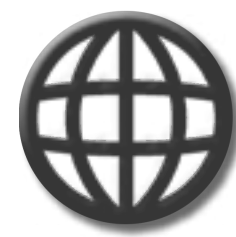




REDEEMER REDMOND *lessons and carols*

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10:30 am



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This morning's service is based on the Service of Lessons and Carols, which was first drawn up by E.W. Benson, later Bishop of Canterbury, for use in the Cathedral at Truro. It was adapted from ancient sources as a Christmas Eve service and was first celebrated at 10 pm on Christmas Eve 1880. It was later modified for use at King's College in Cambridge, in 1918, by its then Dean, Reverend Eric Milner-White. The service joins scripture texts from the whole breadth of God's word that speak of the coming of the Christ-child, with carols that highlight the themes found in those texts. This service has been and continues to be used with some variation all over the world.

Narrator

The Bible tells the story of God's love for the broken, fallen world in sending His Son to be Savior. It is not merely a story of God's love for the whole world in general, but of His very personal love for you.

If you are a Christian, we hope that the Bible's story will thrill your heart anew like it did when you first believed. And if you are hearing it for the first time, we hope that your heart will open up to receive the life changing love of God in the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Our story starts where the Bible starts: God's creation of the world.

Lesson One

The Creation of the World and Mankind in God's Image

Narrator

This is the account of how God created the world and made mankind in his image to reflect and represent him.

Genesis 1:1-3, 26-31

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”... And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Lesson Two

The Fall and the Victorious Savior

Narrator

This is how God’s beautiful and pure creation became bent, polluted, alienated and destructive, and how God Himself promised to restore it.

Genesis 3:1-8

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”

And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Carol: 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.

Genesis 3:9-15

But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Narrator

The writer of the book of Hebrews — a book written after the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ — testifies that Jesus is the victorious one who crushed the head of the serpent:

Hebrews 2:14-16

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Carol: 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.

Lesson Three

The Savior Will Be the Promised Offspring of Abraham

Narrator

Thousands of years later, the LORD, the true God, tells Abraham to leave the country that he had known for a place that God would show him. The LORD promised him that a whole nation would come from him and that through Abraham and Sarah's child, God would bless the world. Even though Sarah was barren and past the age of childbearing, Abraham believed God's promise and his faith was credited to him as righteousness. After decades of waiting, the promised son was born.

It is then that God tells Abraham to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice to atone — that means to cover — the sins of Abraham and his family. Believing that the God

who had given him this miracle son could also raise him from the dead, Abraham obeyed and made the journey with his beloved son Isaac to the place God told him to go. This is how it happened:

Genesis 22:9-18

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

And he said, "Here I am."

He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Narrator

Paul, who had at one time persecuted and killed Christians but was confronted by the resurrected Jesus, becoming a follower of Jesus, declares to the church at Galatia:

Galatians 3:16

“Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, ‘And to offsprings,’ referring to many, but referring to one, ‘And to your offspring,’ who is Christ.”

Narrator

The Apostle Paul says that Jesus is the ultimate offspring promised to Abraham who would bring blessing to the world. But unlike Isaac, who is spared, God does not spare His beloved Son, but gives him up for us. Jesus pays the debt incurred by our sin that every person on this earth owes to a Holy God. Jesus offered himself up as a sacrifice to provide atonement – covering, forgiveness, for the sins of the world.

Carol: “O Savior Rend the Heavens Wide”

verses 3 & 4

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.

There shall we all our praises bring,
Ever to you, our Savior King;
There shall we laud you and adore,
Forever and forever more
Forever and forever more
Forever and forever more.

Lesson Four

The Savior Will Be a Prophet like Moses

Narrator

After the LORD delivered his people from their slavery in Egypt, they spent forty years wandering in the desert. When after those forty years of wandering the Israelites were at the Jordan River just about to enter the Promised Land, Moses preached to them what God had spoken to him. In the midst of this sermon, he prophesied of a prophet who was to come:

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, “Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.”

And the Lord said to me, “They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.”

Narrator

Forty days after Jesus was resurrected, the Holy Spirit was given to all Christians. At that time the Apostle Peter preaches a famous sermon recorded in the book of Acts. In this sermon he testifies that Jesus fulfilled what Moses had predicted:

Acts 3:22-23

And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of

his holy prophets long ago. Moses said, “The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.”

Carol: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

*Words Anonymous, 9th cent; tr. John M. Neale, 1851;
music French melody, 15th cent.; Public Domain*

verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

Lesson Five

The Savior Will Be a Priest in the Order of Melchizedek

Narrator

The Bible promised that God’s Savior would not only be a prophet representing God to his people, but also a priest, ministering to the people of God and bringing them into the presence of God. As the Holy Spirit spoke through the writer of Psalm 110, hundreds of years before Christ was born:

Psalm 110:1-4

The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; From the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

Narrator

The writer of Hebrews explains to the early church why Jesus, from the tribe of Judah and not Levi, would be a priest of a different order representing a new covenant with God.

Hebrews 6:19-7:3

“We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.”

Carol: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

verses 2 & 3

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer,
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of Nations, bind,
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and discord cease,
Fill the world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

Lesson Six

The Savior Will Be a King in the Line of David

Narrator

Jesus is the promised son of Abraham, the High Priest, and the Prophet. He also is the promised King from the lineage of David. The greatest of all the Kings of Israel was David. After David had been established as King he had in his heart to build a temple for the LORD. However, when he inquired of the LORD through the prophet Nathan, the LORD sent Nathan back to David and explained to him that he would not be the one to build him a temple. Yet, with this response to David, he also sent a promise of great blessing:

2 Samuel 7:8-13

Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Narrator

Over one thousand years later, when Jesus was about to be crucified, Pilate asked him, "Are you a king?" Jesus testified about himself, answering:

John 18:37

“You say correctly that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

Carol: “What Child is This?”

*Trad. English carol, 16th cent.; adapt. William C. Dix, 1865;
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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?

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 Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

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

Raise, raise a song on high;
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary.

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Lesson Seven

The Prophecies and their Fulfillment

Narrator

The Prophets who spoke God's Word to Israel, prophesied of the coming of the Messiah which means "anointed one" from which we get the name Christ. Seven hundred years before Jesus Christ was born, the prophet Isaiah foretold of the sign of the virgin birth and what it would mean for the world. Speaking the words God had given him, he said:

Isaiah 7:13-14, 9:6-7

"Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

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. 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.

Carol: "O Holy Night"

Words Placide Cappeau, 1847, trans. from French to English by John S. Dwight (1812-1893) music Adolphe C. Adam (1803-1856)

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

Narrator

Over five hundred years before the birth of Jesus Christ the prophet Micah foresaw Jesus: who he would be and where he would be born when he said:

Micah 5:2-5

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.”

Narrator

This is how the prophecies of Isaiah, Micah and the other prophets came to pass.

Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-7

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own

town. 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, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 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.

Carol: “O Holy Night”

verse 2

Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love, and his Gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother,
And in his name, all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy, in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise his holy name!
Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever!
His pow’r and glory evermore proclaim!
His pow’r and glory evermore proclaim!

Lesson Eight

The Shepherds and the Angels

Narrator

We have seen that Jesus is the fulfillment of the LORD God’s promise that he would send a Savior to rescue us: Jesus is the Savior that crushed the head of Satan and brought hope of eternal life to all who live under the dominion of death; Jesus is the promised Son of Abraham who brought blessing to every family on earth by providing forgiveness for our sins; Jesus is the promised Prophet who speaks God’s Word, God’s Truth to us, the promised priest who brings us into the presence of God, the promised King who rules our hearts and lives with His peace.

This is why the message of the Bible is called the Gospel. Gospel means “good news,” it is the greatest news of all. The Bible tells us how the good news of the birth of the Savior was first announced.

Luke 2:8-21

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 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.

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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

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

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”


And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Homily


Good News of Great Joy

Rev. Jason Dorsey

① What would happen if this Christmas Story  was the BIG STORY of your life?

= Your Deep Fears would be displaced by "Good News of Great Joy"

① Your Deep Fears

 Shepherds "keeping watch" at night "And an angel of the LORD appeared to them, and the glory of the LORD shone around them, and they were filled w. great fear."

☑ Normal fears of night, predators, etc.

☑ Supernatural fear *Mysterium Tremendum,*

Lets Talk about Your Fears

"Deconstructing Anxiety" by Todd Pressman
Counseling Today

What do my fears today have to do with the shepherds fears?

I'm making an *A fortiori* argument, from the greater to the lesser.

① If there is a message of Good News that can displace the shepherds fears, then that same message can displace your fears today!


② The Good News of Great Joy that can displace your fears.

Good News = News, historic fact, not religious advice, moral path...


of Great Joy = Much/Most News Today is Bad, but this is News of Great Joy

Will be for all the People = Not just elites, Rich, Famous; Jew + Gentiles ▶ Inclusive ▶ You!

What News could possibly displace my fears? Todd Pressman's approach to "Deconstructing Anxiety" ▶ There is a better way

 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the LORD

- ☑ The Promised Messiah, Son of David
- ☑ Scripture's Promises of the Reign of the King coming true
- ☑ A Savior, not religious guru or guide, but SAVIOR
- ☑ Yahweh, The LORD, has come, Immanuel, & with us

 **Apply** By meditating, rehearsing, remembering... This Gospel, your primal fear will be displaced

Lighting of the Candles

Carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Edward Shippen Barnes 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.
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?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Carol: "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

words Joseph Mohr, c. 1818; vs. 1 & 3 tr. John F. Young, 1863; music Franz Gruber, 1820; CCLI #27862

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright '
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, Love's pure light,
Radiant, beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Benediction

“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



Announcements

End of Year Giving

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 basket are based upon the day it was made
- Contributions sent by post are based upon the day the mailing was postmarked
- Bank checks which are not postmarked are based upon the date of the check

Giving statements will be sent out by email at the end of January.

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

Officer Nominations

We will be accepting nominations from church members for officers (Elders and Deacons) through the end of January. Information and nominating forms were emailed this week. If you did not receive these see [John](#). For general questions see one of the Elders.

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 19 – No Sunday School (Lessons & Carols Service)

Dec 26 – No Sunday School (Merry Christmas!)

Jan 2 – God Changed Jacob (Gen 25-33)

Men's Prayer

Men's prayer is gathering virtually on Wednesday morning at 6:30 using Zoom. All Redeemer men welcome. Contact: [John Sanford](#)

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.

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

Thank you everyone who has purchased gifts for children of parents in prison. Five deliverers are bringing the gifts to the children before Christmas, who are having much anticipation and experiencing much delight. In all, we are serving nine children in six families with two gifts per child. Please pray for these children to rekindle and/or maintain ongoing relations within their families and with the Lord. Thank you for blessing these children in Jesus name.

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.](#)

Counseling and Deaconal Support

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

Deacon Fund Offering

If you missed the Deacon Fund offering recently, 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!

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

