



**REDEEMER**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**NOVEMBER 30, 2025  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
8:30AM & 11AM SERVICE**

## WELCOME

We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! If you are visiting, please fill out a Connect Card and drop it in the offering basket, or visit our welcome desk to share more about yourself and learn about ways to connect with us.

Bathrooms are located in the hallway to the right of the rear sanctuary exit, as well as in our Adult Ministry Hallway. The Nursing Mothers Room is located in room 111C in our Children's Ministry Hallway.

## PASTORS

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Rev. Eric Mitchell

## DIRECTORS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY | NOV. 30

8:30 & 11AM Worship Service  
10AM Connect Hour

### TUESDAY | DEC. 2

9:30AM Women's Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY | DEC. 3

12PM Weekly Prayer  
7PM GET Monthly Meeting

### THURSDAY | DEC. 4

6AM Men's Bible Study

### SUNDAY | NOV. 30 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 & 11AM Worship Service  
10AM Connect Hour  
6:30PM Lessons & Carols



## **CALLED BY GOD**

### **COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS | Rowland Hugh Prichard and Charles Wesley**

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

We are waiting  
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We are waiting for You.  
(Hallelujah, what a Savior!)

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## **CALL TO WORSHIP | Isaiah 9:2, Romans 13:12**

LEADER: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**ALL: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.**

LEADER: The night is far gone; the day is near.

**ALL: We wait for the dawn, holding fast to hope.**

LEADER: Come, Lord Jesus, shine your light in our waiting.

**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, You are our hope and our salvation.**

## **COME LIGHT OUR HEARTS | Sandra McCracken**

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait  
For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait  
Truly our hope is in You  
Truly our hope is in You

O Lord of life, our only hope  
Your radiance shines  
On all who look, to You in the dark  
Emmanuel come, come light our hearts

## **CANDLE LIGHTING AND READING | Hope**

LEADER: But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

When you see these things taking place, you know that He is near, at the very gates. But about that day or that hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

**ALL: Therefore keep awake, or else He may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.**

LEADER: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

Today we light this candle in hope, the hope of our coming Savior, Jesus.

**ALL: Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive with with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.**

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait  
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Truly our hope is in You  
Truly our hope is in You

O Joy above all other loves  
In you we find more than enough  
We come as we are, O heal and restore  
Come light our hearts

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## CLEANSED BY GOD

### CONFESSION OF SIN

#### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O Come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

Draw near, draw near. Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel.

LEADER: We are sorry for all the things we should have done but we didn't do. For not loving your creation or caring well for the things you have given us...

**ALL: Father, forgive us.**

O come thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Draw near, Draw near. Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

LEADER: For not caring for the poor, sick, and those in prison...

**ALL: Father, forgive us.**

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory over the grave.

Draw near, Draw near. Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel.

LEADER: For wanting what we want above everything else...

**ALL: Father, forgive us.**

O come thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.

Draw near, Draw near. Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel.

LEADER: For ignoring you and not loving you...

**ALL: Father, forgive us.**

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of peace.

LEADER: Father, you sent Jesus to die for all of these  
sins, to pay our debt, so that we can be forgiven.

**ALL: I am loved and forgiven by the Father!**

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel. (X2)

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# CONSECRATED BY GOD

## PRAYER OF HOPE

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SCRIPTURE READING & SERMON | The Puffy Shirt

### 1 Peter 5:1-7 (ESV)

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: 2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud  
but shows favor to the humble.”

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Use this QR code to submit questions for today's sermon. Our pastors will talk through these on our weekly podcast “Soft Difference”, which can be found on Spotify and our website.



## NOTES

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### HOUSE OF GOD FOREVER | Jon Foreman

God is my shepherd  
I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting  
He makes me rest  
In fields of green, with quiet streams  
Even though I walk  
Through the valley, of death and dying  
I will not fear  
'Cause You are with me, You are with me

Your shepherd's staff comforts me  
You are my feast in the presence of enemies  
Surely goodness will follow me, follow me  
In the house of God forever

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## CONFESSION OF FAITH | First Sunday of Advent

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about the hope we have in Christ?

**ALL: We believe that our hope is not in this world,  
nor in our strength or wisdom,  
but in Jesus Christ,  
the Light that shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

LEADER: What does this hope mean for us now?

**ALL: We wait with longing hearts  
for His kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.  
We trust that the One who promised is faithful.  
Christ has come. Christ is coming again.  
And in Him our hope will never be put to shame.**



## COMMUNING WITH GOD

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is a family meal. By eating this meal, you are acknowledging your need for God's mercy and that you find it in Christ alone. Please discard cups as you exit.

# **COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY | Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker**

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living in His suffering  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could ever restrain Him  
Praise the Lord He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when He comes



## COMMISSIONED BY GOD

### OFFERING

During our offering each week, undesignated cash will go towards our Deacons Fund. We use this money to help those in our community and our own church body in times of financial need.

### SENDING SONG

#### ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST | Dustin Kensrue

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!

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!

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 ere his people be, 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!

### BENEDICTION & DOXOLOGY

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS | MORE DETAILS ON WEBSITE**

Be sure to visit our LET & GET table in the lobby to learn how to connect with this month's spotlights:

**Hunger | Second Harvest Food Bank**

**&**

**J & K | East Africa**

### **Eagle's Nest Angel Tree | November 23 - December 7**

This year, Redeemer is partnering with Eagle's Nest Children's Home in Guatemala to provide croc-like shoes and school supplies for all the children at the Nest. Angel Tree tags for a specific child are available in the lobby November 23- December 7. Unwrapped gifts are due back by December 14.

### **Advent Connect Hours | November 30, December 7, 14 & 21**

During the season of Advent, we pause all of our regular Sunday School rhythms to create space to gather, connect and enjoy tasty treats, hot cocoa and music in the cafeteria from 10 - 10:50am. Bring a labeled, peanut-free treat to share - we can't wait for this time together with you!

### **Advent Devotional**

This December, we invite you to join us in a daily Advent Devotional created by Langham Partnership. Hard copies will be available in the lobby (one per family, please), but if you would like to subscribe to receive a daily email head to the church website and sign up under Advent.

### **Lessons & Carols | December 7th, 6:30pm**

You're invited to a new Lessons & Carols service at Redeemer. Jointly led by Hope and Redeemer Churches, this "reverse-tenebrae" service begins in darkness and gradually moves into light, reflecting the longing and waiting of Advent and the hope of Christ's coming. Please register for childcare for ages 0-4 on our website's Events page.

# GENERAL FUND - OCTOBER SUMMARY

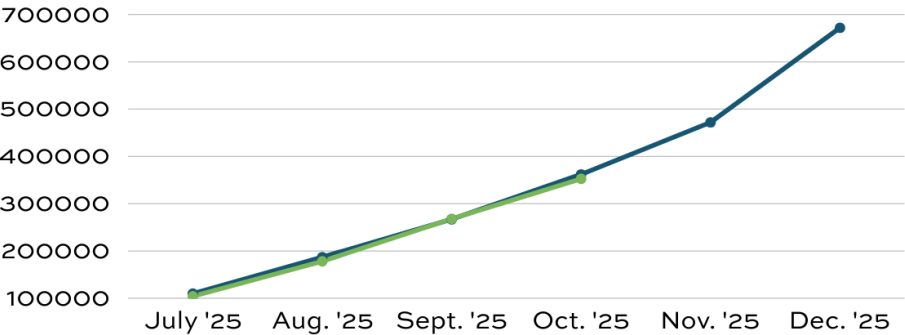
Through the first four months of the fiscal year a total of \$352,616 has been donated to the General Fund, which is just \$7,384 (2%) below what we had budgeted and \$5,057 less than actual giving from last fiscal year through October. Thank you so much for your continuing support and generosity!



Note that our fiscal year begins in July.

Income Budget

## FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW (FYTD)



## DEACONS FUND - FYTD

This offering helps our community during times of financial crises. We use this money to help those in our community and our own church body in times of financial need.



Income - \$6,810 Expenses - \$14,215

## MISSIONS FUND - FYTD

Redeemer allots \$89,000 to cross-cultural work, but our Global Engage Team raises extra monies through this fund. It allows us to be more generous to our global partners and respond to temporary or vision needs. Please give generously to their work around the world.



Given - \$7,745 Goal Income - \$23,886

## NEW WINE SUMMARY

Thank you so much to the 90 families who have participated thus far in this stewardship initiative. We are officially over halfway to our goal! Your gifts have allowed us to better support our staff in numerous ways, such as increasing funds for professional development opportunities and replacing a number of computers that had reached the end of their usable life.



Given - \$353,899 Goal - \$625,000

# HIM. THROUGH US. FOR OTHERS.

**Redeemer Presbyterian Church is  
a worshipping community that exists  
to be transformed by God's grace into  
faithful servants of all by:**

**Following Christ.  
Connecting with each other.  
Engaging the world.**

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