



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 17th: Christmas Dinner Third Sunday. Immediately following service. Details forthcoming
- Sunday, December 24th: Ordinary corporate gathering from 4:30-6.
- Sunday, December 31st: Ordinary corporate gathering from 4:30-6.

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.



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 3, 2023



Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Isaiah 6:8-9 (ESV)

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Jay to the World

Hymn of Praise

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Public Reading of Scripture

Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)
Harrison Burkett

Affirmation of the Faith

Athanasian Creed, part I

Confession & Promise of Grace

Romans 3:23-25 (ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

“Promise of a King”

Lord’s Supper

Song of Response

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Benediction & Doxology



Hymn of Praise

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

Words: Isaac Watts
Music: George Frideric Handel

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 1:26–38 (ESV)

Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will



Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Rowland Prichard

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.



- a. Isaac was supernaturally given.
 - b. Jacob was supernaturally given.
5. Jesus Christ is the promised King
- a. Jesus is a supernaturally given Son.
 - b. Jesus is the offspring of Abraham.

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

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
 Born to set Thy people free
 From our fears and sins release us
 Let us find our rest in thee
 Israel's strength and consolation
 Hope of all the earth Thou art



give to him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Affirmation of the Faith

*The Athanasian Creed (6th Century)*¹

Whoever desires to be saved should above all hold to the catholic² faith.

Anyone who does not keep it whole and unbroken will doubtless perish eternally. Now this is the catholic faith:

That we worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence.

For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another.

But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal. What quality the Father has, the Son has, and the Holy Spirit has.

¹ 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 21st century.

² “Catholic” means “universal.”



The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, the Holy Spirit is uncreated.

The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable, the Holy Spirit is immeasurable.

The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal.

And yet there are not three eternal beings; there is but one eternal being.

So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings; there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.

Similarly, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty.

Yet there are not three almighty beings; there is but one almighty being.

Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God.

Yet there are not three gods; there is but one God.

Thus the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord. Yet there are not three lords; there is but one Lord.

Just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually as both God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.



Confession & Promise of Grace

Romans 3:23–25 (ESV)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

“The Promise of a King”

Zach Carter

Genesis 17, *passim*

1. Why ‘Waiting on a Son’?
2. We need to see our need for a king.
 - a. God promised a king through Abraham’s barren wife.
 - b. God promised a king because Adam failed in his rule.
3. We have to admit we are *terrible* at picking kings.
4. God trained his people to see that a king would be supernaturally provided.