



New Members' Class. January 14th, 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.

Discipleship groups launching. Community groups launching throughout January 2024. Equip class starting in February 2024. More information coming soon in the Church Center app or at redeemerhuntsville.org > Get Involved > Groups.



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 31, 2023



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Redeemer family!

We are glad that you've joined us today for worship. Know that no question is off limits here. We take the gospel seriously and invite all people everywhere to enjoy the grace of God.

You can read what's coming up on the last page of the bulletin. More information can be found at redeemerhuntsville.org.

Any questions? Feel free to email us at info@redeemerhuntsville.org

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Guests

If you are a guest, we would love to meet you and hear your story. Go ahead and take out your phone. (It's okay, we promise!). Scan the QR code on the right to answer just three short questions.



We would also love to gift you a resource that complements our sermon series through Exodus. Meet us at the resources table following the service.

Restrooms & Relief

Facilities can be found at the rear of the gymnasium through the double doors. Water bottles and coffee are available on the other side of the curtain.

Parents

Baby changing facilities are available in the nursery down the Redeemer Kids' hallway. Nursing mothers are welcome to feed their baby wherever they feel comfortable, but one of our hosts can help you find a private room.



His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

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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.



- 3. The free life has genuine marks
- 4. The free life is yours to live.

Lord's Supper

If you are not 1) a baptized believer who is 2) walking with Christ in faith and 3) 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

All Glory Be To Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand
 No legacy survive
 Unless the Lord does raise the house
 In vain its builders strive
 To you who boast tomorrow's gain
 Tell me what is your life
 A mist that vanishes at dawn
 All glory be to Christ

[Chorus]
 All glory be to Christ our king
 All glory be to Christ



Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship Lamentations 3:22-23

Song of the Gospel *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

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Song of the Gospel *I Will Glory in My Redeemer*

Hymn of Grace *Before the Throne of God Above*

Confession & Promise of Grace Romans 5:1-2

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon “Live 2024 Like You’ve Cheated Death”

Lord's Supper

Song of Response *All Glory Be to Christ*

Benediction & Doxology



Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:22–24 (ESV)

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

Song of the Gospel

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid



Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (x2)

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Confession and Promise of Grace

Romans 5:1–2 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

“Live 2024 Like You’ve Cheated Death”

Zach Carter

Romans 8:1-11

1. A genuine sentence of death hung over us.
2. God satisfied the moral and penal of that death sentence.



I will glory in my Redeemer
 Who carries me on eagle's wings
 He crowns my life with loving kindness
 His triumph song I'll ever sing
 I will glory in my Redeemer
 Who waits for me at gates of gold
 And when He calls me it will be paradise
 His face forever to behold (x2)

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Christmas Carol

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
 I have a strong and perfect plea
 A great High Priest whose name is Love
 Who ever lives and pleads for me
 My name is graven on His hands
 My name is written on His heart
 I know that while in heav'n He stands
 No tongue can bid me thence depart (x2)

When Satan tempts me to despair
 And tells me of the guilt within
 Upward I look and see Him there
 Who made an end to all my sin
 Because the sinless Saviour died
 My sinful soul is counted free
 For God the Just is satisfied
 To look on Him and pardon me (x2)



For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
 And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
 Jesus now and ever is my plea
 Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
 Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
 For he has said that he will bring me home
 And day by day I know he will renew me
 Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
 All the glory evermore to him
 When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
 Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Scripture Reading

John 3:22-36

John the Baptist Exalts Christ

²² After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. ²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized ²⁴ (for John had not yet been put in prison). ²⁵ Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. ²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." ²⁷ John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' ²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's



voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.”

³¹ He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. ³² He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. ³³ Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. ³⁴ For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. ³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

Affirmation of the Faith

Orthodox Catechism (1680) Lesson 16

Q 40: Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?

A: Because God's justice and truth demand it:¹ only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.²

Q 41: Why was he "buried"?

A: His burial testifies that he really died.³

Q 42: Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

A: Our death does not pay the debt of our sins.⁴ Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.⁵

Q 43: What further advantage do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

A: Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him,⁶ so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule

¹ Gen. 2:17

² Rom. 8:3-4; Phil. 2:8; Heb. 2:9

³ Isa. 53:9; John 19:38-42; Acts 13:29; 1 Cor. 15:3-4

⁴ Ps. 49:7

⁵ John 5:24; Phil. 1:21-23; 1 Thess. 5:9-10

⁶ Rom. 6:5-11; Col. 2:11-12



us,⁷ but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.⁸

Q 44: Why does the creed add, "He descended to hell"?

A: To assure me in times of personal crisis and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.⁹

Song of the Gospel

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the holy Judge
The Lamb Who is my righteousness (x2)

I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush up on me
My feet are firm held by His grace (x2)

⁷ Rom. 6:12-14

⁸ Rom. 12:1; Eph. 5:1-2

⁹ Isa. 53; Matt. 26:36-46; 27:45-46; Luke 22:44; Heb. 5:7-10