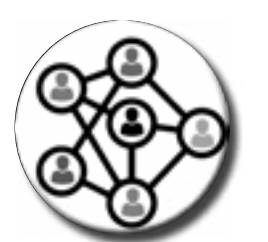




REDEEMER REDMOND

December 17, 2023



Welcome

“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

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.**

O 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

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to thee be all glory given
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

Third Sunday of Advent

Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent wreath. The candle of HOPE and the candle of PEACE. Now we light the third candle of 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 1:1-14

1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

⁵ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸ Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹ And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

Advent Prayer

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
through 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 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

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

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

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.

Jesus Of Nazareth

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

What Child Is This?

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

chorus

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

chorus

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

Greet one another

Testimony

Diana Land

Scripture Reading

Revelation 22:16-17

¹⁶ “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.”

¹⁷ 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.

Root and Descendent of David

Rev. Jason Dorsey

Community Group Questions

1. Jesus is the Promised One, the Messiah.
 - a. Why is it important that past promises made to David (II Samuel 7:12ff) and Isaiah (9:1-7, 11:1-9) are fulfilled in Jesus?
 - b. How should you live knowing that future promises of the Messiah will also be fulfilled in Jesus (Isaiah 2:1-5)?
2. Jesus is the True and Rightful King of your heart.
 - a. What does it mean that Jesus is the Rood of David?
 - b. What does it mean that Jesus is a descendent of David?
 - c. Why does the incarnate, obedient, crucified and risen King Jesus have a right to your heart?
3. Application:
 - a. How does the stable, strong, advancing reign of Jesus bring comfort to you heart?
 - b. What goal do you have to advance his reign in your life in 2024?

Jesus' names = facets of his being 

☑ JESUS

☑ ALPHA + OMEGA

☑ ROOT + OFFSPRING OF DAVID



Who Jesus is/or could be for you!

So What does Root + Offspring of David matter to me in the real world?



① Promised One Has Come

☰☰ Past + Future Promises are coming true in Jesus

1. Past Promises: The promise made to David *2 Samuel 7:12ff* + *Isaiah 9:1-7 + 11:1-9* are fulfilled in Jesus.

2. Future Promises: *Isaiah 2:1-5* will also be fulfilled in Jesus.


Baptisms at Jordan River

② He is the True + Rightful King of your 

☰☰ As *Root* he is David's + your God



As *Descendent* he is fully man, man's true + rightful King *J.R.R. Tolkien*

As *Incarnate, Obedient, Crucified + Risen King* you "owe him your allegiance" fealty of your  Legolas to Boromir

Christian Does Jesus have your heart?
What regions will you advance
his kingdom? *Goals 2024*

Secular Still don't know why I would!
My answer = B/C everything else
changes constantly *family, government
leaders, interest rates, pronouns...*
Great comfort that Jesus the King
Never changes!

Invitation *Come Drink ... w/o Price*

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

*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


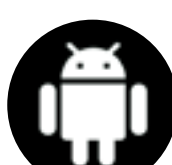
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

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

Offering

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 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

**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

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

Joy to the World

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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

Grow in Community

Pastor Hans Resignation

The session formally accepted Pastor Hans' resignation on December 1st. At our Covenant Renewal Service on Sunday morning, January 28th, we will take time to publicly thank and pray for Pastor Hans and Marni. We hope that you will be able to join us there for this special time of thanks, lamenting the loss of their presence with us, and prayer of sending. If you missed the letter about this earlier in the week, you can read it in full [here](#).

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.

End of Year Giving

Thanks to everyone for your generous and sacrificial giving in 2023 out of love for Jesus and the desire to advance his kingdom.

Giving statements will be sent out by email at the end of January. 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 service on 31 Dec will be the last opportunity for this.
- Contributions sent by post are based upon the day the mailing was postmarked. Keep in mind the slowed pace of the postal system this time of year.
- Bank checks (which are not postmarked) are based upon the date of the check

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

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 Ministry

Thank you for supporting this ministry in prayer, purchasing, wrapping, and delivering gifts by Christmas. Registration is full for all needs. Praise God! Please continue praying for the children who will receive these gifts and that they and their families will feel the love of our Lord Jesus this Christmas.

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

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! 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

12/17 - Christmas Story and Party

12/24 - No Sunday School (Christmas Eve)

12/31 - No Sunday School (New Year's Eve)

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