



REDEEMER

SOUTHWEST CHURCH



Sunday, December 2, 2018

"The Promise of Christmas: He's Coming!"

Advent Introduction

Every year, for the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, we observe the season of Advent, which means "a coming" or "an arrival." It is a time of waiting. Hoping. In the months, years, decades, and centuries before Jesus was born, God's people were waiting. They went 400 years without any word from God. Then, Jesus came and everyone rejoiced- like we do when Christmas morning finally arrives. All of their hopes for the future were finally coming true. Advent is a time for us to remember that we are waiting too. Although Jesus came the first time at Christmas, we are waiting for Jesus to come back again. That can be hard because until he comes again, life can be full of sadness, disappointment, and loss. But the future he will bring fills our hearts with hope. Each Sunday during this advent season we will emphasize a different aspect of this future that God has promised in the second coming of Jesus Christ. This Christmas, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Romans 15:13).

Song of Gathering

O Come All Ye Faithful

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:6-7

6 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. 7 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 Theme: Hope

Our Advent theme this week is **hope**. The promises of God in Jesus fill our doubting hearts with reason to hope. We light a candle to remind ourselves that the Son who came once to save us, will come again to make all things new. As He has said, "Behold, I am making all things new." (Rev. 21:5).

Come Thou Long Expected

Praising God & Confessing Our Sins

The Good News: 1 John 4:9-10

9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.
10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Greeting

Songs of Praise

All I Have is Christ
I Want to Know You

Thanking God & Praying for Others

Scripture Reading & Sermon

Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-6, 13-18 (see insert)

Sacrament of Communion

Come O Redeemer Come

Songs of Response & Sending

King of Heaven

Benediction

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

Announcements

Christmas Party: Join us **THIS Saturday, December 8th at 6pm at the Scarborough's Lake house (5942 Crystal Beach Rd)** for our RSW Christmas party! This is a fun time for us to hang out, enjoy one another, and rejoice in all that God has done among us this year. This is an adults-only event, so please arrange childcare. Please plan to bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre.

Christmas Eve: For our annual Candlelight Christmas Eve service we will join our sister churches at **Redeemer City (1410 Dundee Road, 33884)**. There will be two different service times: **5 & 6:30pm**. Childcare will be available through pre-k.

Rudolph Roundup: Heartland for Children is looking for partners to be "Rudolph Champions" to help provide holiday memories for over 1500 local children who are living in foster homes, placed with relatives or non-relatives, and/or living in group homes away from their family & friends. We will be collecting *new* toys for the next few weeks. Toys can be brought to church and dropped in our donation box. Check out heartlandforchildren.org/rudolph for more info. The Deadline to drop off toys is **NEXT Sunday, December 9**.

Church App: You can keep up with sermons, worship, events & our Bible reading plan by downloading our church app, redeemerwh.org/app.

Worship Set List: Follow our weekly set list on *Spotify* & *Apple Music* so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: redeemerwh.org/RSWmusic.

Community Groups

Sunday mornings are great, but there's not much time to really get to know anyone or build relationships. Community groups are our way of doing that. They are bi-monthly informal small groups that meet in homes and are the primary way of "connecting" with others at Redeemer Southwest Church. Please contact Rodney Barton (rodney@redeemerwinterhaven.org) for more info.

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