



Announcements

Third Sunday Meal & Members' Meeting, March 15, 5-7pm. Every month, Redeemer shares a meal together as a church body to provide a place for those interested in the church to connect and meet new people, encourage and foster new friendships, and build a culture of gospel-centered hospitality.

We will also have a brief town-hall meeting following the meal to pray and discuss how we may steward the numerical growth God is giving.

Meet Redeemer: Prospective Member Lunch, March 22, 2026 11:30—1pm. If you are interested in joining the people called Redeemer, this class will introduce you to people who love you and information you need to make that commitment.



Guests

If you are a guest, we would love to send you some more information about Redeemer. Go ahead, take out your phone, and scan the QR code. *(It's okay, we promise!)* We pray for everyone who visits Redeemer, and we'd like to pray for you by name.



Order of Worship

March 8, 2026



Welcome to Redeemer!

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



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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.



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.

Baptism

Baptism is one of the ordinances of Christ, given to signify a believer's fellowship with him in his death and resurrection, the forgiveness of sins, and new life in the Spirit. In it, the gospel is made visible, as God testifies to his saving grace and the baptized person publicly professes faith in Christ and allegiance to him. As we witness baptism, we rejoice in God's mercy, give thanks for his saving work, and renew our own faith in the promises of the gospel.

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost



Sermon

“The Potter’s Rights”

Romans 9:14-29

Zach Carter

1. Right 1: God has a right to show mercy (14-18)
 - a. Mercy is not owed (14)
 - b. Mercy flows from God’s will (15-16)
 - c. Hardening also serves God’s purpose (17-18)
2. Right 2: God has a right to not explain himself (19-29).
 - a. Creatures cannot arraign their creator (19-21)
 - b. Justice and mercy serve a revelatory purpose (22-23)
 - c. Scripture shows this to be a pattern (24-29)



Today’s Worship Leaders

Thomas Newman, Presiding Elder

Blake Arnold, Lead Musician

Zach Carter, Preaching

Welcome & Thanksgiving*

Psalm 27:4

Hymn of Praise

How Rich A Treasure We Possess

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1 Samuel 4:1–22

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Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Sermon

“The Purpose That Stands”

Romans 9:1-13

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Call to Worship

- 4 One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

Hymn of Praise

How Rich A Treasure We Possess

How rich a treasure we possess
In Jesus Christ our Lord
His blood our ransom and defense
His glory our reward
The sum of all created things
Are worthless in compare
For our inheritance is Him
Whose praise angels declare

How free and costly was the love
Displayed upon the cross
While we were dead in untold sin
The Sov'reign purchased us
The will of God the Father
Demonstrated through the Son
The Spirit seals the greatest work
The work which Christ has done

How vast and measureless the flood
Of mercy unrestrained
The penalty was paid in full
The spotless Lamb was slain
Salvation what a priceless gift
Received by grace through faith
We stand in robes of righteousness
We stand in Jesus' Name

Psalm 27:4



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

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

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson
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Song of the Faith

My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame
 But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

*Christ alone cornerstone
 Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
 Through the storm He is Lord
 Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
 I rest on His unchanging grace
 In every high and stormy gale
 My anchor holds within the veil
 My anchor holds within the veil

He is Lord Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound
 Oh may I then in Him be found
 Dressed in His righteousness alone
 Faultless stand before the throne

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Song of Assurance

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

Cornerstone



For Yours is the Kingdom
 And the power and the glory
 Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory
 Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory
 Amen yeah amen amen

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Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 4:1–22

The Philistines Capture the Ark

4 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.

Now Israel went out to battle against the Philistines. They encamped at Ebenezer, and the Philistines encamped at Aphek. ²The Philistines drew up in line against Israel, and when the battle spread, Israel was defeated before the Philistines, who killed about four thousand men on the field of battle. ³And when the people came to the camp, the elders of Israel said, “Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD here from Shiloh, that it may come among us and save us from the power of our enemies.” ⁴So the people sent to Shiloh and brought from there the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, who is enthroned on the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

⁵As soon as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel gave a mighty shout, so that the earth resounded. ⁶And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shouting, they said, “What does this great shouting in the camp of the Hebrews mean?” And when they learned that the ark of the LORD had come to the camp, ⁷the Philistines were afraid, for they said, “A god has come into the camp.” And they said, “Woe to us! For nothing like this has happened before. ⁸Woe to us! Who can deliver us from the power of these mighty gods? These are the gods who struck the Egyptians with every sort of plague in the wilderness. ⁹Take courage, and be men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews as they have been to you; be men and fight.”

¹⁰So the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and they fled, every man to his home. And there was a very great slaughter, for thirty thousand foot soldiers of Israel fell. ¹¹And the ark of God was captured, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.



The Death of Eli

¹² A man of Benjamin ran from the battle line and came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes torn and with dirt on his head. ¹³ When he arrived, Eli was sitting on his seat by the road watching, for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and told the news, all the city cried out. ¹⁴ When Eli heard the sound of the outcry, he said, "What is this uproar?" Then the man hurried and came and told Eli. ¹⁵ Now Eli was ninety-eight years old and his eyes were set so that he could not see. ¹⁶ And the man said to Eli, "I am he who has come from the battle; I fled from the battle today." And he said, "How did it go, my son?" ¹⁷ He who brought the news answered and said, "Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has also been a great defeat among the people. Your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been captured." ¹⁸ As soon as he mentioned the ark of God, Eli fell over backward from his seat by the side of the gate, and his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. He had judged Israel forty years.

¹⁹ Now his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to give birth. And when she heard the news that the ark of God was captured, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed and gave birth, for her pains came upon her. ²⁰ And about the time of her death the women attending her said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have borne a son." But she did not answer or pay attention. ²¹ And she named the child Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel!" because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. ²² And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

Affirmation of the Faith

Orthodox Catechism

Q 40: Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?

A: Because God's justice and truth demand it: only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.²

Q 41: Why was he "buried"?

A: His burial testifies that he really died.³

¹ Gen. 2:17

² Rom. 8:3-4; Phil. 2:8; Heb. 2:9

³ Isa. 53:9; John 19:38-42; Acts 13:29; 1 Cor. 15:3-4



Q 42: Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

A: Our death does not pay the debt of our sins.⁴ Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.⁵

Q 43: What further advantage do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

A: Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him,⁶ so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us,⁷ but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.⁸

Q 44: Why do we also confess, "He descended to the hell"?⁹

A: To assure me in times of personal crisis and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.¹⁰

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 13:12-16

¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Pastoral Prayer

⁴ Ps. 49:7

⁵ John 5:24; Phil. 1:21-23; 1 Thess. 5:9-10

⁶ Rom. 6:5-11; Col. 2:11-12

⁷ Rom. 6:12-14

⁸ Rom. 12:1; Eph. 5:1-2

⁹ The *Symbolum Apostolorum* has "*descendit ad inferna*" translated into English, lit. "descended to hell." Conceptually, *inferna* has taken on literary baggage downstream from Dante and other artistic imaginations of what "hell" is. Some translate this "descended into the realm of the dead" to translate the concept rather than the word. For larger biblical-theological context, see, Charles E. Hill, "He Descended into Hell," RTS Address, <https://journal.rts.edu/article/he-descended-into-hell/>

¹⁰ Isa. 53; Matt. 26:36-46; 27:45-46; Luke 22:44; Heb. 5:7-10