



**Member's Meeting.** November 19. Immediately following the Sunday gathering. Observers welcome; covenant members participation only. We will elect our 2024 officers, commend elder resolutions, receive any new members, and adopt the 2024 proposed budget.

**Christmas Schedule.** Mark your calendars for at least these following events full of familiar carols and festivities to mark our Savior's birth:

- Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Dinner Third Sunday. Immediately following service. Details forthcoming
- Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Ordinary corporate gathering from 4:30-6.

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Redeemer Church exists to share God's good news and be equipped to love him and neighbor in every area of life in Huntsville and beyond.

This week's feature value highlights our commitment to belonging together.

### We belong to each other.



We know the Bible describes the church using many different images. But all those images have one thing in common: they require others. Critically, we cannot do the things that Scripture commands apart from one another.

Our prayers of confession and adoration, public readings of Scripture, singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, and dedication to the apostles' teaching are not private affairs. Our faith is public and communal. So, we give ourselves to one another in covenant membership—that is, we give ourselves to belong to each other.



Order of Worship  
November 19, 2023



Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3 (ESV)

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

*Saved My Soul*

Song of the Gospel

*Grace*

Public Reading of Scripture

John 2:13-3:21 (ESV)  
Tony Knight

Affirmation of the Faith

*Orthodox Catechism* (1680) Lesson 11 & 12

Confession & Promise of Grace

Mark 2:17 (ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rev. Brandon Ash, elder at Providence Baptist Church

Lord's Supper

Song of Response

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Benediction & Doxology



### Benediction & Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
 Praise Him all creatures here below  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
 Amen.

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### Sermon Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the significance of God revealing His name as “I Am Who I Am” to Moses. How does this name of God influence your understanding of His nature and character?
2. Reflect on the idea that we are created as glory seekers. How does this align with the ways we often seek satisfaction in life? Discuss ways we can realign our hearts to seek God's glory instead.
3. What does it mean to you that God’s presence is purposed and not just a general, omnipresent concept? What Scriptures can you think of that attest to this? Share experiences where you have felt God’s purposed presence in your life.
4. Pray for the ability to recognize and resist the idols in our lives, to understand God’s immense and purposed presence, and for strength in moments of feeling insufficient, relying on God’s sufficiency.



### Hymn of Praise

*Saved My Soul*

I was lost when You came for me  
 Held in chains by the enemy  
 But You broke them in victory  
 Now I'm free I am free

You're my joy and You are my hope  
 I am saved by Your grace alone  
 I will sing of Your love for me  
 I am free I am free

[Chorus]

You my God have saved my soul  
 I am Yours forevermore  
 I won't be moved of this I'm sure  
 You are my God and You saved my soul

Now I stand with the Kings of kings  
 He has paid for my every sin  
 And from now through eternity  
 I am free I am free

What once was dead is now alive  
 You gave to me the breath of life  
 You brought me up out from the grave  
 I'm bursting out with songs of praise

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## Song of the Gospel

Grace

Your grace that leads this sinner home  
From death to life forever  
And sings the song of righteousness  
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide  
To every tribe and nation  
Has called my heart to enter in  
The joy of Your salvation

[Chorus]

By grace I am redeemed  
By grace I am restored  
And now I freely walk  
Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Your grace that I cannot explain  
Not by my earthly wisdom  
The prince of life without a stain  
Was traded for this sinner

Let praise rise up and overflow  
My song resound forever  
For grace will see me welcomed home  
To walk beside my Savior

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1. Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side.  
2. Be still my soul thy God doth un - der - take  
4. Be still my soul the hour is hast - ening on



Bear pa - tient ly the cross of grief or pain.  
To guide the fu - ture, as He has the past.  
When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord.



Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide;  
Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let no - thing shake;  
When dis - ap - point - ment, grief and fear are gone,



In ev - ery change He faith - ful will re - main.  
All now my - ster - ious shall be bright at last  
Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still my soul! thy best, thy heav'n - ly friend  
Be still my soul! the wave and wind still know  
Be still my soul! when change and tears are past



Thro' thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be low.  
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Words: Kathrina von Schlegel, tr. by Jane Borthwick | Music: Jean Sibelius



### Lord's Supper

If you are not a baptized believer in good standing with your local church, we ask that you refrain from this meal and use this time instead take this moment to reflect upon your life and seek the grace God freely offers to all who cast themselves upon Jesus.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ with gluten-sensitivities, our host will have dedicated elements available. They will look for your raised hand.

### Song of Response

*Be Still My Soul*

Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to thy God to order and provide  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain  
Be still my soul thy best thy heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul, thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past  
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Be still my soul, the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment grief and fear are gone  
Sorrow forgot love's purest joys restored  
Be still my soul, when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last



### Public Reading of Scripture

John 2:13-25 (ESV)

#### Jesus Cleanses the Temple

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

#### Jesus Knows What Is in Man

<sup>23</sup>Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup>and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.



## Affirmation of the Faith

*Orthodox Catechism* (1680) Lesson 13

Q&A 33

Q: Why is he called God's "only Son" when we also are God's children?

**A: Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God.<sup>1</sup> We, however, are adopted children of God--adopted by grace through Christ.<sup>2</sup>**

Q&A 34

Q: Why do you call him "our Lord"?

**A: Because--not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—<sup>3</sup> he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,<sup>4</sup> and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.<sup>5</sup>**

## Confession & Promise of Grace

John 8:34–36 (ESV)

“Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.’”

## Pastoral Prayer

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<sup>1</sup> John 1:1-3, 14, 18; Heb. 1

<sup>2</sup> John 1:12; Rom. 8:14-17; Eph. 1:5-6

<sup>3</sup> 1 Pet. 1:18-19

<sup>4</sup> Col. 1:13-14; Heb. 2:14-15

<sup>5</sup> 1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Tim. 2:5-6



## Sermon

“Not What, but Who is God?”

Zach Carter

Exodus 3:13-22

1. Yahweh is completely distinct.
  - a. Meaning of Yahweh
  - b. Attributes of Yahweh
  - c. What does it mean that God is immense?
2. Yahweh gladly aligns Himself with his people.
  - a. Jesus as the “I AM”
  - b. Jesus Christ is the Great I Am of Exodus 3:14. He is the one who stands at the intersection of “everywhere all at once” and “all of who he is wherever he wants to be.”