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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: 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

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Isaiah 32:1-4, 16-17

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

² 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.

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

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

¹⁶ Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,
and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.

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

Advent Prayer

Let us pray:

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

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 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

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.

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High

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

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

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading

Genesis 49:1-27

49 Then Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come.

² "Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob, listen to Israel your father.

³ "Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the firstfruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.

⁴ Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it—he went up to my couch!

⁵ “Simeon and Levi are brothers;
weapons of violence are their swords.

⁶ Let my soul come not into their council;
O my glory, be not joined to their company.

For in their anger they killed men,
and in their willfulness they hamstringed oxen.

⁷ Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce,
and their wrath, for it is cruel!

I will divide them in Jacob
and scatter them in Israel.

⁸ “Judah, your brothers shall praise you;
your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;
your father's sons shall bow down before you.

⁹ Judah is a lion's cub;
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.

He stooped down; he crouched as a lion
and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?

¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

¹¹ Binding his foal to the vine
and his donkey's colt to the choice vine,
he has washed his garments in wine
and his vesture in the blood of grapes.

¹² His eyes are darker than wine,
and his teeth whiter than milk.

¹³ “Zebulun shall dwell at the shore of the sea;
he shall become a haven for ships,
and his border shall be at Sidon.

¹⁴ “Issachar is a strong donkey,
crouching between the sheepfolds.

¹⁵ He saw that a resting place was good,
and that the land was pleasant,
so he bowed his shoulder to bear,
and became a servant at forced labor.

¹⁶ “Dan shall judge his people
as one of the tribes of Israel.

¹⁷ Dan shall be a serpent in the way,
a viper by the path,

that bites the horse's heels

so that his rider falls backward.

¹⁸ I wait for your salvation, O Lord.

¹⁹ “Raiders shall raid Gad,

but he shall raid at their heels.

²⁰ “Asher's food shall be rich,

and he shall yield royal delicacies.

²¹ “Naphtali is a doe let loose

that bears beautiful fawns.

²² “Joseph is a fruitful bough,

a fruitful bough by a spring;

his branches run over the wall.

²³ The archers bitterly attacked him,

shot at him, and harassed him severely,

²⁴ yet his bow remained unmoved;

his arms were made agile

by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob

(from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),

²⁵ by the God of your father who will help you,

by the Almighty who will bless you

with blessings of heaven above,

blessings of the deep that crouches beneath,

blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

²⁶ The blessings of your father

are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents,

up to the bounties of the everlasting hills.

May they be on the head of Joseph,

and on the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers.

²⁷ “Benjamin is a ravenous wolf,

in the morning devouring the prey

and at evening dividing the spoil.”

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 Promise of the Son

Rev. Jason Dorsey

👉 Christians ▶ You!?! ▶ People of a STORY
Conversation w. AP

Story is one of PROMISE + FULFILLMENT

What does it mean to be "of a story"?

① PROMISE

📖 Context = Jacob's finest hour!

☑ Blesses Ephraim + Manasseh Chp 48

☑ Confesses "God who has been my shepherd all my life long." 48:15

☑ Speaks Prophetic Blessing to His Sons
"Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come." 49:1

... This is what their father said to them as he blessed them, blessing each with the blessing suitable to him." 49:28

Derek Kidner

➔ Focus on the PROMISE given to Judah

Promise to JUDAH

1. Praise (8)
2. Power (8)
3. Lion (9)
4. Rule Scepter (10)
5. Tribute (10)
6. Obedience (10)
7. Abundance "exuberant abundance" Kidner

Story Jacob ▶ 12 Tribes ▶ Universal Blessing
Leslie Newbigin

② FULFILLMENT

☰☷ In Jesus Christ *New Testament* ↓

1. Praise of the Nations *Revelation 7:9-10*
2. Power through Powerlessness *1 Corinthians 1:14-25*
3. Lion + Lamb *Revelation 5:1-10*
4. Rule Men + Women's hearts *Matthew 16:24-25*
5. Tribute of tithes, talents + treasures
6. Obedience of faith *Romans 1:1-6*
7. Abundant Life *Derek Kidner, John 10:10*

Return to Q = Mean to be people of a story?

A = The Promise fulfilled in King Jesus
is being worked out/lived out in you

For example "Tribute" (vs. 10) Feedback

Erik Referenced 1 Samuel 8 "what is due a king" = King gets firstfruits, his cut first ▶
Wake Up + Ask "What is King's Mission today?"

Robert Sacrifice! Jesus sacrificed for us + we sacrifice for Him, "What would Θ have me do w. my time, money, work, where I live?"

Jim Witness. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so. We boast in our kids (David w. baseball) natural, so we should boast in Jesus

Frank Discipleship. At job I'm old man on totem pole, pass on my knowledge to young; so I should train up next gen. of Christians

Me Tithe, Treasures, Talents offered up to Θ

Others →

Responding to God's Word

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

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.

Communion

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**

Hymn: All the Way to Calvary

Dave Irish, Mike Doran, CCLI # 7163575

Did you think of me all the way to Calvary
With an everlasting love
Did you think of me in the pain and suffering
When you drank that bitter cup

Was I in your heart when the night surrounded you
And you hung upon that tree
Was I in your heart did you think of me
All the way to Calvary

chorus

And when all my sin pierced your side
And the blood flowed rich and free.
You knew me then and you loved me still
All the way to Calvary

Did you think of me all the way to Calvary
when you cried and breathed your last
Did you think of me when you gained the victory
and the sting of death had passed

chorus

Hymn: 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

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.

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

(search your app store for "Redeemer Redmond")

Grow in Community

Church Snowshoe, Dec 10th

Our next church snowshoe will be December 10th.

There should be plenty of snow to enjoy by then. 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!

Hotel for the Holidays

Our gracious host, Hilton Garden Inn has offered us a

discount for friends and family we may have travelling

to the Northwest for the holidays. Please [click this](#)

[link](#) to view availability and reserve rooms. Contact

Hilton's [Tiffany Hing](#) with questions.

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.

International Feast, Dec 18th

Back by popular demand! 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:

12/4 - Eli's Sons Disobeyed God (1 Samuel 4-6)

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

12/18 - Christmas Story & Craft Party

Church Directory Update

We are working on updating our church directory. If you would like to be added to the directory or have corrections to the present directory, contact [John](#). Due to a catastrophic software failure the production of the new directory will be considerably delayed.

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.

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. We still have 1 opening for a delivery driver. [SignUp here.](#) See [Frank Huston](#) or another Deacon with questions.

Thanksgiving Offering for the Deacon Fund

The Deacon Fund is available for our Church body and neighbors both near and far for a variety of human needs: food, furnishings, housing, counseling, campus ministries, and missions. If you missed your chance last Sunday, you can still give to the Deacon Fund. You can [give online](#) using the "Deacon's Fund" designation, or drop your gifts marked "Deacon's Fund" in the offering basket.

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

