



REDEEMER

SOUTHWEST CHURCH



Sunday, December 9, 2018
"The Proclamation of Christmas: He's Here!"

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

Gather Round Ye Children Come

Call to Worship: Psalm 30:4-5, 11-12

4 Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. 5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning... 11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, 12 that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Advent Theme: Joy

Our Advent theme this week is **joy**. Our hope in the future that awaits us fills our hearts with joy. We light a candle to remind ourselves that soon, when Jesus comes again, everything sad will come untrue. As God has said, "Those who sow in tears, shall one day reap with shouts of joy" (Psalm 126:5).

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Praising God & Confessing Our Sins

The Good News: 1 Peter 1:3-5, 8-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time... 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Greeting

Songs of Praise

O Come O Come Emmanuel
Good Good Father

Thanking God & Praying for Others

Scripture Reading & Sermon

Luke 1:26-33; 2:8-20 (see insert)

Songs of Response & Sending

Prepare Him Room
Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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 Eve at the Ritz: We will be joining Redeemer City for a joint Christmas Eve service at **5:30pm at the Ritz Theatre downtown (263 W Central Ave)**. There will not be childcare, but a cry room will be available.

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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