

Redeemer Church

To the Praise of His Glory



Book of Worship | December 25, 2022

Welcome to Redeemer Church

Redeemer Church is a Reformed Baptist congregation. We adhere to the Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, a doctrinal statement strongly grounded in the Word of God. We gather to worship the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ and desire in all we do to be to the praise of the glory of His grace.

If you are our guest today and would like to make yourself known to us, you can use the Guest Card in the seat pocket in front of you. After completing it, simply drop it in the drop box at the entrance to the auditorium; and if you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give. As you leave, please take one of our Guest Packets on the bookshelf in the rear of the auditorium.

"Come, let us worship and bow down! Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker!"



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TABLETALK MAGAZINE

Tabletalk is a monthly digest of daily devotional readings and in-depth theological articles produced by Ligonier Ministries. Please take one at the entrance to the auditorium.

INFANTS/TODDLERS

Nursery: Parents with children ages 0 to 4 years are encouraged to use the infant/toddler nursery located on the lower level. There are comfortable chairs and audio of the service.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Bible Study is at 9:30 am each Sunday, led by Duwane Rose in the Auditorium. We are currently studying, *The Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount*.

Children's Christian Education (K through 5th Grade) is during the 11:00 am Worship Service in our Fellowship Hall, led by Cindy Rose and a team of volunteers.

SERMONS

Sermons can be streamed and/or downloaded from our website:

www.cometoredeemer.com or on the Redeemer App, available for download from your device's App Store (search "Redeemer Church Waterford").

MEMBERSHIP

Information about membership at Redeemer Church can be found on our website at:

<https://cometoredeemer.com/connect/membership>. For specific questions, please email Pastor Paul at paul@redeemerwaterford.com.

REFLECTION

"Mary then did truly conceive a body which had God inhabiting it. And God the Word was truly born of the Virgin. He who forms all men in the womb, was himself really in the womb, and made from a body of the seed of the Virgin. He wore a crown of thorns and a purple robe; he was condemned; he was crucified in reality, and not in appearance, not in imagination, not in deceit. He really died, was buried, and rose from the dead. I do not place my hopes in one who died for me in appearance, but in reality."

— Ignatius of Antioch

GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Service of Lessons and Carols

*Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth;
from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 113:3

FIRST LESSON | ISAIAH 9:2 – 7

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

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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.

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 shed;
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 forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine own sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

SECOND LESSON | LUKE 1:26 – 38

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

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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!
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
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King

See within a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth.

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Words: Henry T. Smart | Music: James Montgomery
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Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

*Come and worship! Come and worship!
Worship Christ the newborn King!*

Shepherds in the field abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light

Sages leave your contemplations
Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great Desire of nations
Ye have seen His natal star

Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending
In His temple shall appear

Sinners wrung with true repentance
Doomed for guilt to endless pains
Justice now revokes the sentence
Mercy calls you break your chains

Though an infant now we view Him
He shall fill His Father's throne
Gather all nations to Him
Every knee shall then bow down

PASTORAL PRAYER

THIRD LESSON | LUKE 2:1 – 7

THE WORD OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

ADORE

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You stepped down from heaven
Humbly You came
God of all creation
Here with us
In a starlit manger Emmanuel
Light of the world here to save

*Adore!
Come let us adore,
O come let us adore Him
The Lord!
Worship Christ the Lord
Let all that is within us adore*

Wise men bring their treasures
Shepherds bow low
Angel voices sing
Of peace on earth
What have I to offer to heaven's King
I will bring my life, my love, my all!

*Adore!
Come let us adore,
O come let us adore Him
The Lord!
Worship Christ the Lord
Let all that is within us adore*

THE SERMON

Christmas Surprises

Hebrews 2:14 – 18

BENEDICTION

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Words: John Francis Wade | Music: ADESTES FIDELES

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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!

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
Lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten not created;

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Merry Christmas!

DECEMBER MON	26	Desiring God: <u>Hopeful Post-Christmas Melancholy</u> It's possible that this moment of melancholy may be the best teaching moment of the whole season.
2 Chron 31; Revelation 17 Zechariah 13:2-9; John 16		
DECEMBER TUE	27	Alistair Begg: <u>The Keynote for the Year</u> In the ancient prophecy of Zechariah, God is sounding out a keynote for the coming year that we might use to tune our lives for what lies ahead in the new year.
2 Chron 32; Revelation 18 Zechariah 14; John 17		
DECEMBER WED	28	Burk Parsons: <u>New Year's Resolutions for God's Glory</u> Whether or not we make resolutions, we do well to remember that we can only keep our priorities and principles in life by the power of the Holy Spirit.
2 Chron 33; Revelation 19 Malachi 1; John 18		
DECEMBER THU	29	Daniel Darling: <u>Four Ways to Approach the New Year</u> The temptation for Christians is to make our plans and add a dollop of Jesus on top, rather than allowing him to form in us the desires and motivations to do his work.
2 Chron 34; Revelation 20 Malachi 2; John 19		
DECEMBER FRI	30	HYMN HISTORY: <u>All Glory Be to Christ</u> Read the story of how a worship leader in 2012 took the most famous New Year's song in history (<i>Auld Lang Syne</i>) and rewrote the lyrics as a hymn of praise to our Lord Jesus Christ.
2 Chron 35; Revelation 21 Malachi 3; John 20		
DECEMBER SAT	31	King's Kaleidoscope: <u>All Glory Be to Christ</u> End the old year and begin the new year focusing your heart and mind on the glory of the Lord Jesus and His sovereign providence.
2 Chron 36; Revelation 22 Malachi 4; John 21		
JANUARY SUN	1	Will you commit to reading through the entire Bible in 2023? Use the Scripture references in the left column (under the date) each day.
Genesis 1; Matthew 1 Ezra 1; Acts 1		

WELCOME! If you are new to our church, please complete the Guest Registration Card near you in the seat pocket and place it in the drop box at the rear of the auditorium. We're glad you're here!

MEMBERSHIP To become a member of Redeemer Church, please complete the *Life Together Application* available at the Information table in the back of the auditorium **or online at the church website**. The pastor will contact you with the dates and times of the next Membership Orientation.

OFFERING Please use the offering envelope provided in the seat pocket near you and place your offering in the drop box at the entrance to the auditorium. You may also give securely online at our website: **www.redeemerwaterford.com**. Giving is our act of worship and the responsibility of those who belong to Redeemer Church. Text **Redeemer22** to 206-859-9405 to give securely online.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

SUNDAY

11:00 am Morning Worship

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Kingdom Home: For several years we have sponsored a young boy named Godwin Barasa through Kingdom Home in Uganda. Godwin has grown up and is no longer in the home. We have a new young lady we are sponsoring who will turn 15 years old on January 1: Annet Nyongesa.

SCORE Ministries: We have added **Jeff and Karla Totten** with SCORE Ministries (based in Troy, MI) to our annual missions budget. Jeff is the Chapel Leader for the Detroit Tigers and all of their Minor League affiliates. He is responsible for leading chapel each Sunday at the major league level, recruiting, training and supervising chaplains for the Minor League teams, evangelizing and discipling players, providing counseling and spiritual guidance for the players and their families, and the evangelistic outreach event held at Comerica Park each year known as *Home Plate*. Jeff receives no compensation from the Detroit Tigers, their affiliates, or players. His support comes from churches like ours and individuals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

One Service New Year's Day

On Sunday, January 1st we will gather at 11:00 am for Morning Worship. There is no evening service or Adult Bible Study on January 1st.

Nursery Volunteers

A valuable service each of us can render to the Lord is volunteering to service in our nursery/toddler room. If we have enough volunteers, the rotation would be one Sunday every 4 to 6 weeks. Please contact Cindy Rose for details.

PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER

- **Earl and Kathy Miller's 2-year-old granddaughter, Ivy**, is at U of M Hospital with a perforated appendix.
- **Tiffany Angela Dawn** is undergoing treatment for metastatic breast cancer. Please pray for this young mother of two.
- **Shelagh VanderVeen** had knee replacement surgery. She is home recovering.
- **Pastor Bob Dickie** (former pastor of Berean) had hip replacement surgery. He is home in Franklin, TN recovering.
- **Dan Schwartz's wife Bernie** recently received a good report from her doctors. Please continue to pray for her healing.
- **Bernice Lotz** continues to deal with pain.
- **Pastor Paul's mother, Lillian**, is 94 years old and has chronic issues related to her feeding tube.
- **Pastor Paul's brother, John**, is being treated for seizures.
- Terri Edwards' mother, **Mary Ball**, had surgery on November 4th to remove a granulosa cell tumor. She is doing well in her recovery.
- **Laurie Brodeur's son Josh Schultz** continues to need our prayers for his spiritual health.
- Pray for **Robbie and Tara Fortney** and their foster child Arya.
- Pray for **Jordan Schultz**.
- Cindy Engel's daughter, **Heather Sykes**.
- **Stephanie Hughes** has been diagnosed with Erythromelalgia and Undifferentiated Connective Tissue Disease and is having more tests.
- Sandy Tiefenback's mother, **Dorothy Griffith**, has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- **Ed Anderson's 82-year-old mother** has been diagnosed with a high grade or aggressive Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma which is in remission.



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