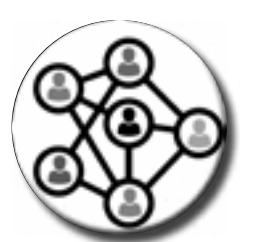
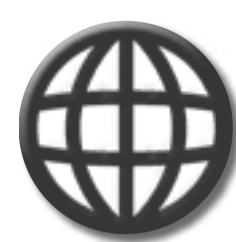




# REDEEMER REDMOND

December 3, 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.**

## Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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*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

Born thy 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

## **First Sunday of Advent**

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Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of HOPE. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah.

## **Advent Reading**

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### **Isaiah 9:1-7**

**9** But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle  
tumult

and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,

on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## **Advent Prayer**

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**Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. 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 1

O Savior, rend the heavens wide;  
Come down, come down with mighty stride;  
Unlock the gates, the doors break down,  
Unbar the way to heaven's crown.

## 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.*

## 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

## **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

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*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*

## **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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**Billy Baker**

# Scripture Reading

## Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

*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.*

## You Shall Call His Name Jesus

Rev. Jason Dorsey

🪝 What's in a name? = A Lot!

A name can mark one's family, culture, history, even purpose.

Billy Baker



☞ Through an Angel God names His Son

# JESUS

What does the name  mark ... for you?

① JESUS marks a Jewish man

☞ Abraham ► David ► Babylon ►

Jesus = 42 generations of Jews  
and Jewish history Rahab

How does this matter to me?

= Jesus is historic person not fairy tale

So What? He's just another man!

= Jesus is fulfillment of  $\Theta$ 's ancient promise  
of a son to Abraham + Messiah to David

② JESUS marks the Son of  $\Theta$

☞ Story... Mary's pregnancy + Joseph's divorce ► Angel's message of Holy Spirit conception ► fulfillment of Isaiah  
"virgin will conceive + bear a son..."

Mean for you? Suggest 2 things:

1. The utterly unique Incarnation of  $\Theta$   
among world's religions calls for  
decision... What will you do w. it?

2. Feel  $\Theta$  is absent, distant?  $\Theta$  w. us, Billy



### ③ JESUS marks God Saves



Jesus ▶ Joshua, Yah (name of  $\theta$ ) Saves

OT Joshua ▶ NT Jesus "He will save  
his people from their sins."



Penalty of sin: Death

Power of Sin: Dominion broken

Presence of Sin: Darkness in world + you

HE WILL SAVE *Charles Spurgeon*

Do you see yet how you need that?

### Community Group Questions

Discuss from Matthew 1 how the name of Jesus marks (i.e. stands for) the following:

1. Jesus marks a Jewish Man. There are 42 generations from Abraham to David to Jesus. Why does it matter to you that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham of a son, to David of a King (Messiah)?
2. Jesus marks the Son of God incarnate. What does the story of Mary and Joseph teach us about the incarnation of God? How is the incarnation of God is unique among the world's religions? What does it mean to you that Jesus is Immanuel, God with us?
3. Jesus marks that God saves. How does the fact that Jesus will save (not try to save, but will accomplish salvation!) his people from the penalty, power and presence of their sin give you strength and hope?

# 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

*refrain*

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

*refrain*

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

*refrain*



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

*refrain*

# 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**

# 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.

# I Saw the Light / I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley, Hank Williams, Zackery T. Shelton, 2018 CCLI  
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I've wandered so aimless, my life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

*Chorus1*

I saw the light, I saw the light,  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Just like a blind man, I wandered alone  
Worried and fear I claimed for my own  
Then like a blind man, God gave me back my sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

*Chorus1*

Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away  
To that home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

*Chorus2*

I'll fly away, O Glory, I'll fly away  
When I die Hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away  
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away

*Chorus2*

## Benediction



# Announcements

## Financial Update

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**As of September 30, our year-to-date financials:**

Total Offering: \$ 177,406.64

Total Expenses: \$ 238,744.82

Difference: -\$ 61,338.18

## Grow in Community

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### 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).

### 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](#))

### 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!](#)

## **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.

## **Go in Mission**

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### **Thanksgiving Offering for the Deacon Fund**

If you missed your chance to give to the Deacon Fund last Sunday, fear not! You can still give!. Place your gifts in the offering basket, or [give online](#), designating gifts to "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.

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

There are still 12 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.

### **Global Missions Lunch & Prayer, Dec 3**

Pastor Jason and Jenny Dorsey are hosting a lunch after the service this week, with a focused time of prayer for our international neighbors and the world. Join us at 12:30pm at Casa Dorsey, 9943 160th Street NE (corner apartment), Redmond, WA. There is plenty of parking on 160th St.

## 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

12/3 - Daniel Served God (Daniel 5)

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

12/17 - Christmas Story and Party

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