



**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.
- Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: Ordinary corporate gathering from 4:30-6.

**New Members' Class.** January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4:30pm. All people who are interested in joining Redeemer are encouraged to hear about her mission, vision, and have an opportunity to ask questions.

**Student Ministry Winter Retreat.** January 19-21. Roots Winter Retreat in a weekend camp with fun, relationship building, and hearing from God's Word. This retreat is for 6th-12th grade. Cost for Redeemer Students is \$75 for the first student and \$40 for each additional sibling. See more, including registration, with QR code.



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.

### We are passionate about whole-life discipleship.



The Christian life in our time is one that can feel divided between worship and work. Humans are created for whole-life submission to Christ and love of neighbor, not part-time worship on Sundays. Redeemer aims to be a church where believers are equipped to live in every area of life unto the gospel.



Order of Worship  
December 10, 2023



Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Isaiah 6:8-9 (ESV)

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

Hymn of Praise

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Public Reading of Scripture

Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)  
Susan Morgan

Affirmation of the Faith

*Athanasian Creed, part II*

Confession & Promise of Grace

Romans 3:23-25 (ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

“Promise of a King”

Lord’s Supper

Song of Response

*Sing We the Song of Emmanuel*

Benediction & Doxology



## Hymn of Praise

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels

[Chorus]

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye citizens  
Of heav'n above  
Glory to God all  
Glory in the highest

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

Words and Music: John Francis Wade; tr. Frederick Oakeley



## Hymn of the Praise

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

[Chorus]

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

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

O come Thou Wisdom from on high  
And order all things far and nigh  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go

O come desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind  
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

Words: Latin Hymn, tr. J.M. Neale, Henry Coffin  
Music: Plainsong

## Public Reading of Scripture

Luke 1:39-56 (ESV)

### Mary Visits Elizabeth

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted



Joy and peace for the weary heart  
Lift up your heads for your King has come  
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark  
Glory shining for all to see  
Hope alive let the gospel ring  
God has made a way He will have the praise  
Tell the world His name is Jesus

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### 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.



## 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, the center bowl contains gluten-free wafers. Additionally, our hosts can help you receive dedicated elements. They will look for your raised hand.

## Song of Response

*Sing We the Song of Emmanuel*

Sing we the song of Emmanuel  
This the Christ who was long foretold  
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem  
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold  
God Most High in a manger laid  
Lift your voices and now proclaim  
Great and glorious Love has come to us  
Join now with the hosts of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmanuel  
King who came with no crown or throne  
Helpless He lay the Invincible  
Maker of Mary now Mary's son  
O what wisdom to save us all  
Shepherds sages before Him fall  
Grace and majesty what humility  
Come on bended knee adore Him

Go spread the news of Emmanuel



Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

## Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.  
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
<sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
<sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;  
<sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;  
<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

<sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.



## Affirmation of the Faith

*The Athanasian Creed* (6<sup>th</sup> Century), Part II<sup>1</sup>

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone.

**The Son was neither made nor created;  
he was begotten from the Father alone.**

The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten;  
he proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Accordingly there is one Father, not three fathers;

**there is one Son, not three sons;**  
there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.

Nothing in this trinity is before or after,

**nothing is greater or smaller;**  
in their entirety the three persons  
are coeternal and coequal with each other.

So in everything, as was said earlier,  
we must worship their trinity in their unity  
and their unity in their trinity.

Anyone then who desires to be saved  
should think thus about the Trinity.

## Confession & Promise of Grace

Ephesians 2:4–7 (ESV)

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and

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<sup>1</sup> The Athanasian Creed takes its name for the chief defender of biblical orthodoxy on the incarnation during the 300s, Athanasius of Alexandria, a “mere” deacon. This confession summarizes dense and various explicit and implicit truths of Scripture. A reference guide can be made available to interested parties, but the prooftexts are much later additions from the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

## Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

“The Promise of a Deliverer”

Zach Carter

Judges 13-16, *passim*

1. Trust that the Lord is working even when we don’t see results.
2. The Lord often acts in spite of our actions not because of them.
  - a. What is a Nazarite vow?
3. We fail to be faithful when we misunderstand our source of strength.
4. God ordinarily chooses weak things to demonstrate his strength.
  - a. The sacrificial death of Samson
  - b. The sacrificial death of Christ