

Welcome

Welcome to Redeemer Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you have joined with us to worship God. Please stay after the service and get to know others in our community who are calling Redeemer Presbyterian Church "home." If you have any questions about our church, feel free to contact us using the information on the back of the bulletin.

When you arrive for worship, please observe silence as you prepare to enter into God's Divine Service. Silence your cell phone, listen to the prelude, read the Words of Preparation and the Scripture lessons in the back of the bulletin, and join others in prayer and meditation.

Our Worship

Our service is intentionally structured to reflect our belief that worship is God's service to us, his people. By design, there are three parts to our worship: the Service of Entrance, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Table.

The **Service of Entrance** begins when the choir sings the Introit, followed by our Hymn of Invocation, Call to Worship, and Prayer of Adoration. We will then join in a Corporate Confession of Sin, hear God's Declaration of Absolution, and respond with the Gloria and Hymn of Gratitude or Psalm.

The **Service of the Word** will include readings from the Lectionary (a calendar-based system for reading through the Bible) along with corporate responses of song and prayer. The sermon is God's Word to us and we ask that you listen attentively, asking the Holy Spirit to apply his Word to you in a particular way.

The **Service of the Table** begins with a Corporate Confession of Faith, followed by the Passing of the Peace, and the Collection of Tithes and Offerings. Our service concludes with the Lord's Supper and Benediction. Our church partakes of the Lord's Supper every week. We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, have made public profession of their faith, and are part of a local church. We offer both wine and grape juice (located in the center rings) in the communion tray. If you have any questions, please speak with a pastor.

Your Children

We love kids! And we try to make them feel welcome during our worship service. You can help your children profit from the service by working through the bulletin with them. If your child needs a break from the service, please feel free to sit in the Narthex where you can still hear the service. You can also take young children to the Nursery. A private space is provided in the Nursery for nursing mothers.

Between Services

Please join us in the courtyard for a time of fellowship with coffee and breakfast snacks. At 10:15 a.m., we offer School of Discipleship classes for all ages in Calvin Hall, with nursery through Kindergarten downstairs, and first grade through adults meeting on the second floor.

Liturgical Color: Purple – the color of penitence and fasting as well as the color of royalty to welcome the advent of the King.

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THE DIVINE SERVICE

December 1, 2024

The First Sunday of Advent

In Preparation

Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

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PRELUDE

Leon Couch

In dir ist Freude, Op. 28/40 — Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) My soul rejoices, my spirit voices — Sing the greatness of the Lord! For my God my Savior has shown me favor — Sing the greatness of the Lord! With praise and blessings, join in confessing God,

Who is solely mighty and holy — O sing the greatness of God the Lord! His mercy surely shall rest securely

On all who fear him, love and revere him - O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

Machs mit mir, Gott, nach deiner Güt, BWV 957 — J. S. Bach (1685-1750) Come, follow me, the Savior spake, all in my way abiding; Deny yourselves, the world forsake, obey my call and guiding. Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide, take my example for your guide.

Gottes Sohn ist kommen — Ernst Köhler (1799-1847) Once he came in blessing, all our sins redressing; Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy; Bore the cross to save us; hope and freedom gave us.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Luke 19:28-40

When Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



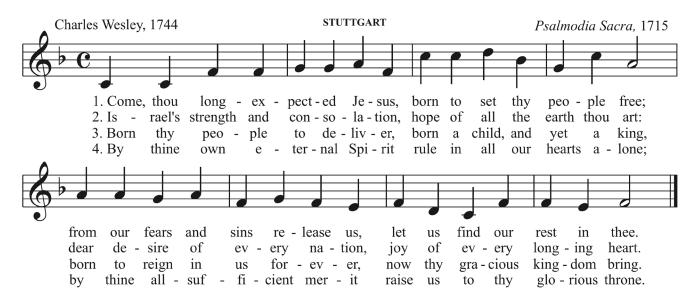
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Truth from Above — Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love: Therefore don't turn me from your door, but hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate is that God did man create, The next thing which to you I'll tell, woman was made with man to dwell.

✤ HYMN OF ENTRANCE



Minister: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

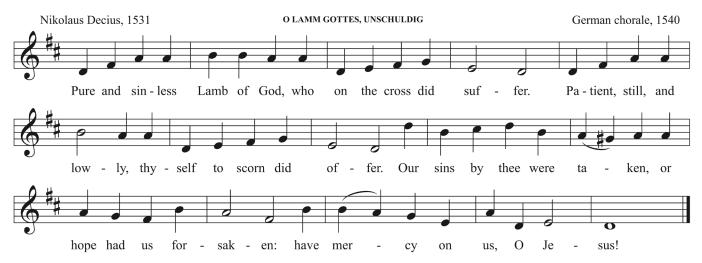
- People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
- Minister: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.
- People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
- Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- People: Amen.
- Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. Amen.

Congregation stands as able

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN



Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words."

People: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

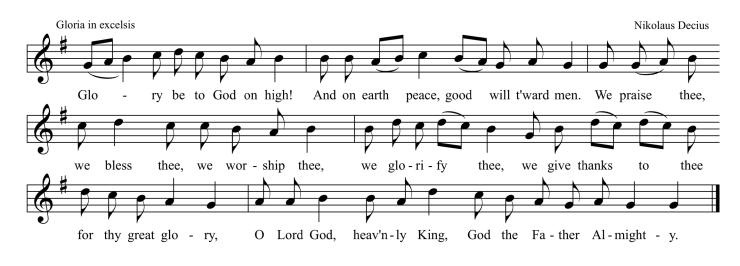
DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

- Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: "Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification." All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- People: Amen.
- $\clubsuit \qquad \text{Minister:} \quad \text{Our help is in the name of the Lord,}$
 - People: the Maker of heaven and earth.
 - Minister: O Lord, open our lips,
 - People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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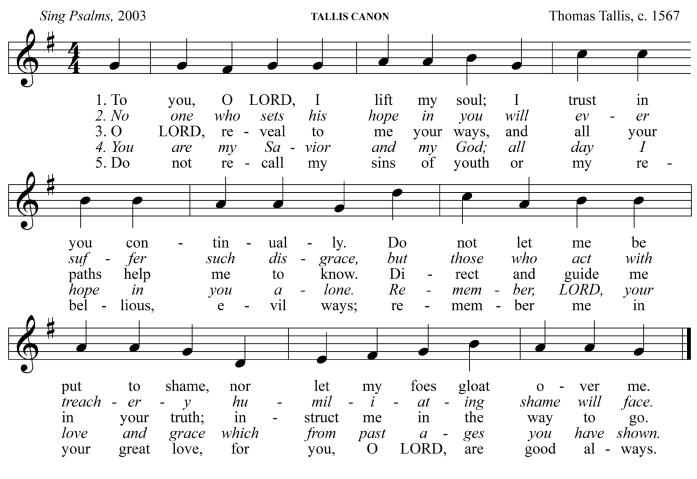
♦ THE GLORIA



The Service of the Word

***** THE PSALTER

Psalm 25:1-10



6. Because the LORD is just and good, He shows his paths to all who stray. He guides the meek in what is right And teaches them his holy way.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

CAROL FOR CHOIR

En natus est Emanuel — Michael Praetorious (1571-1621)

To us is born Emanuel, Christ the Lord, As foretold by Gabriel, Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord, our Saviour and Redeemer, our Saviour and King.

Here at his cradle songs we sing, Christ the Lord, And to him our gifts we bring, Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord, our Saviour and Redeemer, our Saviour and King.

Today was born this little Child, Christ the Lord, born of Mary, virgin mild, Christ the Lord, our Saviour and Redeemer, our Saviour and King.

Please wait until choir is finished before turning the page.

Congregation stands as able

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

✤ OUR RESPONSE

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WELCOME

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INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Unison: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

♦ THE GOSPEL LESSON

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

✤ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON

Echoes of Angels Luke 19:28-40 Ruling Elder Joel Pafford

Rev. Eric Landry

Luke 19:28-40



CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

- Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- People: And also with you!
- Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

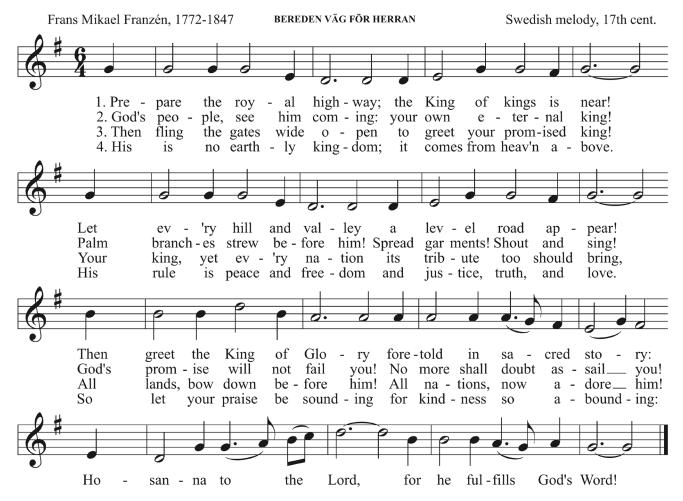
Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

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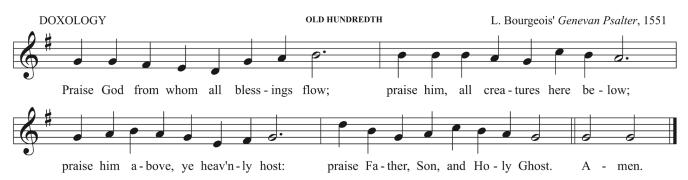
TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; **People:** the world, and they that dwell therein.

HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD



Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.



*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Minister: We love you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. We present you with these gifts, which came first from your hand, as part of our sacrifice of praise. Use them, O God, for your glory and our good. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

People: Amen.

✤ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- Minister: The Lord be with you!
- People: And also with you!

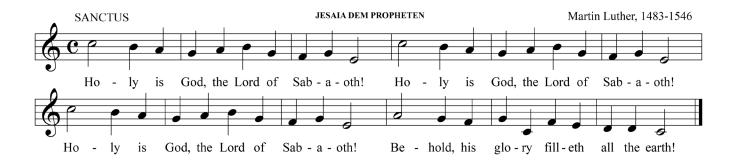
Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: It is good and right to do so!

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when he comes again in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

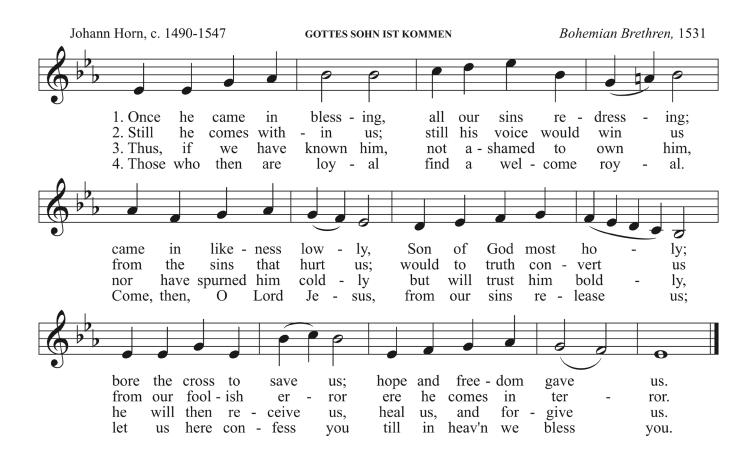


INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

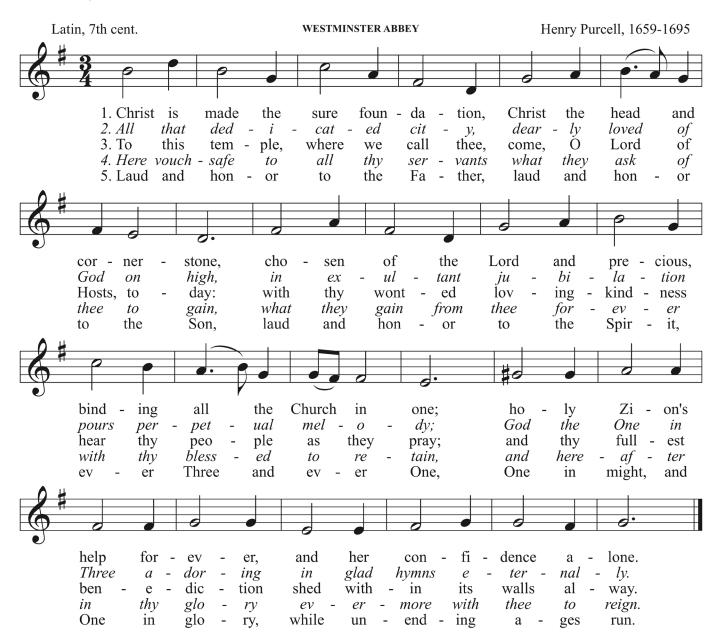
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:25)



*** BENEDICTION**

♦ DEPARTING HYMN



LESSONS

Psalm 25:1-10

¹Unto you, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; ²my God, I have put my trust in you; O let me not be ashamed, neither let my enemies triumph over me. ³For all those who hope in you shall not be ashamed, but those who deal untruly shall be put to confusion. ⁴Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. ⁵Lead me forth in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you has been my hope all the day long. ⁶Call to remembrance, O Lord, your tender mercies, and your loving-kindnesses, which have been from of old. ⁷O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth, but according to your mercy think on me, O Lord, in your goodness. ⁸Gracious and righteous is the Lord; therefore will he teach sinners in the way. ⁹Those who are meek shall he guide in judgment, and those who are gentle shall he teach his way. ¹⁰All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, ¹⁰ for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, ¹¹ and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹² so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one. ¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

Sermon Text — Luke 19:28-40

²⁸When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.' ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Redeemer Calendar

		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT					
Sun, Dec 1 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.		The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching					
	10:15 a.m.	School of Discipleship classes, For all ages in Calvin Hall, nursery care					
	6:00 p.m.	Evening at Redeemer, Youth Group, Children's Choirs, Adult Study, Nursery					
Thu, Dec 5	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Room 206, contact Rev. Dr. Marcus Serven					
	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood, Library, child care provided					
Dec 6 & 7	7:30 p.m.	Festival of Music, Philharmonie Austin and Redeemer Choir					
Sat, Dec 7	8:00 a.m.	Redeemer Men's Workout, Redeemer Parking Lot					
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT							
Sun, Dec 8	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching					
	10:15 a.m.	Watershed Initiative Open House, Across the street from Redeemer					
	6:00 p.m.	Carol Sing all welcome for singing Covenant Hall, bring cookies to share					
Thu, Dec 12	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Room 206, contact Rev. Dr. Marcus Serven					
Fri, Dec 13	7:00 p.m.	Redeemer Men's Smoke 'N Choke, Contact Rick Mealer					
Sat, Dec 14	8:00 a.m.	South Men's Breakfast, Contact Steven Loomis					
Thu, Dec 19	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood, Library, child care provided					
Sat, Dec 21	8:00 a.m.	Ladies Pray for One Another Breakfast, Contact Rebecca Loomis					
Tues, Dec 24	4:00 p.m.	Redeemer Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, Nursery care available					
	6:00 p.m.	Redeemer Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, Nursery care available					
Wed, Dec 25	_	Merry Christmas!					

Annual Carol Sing

Mark your calendars for the children's and youth choirs' annual Christmas carol sing! December 8 at 6 p.m. in covenant hall. Please bring cookies to share afterwards if you feel inclined!

This year's carol sing will be themed around the 7 ancient "O Antiphons" of Advent. We hope to see you there as we meditate and rejoice this Advent season. Feel free to invite family and friends!

Festival of Music

You and your family are invited to join us our annual Festival of Music, featuring the Redeemer Choir and Philharmonie Austin orchestra. Choose from one of the free concerts, 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 or Saturday, Dec. 7. You will hear two Bach Advent Cantatas, plus an instrumental Bach piece. This is a great way to introduce friends and neighbors to Redeemer, with no tickets required! Nursery care provided on both nights.

Missions Spotlight: Dorcas Foundation

This month we are featuring and praying for the Seeds of Life Dorcas Foundation. The Dorcas Foundation provides for the basic needs of families who have experienced trauma during the course of ethnic civil war. The foundation oversees three programs: a rehabilitation center for civil war trauma victims, an orphanage and school to care for war orphans, and a vocational program to promote healing through art and to provide skills for people unable to return to their previously held jobs. Learn more at dorcas-burundi.org

Watershed Initiative Open House

On Sunday, December 8, between services, we invite you to come and see the new office space across the street and meet the team of counselors there. You can learn more about the Watershed Initiative at watershedinitiative.com

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