



**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.



**Elder and deacon candidates** will be considered by vote on 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. Contact the church office if you need a copy of that nomination.

**Adult Equip Classes** start in early January. The following classes are offered:

- How to Study and Understand the Bible (Kirk Miller)
- Introduction to Reformed Theology (Stephen Murphy)
- Financial Peace University (Jay West)

**End of Year Giving** 2025 gifts can be made to Redeemer until Wednesday, December 31st at 12:00pm. Please coordinate with Connor Francis at [connor@redeemerhuntsville.org](mailto:connor@redeemerhuntsville.org) to make these gifts. To ensure correct reporting on giving statements, we strongly recommend end-of-year gifts to be made online by card or ACH. Find more information at [redeemerhuntsville.org/give](https://redeemerhuntsville.org/give)

**Holiday Hours** The church office will have irregular office hours from Dec. 25–Jan. 5. However, if you have any immediate ministry needs, please contact your parish elder and he will coordinate ministry care for you. Don't know who your parish elder is? Members can find the contact on the "Members Page" in the Church Center app. Email [info@redeemerhuntsville.org](mailto:info@redeemerhuntsville.org) for support.



# Redeemer Church

## Order of Worship

December 28, 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](http://redeemerhuntsville.org).

Any questions? Feel free to email us at [info@redeemerhuntsville.org](mailto:info@redeemerhuntsville.org)

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### 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.



No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
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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Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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### 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.



4. A second false response: Claiming to never stumble in the light (8)
5. A true life in the light: A life of confession and repentance lived in God's light (9-10)

## 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

*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 Saviour he will stay  
I labour 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



## Today's Worship Leaders

Brandon Ash, Presiding Elder  
Zach Carter, Preaching

Blake Arnold, Lead Musician

## Welcome & Thanksgiving\*

Psalm 33:20–22

## Hymn of Praise

*Holy Holy Holy*

## Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1–22

## Affirmation of the Faith

*Orthodox Catechism (1680)*

## Confession and Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:21

## Pastoral Prayer

## Song of Assurance

*Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

## Song of Adoration

*All Glory Be To Christ*

## Sermon

“Walking in the Light of Christmas”  
1 John 1:5-10  
Zach Carter

## Lord's Supper

## Song of Response

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

## Benediction & Doxology

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## Call to Worship

Psalm 33:20–22

- <sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.  
<sup>21</sup> For our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.  
<sup>22</sup> Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

## Hymn of Praise

*Holy Holy Holy*

Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy  
All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art  
And evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy  
Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy  
There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power  
In love and purity



*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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## Sermon

“Walking in the Light of Christmas”

1 John 1:5-10

Zach Carter

1. The truth: God is light (5)
2. A false response: Claiming a life of light while walking in darkness (6)
3. A true response: Walking faithfully in the light of Christ (7)



But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore

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## Song of Adoration

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*



Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity

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## Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1–22

**11** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from



one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup> of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>19</sup> He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

## Affirmation of the Faith

*Orthodox Catechism (1680)*

Q 9: But does God do us an injustice by requiring in his law what we are unable to do?

**A: No. God created human beings with the ability to keep the law.<sup>1</sup> But they, tempted by the devil,<sup>2</sup> through reckless disobedience,<sup>3</sup> deprived themselves and all their descendants of these gifts.<sup>4</sup>**

Q 10: Will God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

**A: Certainly not. He is terribly angry with the sin we are born with as well as the sins we personally commit. As a just judge, he punishes**

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 1:31; Eph. 4:24

<sup>2</sup> Gen. 3:13; John 8:44

<sup>3</sup> Gen. 3:6

<sup>4</sup> Rom. 5:12, 18, 19



**them now and forever.<sup>5</sup> He has declared: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.”<sup>6</sup>**

Q 11: But isn't God also merciful?

**A: God is certainly merciful,<sup>7</sup> but he is also just.<sup>8</sup> His justice requires that sin, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty—eternal punishment of both body and soul.<sup>9</sup>**

## Confession and Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:21

<sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## Pastoral Prayer

### Song of Assurance

*Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

<sup>5</sup> Ex. 34:7; Ps. 5:4–6; Nah. 1:2; Rom. 1:18; Eph. 5:6; Heb. 9:27

<sup>6</sup> Gal. 3:10; Deut. 27:26

<sup>7</sup> Ex. 34:6–7; Ps. 103:8–9

<sup>8</sup> Ex. 34:7; Deut. 7:9–11; Ps. 5:4–6; Heb. 10:30–31

<sup>9</sup> Matt. 25:35–46