE. Now we light the candle for the second Sunday in Advent. This is the candle of PEACE. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. From the prophet Isaiah:

## **Advent Reading**

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### **Isaiah 32:1-4, 16-17**

**32** Behold, a king will reign in righteousness,  
and princes will rule in justice.

<sup>2</sup> Each will be like a hiding place from the wind,  
a shelter from the storm,

like streams of water in a dry place,

like the shade of a great rock in a weary land.

<sup>3</sup> Then the eyes of those who see will not be closed,  
and the ears of those who hear will give attention.

<sup>4</sup> The heart of the hasty will understand and know,  
and the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to  
speak distinctly.

<sup>16</sup> Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,  
and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.

<sup>17</sup> And the effect of righteousness will be peace,  
and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust  
forever.

# Advent Prayer

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Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give us the courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. 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

*Words from a German spiritual song; tr. Martin L. Seltz;  
music Nathan Partain, 2003*

*Verse 2*

O Morning Star, O Radiant Sun,  
When will our hearts behold your dawn?  
O Sun, arise; without your light,  
We grope in gloom and dark of night.

# 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.*

## Angels We Have Heard on High

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*Edward Shippen Barnes and James Chadwick; PD; CCLI#27721*

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

*chorus*

Gloria

In excelsis Deo

Gloria

In excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King

See him in a manger laid  
Whom the choirs of angels praise  
Mary Joseph lend your aid  
While our hearts in love we raise

# All Who Are Thirsty

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*Brenton Brown & Glenn Robertson, CCLI # 2489542*

All who are thirsty, all who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
In the waves of his mercy  
As deep cries out to deep

(we sing)

Come Lord Jesus come (x3)

Holy Spirit come (x3)

As deep cries out to deep (x2)

## 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

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Greet one another

## Testimony

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David Noor

## Scripture Reading

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**Revelation 22:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

<sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup> Outside are

the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

<sup>16</sup> “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

*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.*

## **Alpha and Omega**

Rev. Jason Dorsey

## **Community Group Questions**

Read the passages of Scripture that refer to God as the Alpha and Omega: Isaiah 44:6, 48:12; Revelation 1:8, 17; 21:6-7 and 22:13. Pay attention to the context.

1. What observations can you make regarding the meaning of alpha and omega as it refers to God?
2. What are the implications of Jesus being the alpha and omega?
3. In what ways do we need Jesus as the alpha and omega?
4. In what specific area(s) of your life would you like strength and courage from Jesus as your alpha and omega? Pray for each other.



Study Jesus names to know him  
Jenny's gift of ornaments



But warning ► sobering and even terrifying! For Me

① WHO JESUS IS ... like getting to know David Noor

1. IN contrast to religions w. many gods each having a name Hinduism, Bible there is one  $\Theta$  w. many names, titles ► Alpha + Omega : Isaiah 44:6, 48:12, Rev. 1:8, 21:6-7

2. IN Old Testament the primary name of  $\Theta$  is Yahweh. IN NT the primary name of  $\Theta$  is Jesus. Both w. many names, titles, ...

LORD of hosts	}	Yahweh/Jesus	{	Root of David, Rev. 22:6
$\Theta$ Almighty				Bright Morning Star $\uparrow$
Alpha + Omega				Alpha + Omega Rev. 1:17, 22:13

"God is His Names" Bavinck

3. Jesus is  $\Theta$ !

☑ bears the same Name John Frame

☑ Is the CREATOR + CULMINATOR of all  
Alpha Omega

What's troubling? Terrifying?



= As Alpha + Omega Jesus "has keys of Death + Hades" (Rev 1:18) and "is coming soon, bringing my recompense w. me, to repay each for what he has done," (Rev. 22:12) ▶ According to Jesus, you + I are on the LIST, Rev 22:15 of those excluded from the joy + peace of heaven

## ② WHY YOU NEED JESUS

➡➡➡ JESUS has the Last Say at the end

1. By Jesus Blood your sins are forgiven and Jesus' righteousness imputed ▶ Wash your robes ▶ right to the tree of life ▶ enter the city by the gates

➡➡➡ Verdict is IN! You have right to heaven!

2. Jesus is the Way and the Door to enter into city ▶ that they may enter the city by the gates. Dave Lane Analogy

How Do I enter? You are invited "Come" 22:17

But you must Thirst and Drink the water of life w/o price = Jesus gets last word ▶ GIFT!  
Dad's Analogy

# Jesus Of Nazareth

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*Chris Tomlin, Martin Smith; CCLI# 6527008*

Lord you brought heaven to earth  
Angels sang at your birth  
Glory glory glory in the highest  
The child of a carpenter  
The very Son of God you are  
Jesus Jesus Jesus of Nazareth

*chorus*

I was born to follow you  
I was born to follow you  
I was born to follow you



You fill the darkness with light  
You opened the eyes of the blind  
Glory glory glory in the highest  
Took the stone from the pharisee  
Let a sinner pour oil on your feet  
Jesus Jesus Jesus of Nazareth

You believed in me when I was lost  
Surrendered your life at the cross  
Worthy worthy worthy is the Lamb of God  
And even the demons believe  
You are the risen King of kings  
Jesus Jesus Jesus of Nazareth

## Offering

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### Methods of Giving to Redeemer Redmond

- Write a check and drop it in the basket during communion, or 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.**

## **Communion**

### **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**

### **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

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*Thomas Chisholm, William M. Runyan, 1923; CCLI# 18723*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:*

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*[Refrain]*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*[Refrain]*

## **Go Tell It on the Mountain**

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*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

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth

*chorus*

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

*chorus*

## **Benediction**





# Announcements

## Grow in Community

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### Lessons & Carols, International Brunch, Dec 24th

The Lessons and Carols service on Christmas Eve morning weaves Scripture and Christmas Carols to tell the Bible's story of God's salvation of the world through Jesus Christ. It is a wonderful opportunity to [invite](#) your friends, colleagues, and neighbors. Following the service, we will be share an International Potluck Brunch. [Sign Up here!](#)

### Church Hike, Dec 30

Prepare for the New Year with a trip out in God's creation. Our next church outing will be Sat, Dec. 30th. Since this is an El Nino year it could be a snowshoe or a walk, but either way it will be fun. This is a good opportunity to enjoy creation, and fellowship. Invite your friends to join us. We will meet at Redmond Middle School at 8am. If you have any questions, contact John. You are also invited to join our WhatsApp group (Cascade Mountain Hikes).

### Embarking on Your Calling, Class begins January 7

Would you like to take some time at the beginning of 2024 to reflect on your calling and to set goals for yourself in it? Pastor Jason will be leading a six week class on Sunday mornings at the Hilton Garden Inn, from 9:00-10:00am. This class will help you understand the calling God has appointed you and step boldly into it by setting clear and concrete goals for the new year.

## Community Groups

Community Groups are small groups of Christians and seekers that meet in homes and apartments during the week. Through Bible Study, prayer, and mutual support people are encouraged and empowered for God's mission. Current Groups:

North Community Group (contact [Sam](#))

Redmond community group (contact [Jim](#))

Online community group (contact [Jason](#))

Young Adults group (contact [Emily](#))

# Go in Mission

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## **Sunday School Christmas Story and Crafts, Dec 17**

All children ages 3 years old to 5th grade are invited to our annual Sunday School Christmas Story and Crafts on December 17th during the sermon. Please invite friends to join you! Contact Linda Huston at 425-894-3469 with any questions.

## **Angel Tree Gifts for Children Due This Sunday!**

There are still 3 gifts left to sign up for! We are participating in the Angel Tree ministry as a church body to support children of parents who are incarcerated by providing their children with gifts for Christmas. [Sign up here](#) to volunteer to provide gifts and/or make deliveries. All gifts should be brought to church or the Huston home by Sunday, Dec 10th. Deliveries must be made before Christmas. See [Frank Huston](#) or another Deacon with questions.

## **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 any one of the deacons.

## **Pray for Ministries and Neighbors We Support**

- Jay Stoms' Family mission in South Africa
- RUF WWU 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



# Gather for Worship

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## Sunday Worship Services

Worship Service and Live Broadcast at 10:30

## Children's Sunday School

Calling all children ages 3 through 5th grade to learn more about Jesus! Sunday School began Sep 10th and will take place during the sermon each Sunday. We are using the Gospel Project Curriculum, and are currently studying the divided kingdom. Invite your friends to join us! See [Linda Huston](#) with questions! Participants and Volunteers alike, [Register Here!](#)

## Upcoming Sunday School Schedule

12/10 - (Big Truth) God is Present with Us (Isaiah 7)

12/17 - Christmas Story and Party

12/24 - No Sunday School (Christmas Eve)

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