



Christmas at Redeemer

- Advent and Christmas Series: Darkness then 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
Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025



Welcome to Redeemer, and Merry Christmas!

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

Angels We Have Heard On High (Gloria)

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria
*In excelsis Deo*⁴
Gloria
In excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

See Him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary Joseph lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise

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⁴ "Gloria in excelsis Deo" is Latin for "Glory to God in the highest"—the announcement of the angels to the shepherds in Luke 2:41.



Today's Worship Leaders

Stephen Murphy, Presiding Elder

Blake Arnold, Lead Musician

Zach Carter, Preaching

Welcome & Thanksgiving*

Psalm 98:4–6

Advent Hymn

Joy To The World (Antioch)

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Luke 1:57–66
Matt Hudson

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Call to Worship

Psalm 98:4-6

- ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Advent Hymn

Joy To The World (Antioch)

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing (x2)
And heav'n and heav'n 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 (x2)
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 (x2)
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 (x2)
And wonders wonders of His love

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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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Sermon

“The Breaking Dawn”

Malachi 4

Zach Carter

1. Soon, God will come and judge all that is wrong (1)
2. Soon, God will come, heal, and vindicate all who fear his name (2-3)
3. God sends a forerunner to turn our hearts to Himself before that day arrives (4-6)
4. Christ is the dawn and fulfillment of this passage in both advents.



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Christmas Carol

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 ev'ry nation,
 Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee
 Day-spring from on high, appear.
 Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
 Of Thy birth, we long to hear!
 O'er the hills the angels singing
 News, glad tidings of a birth;
 "Go to Him your praises bringing
 Christ the Lord has come to earth!"

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
 He whose glories knew no end.
 By His life He brings us gladness,
 Our redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
 Leaving riches without number,
 Born within a cattle stall;
 This the everlasting wonder,
 Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver,
 Born a child, and yet a King,
 Born to reign in us for ever,
 Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.



Scripture Reading

Luke 1:57–66

The Birth of John the Baptist

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸ And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹ And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, ⁶⁰ but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." ⁶¹ And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." ⁶² And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. ⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. ⁶⁴ And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. ⁶⁵ And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, ⁶⁶ and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

Affirmation of the Faith

*Athanasian Creed*¹ pt. I (c. 500s)

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,³
 neither blending their persons
 nor dividing their essence.

¹ The Athanasian Creed emerged in the West during the patristic era as a precise summary of biblical teaching on the Trinity and the person of Christ. Though not written by Athanasius himself, the namesake honors his defense of Scripture against error and served the church for centuries as a guardrail against Trinitarian and Christological error.

² The Greek word "catholic" (καθόλου) means "universal." Eastern Christians and Protestants have never assented to nor recognized the bishop in Rome's claim to "catholic" (i.e. universal) authority.

³ For biblical foundations of the doctrine of the Trinity, see Deut 6:4; Matt 28:19; John 14:9–11, 16–17; 2 Cor 13:14; Eph 4:4–6; et al.



**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.

**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.

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

2 Thessalonians 2:13–14

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

Christmas Carol

What Child Is This

What Child is this
Who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet
With anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and lamb are feeding
Good Christian fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading

*This this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste haste to bring Him laud
The Babe the Son of Mary*

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him