



Christmas at Redeemer

- Advent and Christmas Series: Darkness then Light
 - November 30, Isaiah 9—"In the Darkness We Waited"
 - December 7, Isaiah 60—"Watching for the Light"
 - December 14, Malachi 4—"The Breaking Dawn"
 - December 21, Luke 2—"Light for All People"
 - December 24, Revelation 22:1-5—"An Everlasting Light"
 - December 28, 1 John 1:1-7—"Walking in the Light"
- Redeemer Students Christmas party next Sunday night, December 7, 5:00-7:00pm.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24, 6:00-7:00pm. We'll have a joint Christmas service with First Cumberland.

Direct guests to and find more information at redeemerhuntsville.org/christmas

Due to Christmas Week the previously announced vote to consider our elder and deacon candidates will be rescheduled for January 11, 2026. On this day, members will have an opportunity to vote by ballot for each name nominated at the November 16 members meeting. Email info@redeemerhuntsville.org for more information.

Serve at Redeemer. As our church grows in size, we want to ensure that we are leveraging all of our members' and attenders' gifts and talents to help build up the church. If you've been here for a while, and would like to let us know ways you'd love to contribute your energy, talents, or expertise, scan this QR code.



Redeemer Kids' Sunday school classes break for the month of December to allow our volunteers and teachers a reset before the next semester starts in January. November 30th will be the last day of Redeemer Kids Sunday school classes in 2025. If you'd like to serve in 2026, email thomas@redeemerhuntsville.org

Adult equip classes break for the month of December before the next semester starts in January. November 30th will be the last day of equip classes in 2025. Next year will feature "Introduction to Reformed Theology;" "How to Study and Understand the Bible;" and a soon to be announce class.



Redeemer Church

Order of Worship
First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025



Welcome to Redeemer, and Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

Giving

Redeemer relies upon the generosity of her members to support the ministries and missions of the church. You can make a one-time gift by dropping funds into the black box at the rear of the sanctuary or electronically by scanning the QR code on the right.



Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above you heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.



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

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Today's Worship Leaders

Stephen Murphy, Presiding Elder
Zach Carter, Preaching

David Smith, Lead Musician

Welcome & Thanksgiving*

Psalm 36:7-9

Song of Praise

His Mercy Is More

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:1-25
Sam Holt

Affirmation of the Faith

Nicene Creed pt. I

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:8-9

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Praise

All Glory Be to Christ

Christmas Carol

Joy to the World (Joyful Joyful)

Sermon

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Benediction & Doxology

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Call to Worship

Psalm 36:7-9

- 7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

Advent Hymn

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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Scripture Reading

Luke 1:1-25

1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, 2 just as those who from the beginning were



Sermon

“In the Darkness We Waited”

Isaiah 9:1-7

Zach Carter

1. Your present darkness is not your promised future.

2. God alone can bring the light we will see.

3. God’s light brings joy and gladness as it burns away oppression and violence.

4. God brings light into darkness by giving us a King who cannot fail.



Christmas Carol

Joy To The World (Joyful Joyful)

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

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

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

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eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us,³ it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,⁴ that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

⁵ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸ Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹ And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷ and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

¹⁸ And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." ¹⁹ And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." ²¹ And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²² And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. ²³ And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

²⁴ After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, ²⁵ "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."



Affirmation of the Faith

*Nicene Creed*¹ pt. I (c. 300s)

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:8–9

- ⁸ Rejoice not over me, O my enemy;
when I fall, I shall rise;
when I sit in darkness,
the LORD will be a light to me.
- ⁹ I will bear the indignation of the LORD
because I have sinned against him,
until he pleads my cause
and executes judgment for me.
He will bring me out to the light;
I shall look upon his vindication.

Pastoral Prayer

¹ The Nicene Creed was first adopted at the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325 and expanded at the Council of Constantinople in A.D. 381 to clarify the full divinity of the Son and the Holy Spirit. It arose to defend the apostolic faith against heresy and to provide the church with a universal confession of the triune God and the person of Christ.



Song of Praise

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

*All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
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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