

**New Equip Classes.** Interested in learning more about who Jesus was? What about how Christianity has answered cultural questions in the past. Classes start in Jan. What more information? Just leave your program in your seat with your name, email, and a note that you want more information.

Men's Ministry Launch—Jan 17, 6:00-8:30pm. Dinner, vision & challenge, and two hours at Top Golf. Open to all men of Redeemer 12 years and up. Scholarships available for any in need. Don't let money be a barrier for participation.



## Do us a favor? Let us know you were

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# Want more information about Redeemer?

Scan this QR code to get more information about our church and meet people who will actually love you and want to get to know you.





Order of Worship

Christmas Eve 2024



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



#### Guests

If you are a guest, we would love to send you some more information about Redeemer. 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.

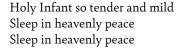


#### Restrooms & Relief

Restrooms can be found in the hallway behind the chapel. A men's restroom is on the right outside of the double doors, and the women's room is around the corner. Water and coffee are available downstairs following worship.

#### **Parents**

Baby changing facilities are available in the respite room to the right as you exit the chapel. Nursing mothers are welcome to feed their baby wherever they feel comfortable, but one of our hosts can also help you find a private room.



Silent night holy night Shepherds quake at the sight Glories stream from heaven afar Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia Christ the Savior is born Christ the Savior is born

Silent night holy night Son of God love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace Jesus Lord at Thy birth Jesus Lord at Thy birth

Silent night holy night
Wondrous star lend thy light
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Franz Xaver Gruber, John Freeman Young, Joseph Mohr © Words: Public Domain: Music: Public Domain



"Silent Night" is a classic German Christmas hymn from Austrian in 1816. Schoolteacher Franz Xaver Gruber composed the tune for guitar to match words penned by Joseph Mohr. Mohr had intended the piece to be played on an organ, but a flood had destroyed the church's organ. Consider how different—in volume at least—the piece would have sounded if the organ had not flooded that night. It became an instant classic in the German-speaking world and was translated into English in 1859.

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#### Sermon

"Why Did God Become Man? To Make All Things New" Zach Carter Revelation 21:1-9

God became man to renew creation.

2. God became man to remove sorrow.

3. God became man to restore communion.

## 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 take this moment to reflect upon your life and seek the grace God freely offers to all who cast themselves upon Jesus.

All communion bread is gluten-free.

## Song of Response with Doxology

Silent Night (Stille Nacht)

Silent night holy night All is calm all is bright Round yon virgin mother and Child Welcome & Call to Worship\*

**Christmas Songs and Hymns** 

Joy to the World

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-21

Sermon

"Why Did God Become Man? To Make All Things New"

Zach Carter

Revelation 21:1-9

Lord's Supper

Song of Response

Silent Night

**Benediction & Doxology** 

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Luke 2:30-32

- For my eyes have seen your salvation
- that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
- a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

## Songs of Advent & Christmas

## 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 world 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

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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

#### The Shepherds and the Angels

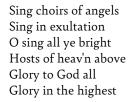
<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup> And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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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

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"Oh Come All Ye Faithful" was probably a Portugese hymn that was translated into English first by John Francis Wade and adapted into its current form by C. Frederick Oakeley in 1841. The hymn has been cherished for almost two hundred years as beckoning for others to come into the presence of a King born in a manger, a summons to the angels to sing, and a personal greeting to Jesus himself.

## Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1–21

#### The Birth of Jesus Christ

2 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Bridge
Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Op'ning to the sun above

Edward Hodges, George Frideric Handel, Henry Van Dyke, Isaac Watts, Ludwig van Beethoven, Phil Wickham CCLI Song #7128618 CCLI License #21893125 © 2018 Phil Wickham Music; Simply Global Songs; Sing My Songs

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While not originally written as a Christmas song, "Joy to the World" has become the most beloved carol. Issac Watts penned the lyrics in 1719 as a reflection on Christ's second coming, interpreting Psalm 98 and Genesis 3 in light of Christ's work and return. Indeed, all things praise the Lord (cf., Ps. 98) and Christ puts an end to the curse which infested even the ground itself (cf., Gen. 3).

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### Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Hyfrydol)

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 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

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Charles Wesley penned the lyrics to "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" in 1744. The carol's phrases are lifted directly from Haggai 2:7, and they express a deep expectation that Jesus's birth would change the status quo. The hymn was popularized when Charles Spurgeon made use of it's lyrics in a popular Christmas sermon he gave in London.

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Hark The Herald Angels Sing (Mendelssohn)

Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled Joyful all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With th'angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord Late in time behold Him come Offspring of the Virgin's womb Veiled in flesh the Godhead see Hail th'incarnate Deity Pleased as man with men to dwell Jesus our Emmanuel Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace Hail the Sun of Righteousness Light and life to all He brings Ris'n with healing in His wings Mild He lays His glory by Born that man no more may die Born to raise the sons of earth Born to give them second birth Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

Come Desire of nations come
Fix in us Thy humble home
Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed
Bruise in us the serpent's head
Adam's likeness now efface
Stamp Thine image in its place
Second Adam from above
Reinstate us in Thy love
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
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"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" is another familiar carol, written by Charles Welsey in 1739 with later contributions from evangelist George Whitefield. The carol recounts the angels' song in Luke 2:14, elaborating on the work that Christ will do to save sinners: dwell with God's people, grant a new birth, destroy the natue of evil in each of us, and create a new heart within us.

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O Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles)

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

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