



REDEEMER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • SAN ANTONIO

December 24, 2025

*By God's grace and all for his glory, Redeemer Presbyterian Church
exists to worship God's greatness, grow in Gospel freedom
and extend God's kingdom in San Antonio and beyond.*

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

Getting Connected

If you are new or are visiting with us for the first time, we are so glad you are here, and we want to help you find your place at Redeemer.

New to Redeemer: There is a Newcomers Dessert offered at a pastor’s home, as well as our Intro to Redeemer class for all who are interested in learning more about our church.

Contact: Lori Dantelori@redeemersa.org

Community Groups: These small groups meet in homes throughout San Antonio for fellowship, prayer and Bible study.

Contact: Rev. Bryant McGee.....bryant@redeemersa.org

Women’s Ministry: During the school year, Redeemer offers Women’s Bible Studies on Tuesday mornings and evenings.

Contact: Amy Arguelloamy@redeemersa.org

Men’s Ministry: During the school year, Redeemer offers Men’s Bible Studies on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings.

Contact: Chip Nancechipnance1@gmail.com

Young Adults: The Young Adult ministry at Redeemer is for people in their 20s and 30s, married and single. They gather regularly for fellowship, Bible study, and fun outings.

Contact: Erin Hurt.....erin@redeemersa.org

Children’s Ministry: Redeemer offers programs for children in pre-K through 5th grade.

Contact: Sara Brouillard.....sara@redeemersa.org

Youth Ministry: The Redeemer Youthies are junior high and senior high students learning to walk with Christ. They gather for study and fellowship throughout the year.

Contact: Oscar Palin.....oscar@redeemersa.org

Serving the Church & Serving the City: Learn how you can volunteer at Redeemer or with Redeemer’s ministry partners in San Antonio.

Contact Kenzie Klamm (kenzie@redeemersa.org) to serve with volunteer teams at Redeemer. Contact Kim Barton (kim@redeemersa.org) to serve with our San Antonio ministry partners.



Scan the QR code to learn more about our ministries, register as a guest, and download the Redeemer San Antonio app.

Sunday Schedule

9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Worship
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Fellowship
11:00 – 12:15 p.m.	Worship

Nursery

Redeemer offers nurseries for children ages 3 months to 48 months. In the nursery we have a room for nursing mothers and crying babies. This room is quiet and comfortable and has video of the service playing for your convenience. Contact: georgianna@redeemersa.org

Children in Worship

Redeemer welcomes children ages 4-6 to *Training in the Pews*, a children’s worship time during the first service designed to prepare children for participation in worship. Children exit for *Training in the Pews* during the greeting of peace and return before communion. Children of all ages are also welcome in the sanctuary.

Christian Education

Christian Education will resume on January 11th.

Please use this extra hour to serve the people of Redeemer, both new and familiar and your neighbors by exercising Christian hospitality through sharing a meal together.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Christmas Eve

In consideration of other worshippers, please program all communication devices to silent mode.

Parents, nurseries are available during the worship service for children ages 3 months - 48 months of age. Babies and toddlers are also welcome in the sanctuary. Bibles are available for use during the worship service; please request one from an usher. Our livestream (redeemersa.org/Live) is also available at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Reflection and Preparation

Like a stab at that moment, over Crab and Bowman,
Over Maiden and Lion, came the shock
Of returning life, the start and burning pang at heart,
Setting Galaxies to tingle and rock;
And the Lords dare to breathe, and swords were sheathed
And a rustling, a relaxing began,
With a rumour and noise of the resuming of joys,
On the nerves of the universe it ran.
Then pulsing into space with delicate, dulcet pace
Came a music, infinitely small
And clear. But it swelled and drew nearer and held
All worlds in the sharpness of its call....
A shiver of re-birth and deliverance on the Earth
Went gliding. Her bonds were released.
Into broken light a breeze rippled and woke the seas,
In the forest it startled every beast....

So death lay in arrest. But at Bethlehem the bless'd
Nothing greater could be heard
Than a dry wind in the thorn, the cry of the One new-born,
And cattle in stall as they stirred.

—C.S. Lewis

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev. Matt Beham

Minister: All God's people — boys and girls, women, men, old and young:

People: Come and worship!

Minister: Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

People: Come and worship! Come and worship!

Minister: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

People: Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!

*Hymn of Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High

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?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Traditional French Carol

Prayer of Invocation

Minister: Good and gracious God, who made this hallowed night, on which we remember the gift of your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger: On this holy night, resplendent with brightness of Thy true light, draw us into the mystery of your abiding love. Join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the One for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you, Holy Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, according to the splendor of your light, One God, in glory everlasting.

All: Amen.

Lighting of Advent Wreath*—the Christ Candle

Whitley Family (3:00 p.m.)

Winslow Family (4:30 p.m.)

Klamm Family (6:00 p.m.)

Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

John 1:1-5, 9-14

Reader: We light the last candle of Advent, the Christ Candle. We light a candle to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

** The tradition of the Advent wreath originated in Germany in the nineteenth century, as Lutheran pastor Johann Wichern wanted to help children mark time during Advent as Christmas approached. Pastor Wichern fashioned the first Advent wreath out of an old cartwheel. The Advent wreath consists of four candles placed in the wreath itself and one candle in the center. One candle is lit the first Sunday of Advent. Two are lit the second Sunday, and so on. Each of the candles has significance, with various patterns used. At Redeemer, our first is the Faith Candle; the second is the Joy Candle; the third is the Hope Candle; the fourth is the Love Candle; and the center candle is the Christ Candle, lit on Christmas Eve.*

*Hymn of Adoration

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.

(*Chorus*) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free,
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. (*Chorus*)

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. (*Chorus*)

Words from a 12th century hymn; Tune: Veni Emmanuel

Litany for Christmas

Rev. Pablo Chavarria (3:00 p.m.)

Rev. Dr. Bryant McGee (4:30 p.m.)

Rev. Victor Martinez (6:00 p.m.)

Minister: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!

People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!

Minister: O Christ, splendor of God's eternal glory, the mighty Word, sustaining the universe: Renew our lives by your presence.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: O Christ, born into the world in the fullness of time for the liberation of all creation: Bring us into your promised freedom.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time, born in a stable at Bethlehem: May your church be a sign of hope and joy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: O Christ, truly God and truly human, born to a people in fulfillment of their expectations: Fulfill our desires in you.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: O Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, child of wonder and splendor, mighty God of all ages, Prince of Peace: May the whole world live in peace and justice.

People: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Teach us to proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Micah 5:2-4

John Richardson (3:00 p.m.)

John Fitch (4:30 p.m.)

Charley Hollimon (6:00 p.m.)

***Hymn of Adoration**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

Words by Phillips Brooks; Music by Lewis H. Redner

***Hymn of Praise**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Felix Mendelssohn

The Prayers

Pablo Chavarria (3:00 p.m.)

Bryant McGee (4:30 p.m.)

Victor Martinez (6:00 p.m.)

The Homily

Rev. Paul Hahn

“Christmas Names”

Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Eve

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus. — **Matthew 1:18-25**

Introduction: Rudolph, Frosty, The Grinch, Buddy the Elf, Ebenezer Scrooge, Ralphie Parker, Kevin McCallister, Santa Claus: these are the names we often associate with our Christmas tales and traditions. The great reality behind them all is the true story of Christmas, and the Bible gives us some special names connected with the first Christmas. Luke has his list of names inside his more familiar narrative, but Matthew has some Christmas names for us as well, as he shares his account of the Nativity. Key Idea: **Grace comes to us as we ponder the names around Christ’s birth. Here’s how....**

- **The Holy Spirit**
- **Joseph**
- **Mary**
- **Jesus**
- **Immanuel**

***The Spreading of the Light of Christ**

Matt Beham

Minister: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

Ushers light their candles from the Christ Candle and proceed into the congregation. The candles are lighted with the usher and the congregation saying to each other as the candles are lighted, "Behold the light of the world!"

Minister: Jesus spoke, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***The Carols**

Silent Night

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Words by Joseph Mohr; Music by Franz Gruber

O Come All Ye Faithful

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;

(Chorus) O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above:
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *(Chorus)*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; *(Chorus)*

Traditional Latin hymn; Arr. by John Francis Wade 1751

Joy to the World!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, 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,
Repeat the sounding joy, 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,
Far as the curse is found, 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,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Words by Isaac Watts; Music by G.F. Handel, Arr. by Lowell Mason

***Benediction**

Paul Hahn

Minister: Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People To whom be the glory forever and ever!

Minister: Go in the comfort of Immanuel!

Postlude

After extinguishing your candle, please place in the baskets upon exiting the sanctuary.

*** The Congregation Stands**

Lead Pastor: Rev. Paul Hahn

Co-Lead Pastor: Rev. Matt Beham

Associate Pastor: Rev. Victor Martinez

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bryant McGee

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Pablo Chavarria

Jim Dante, flute; Joe Gonzales, acoustic guitar;

Jacob Tilton, piano

Video Tech: Eli Tilton

Sound Tech: Josh Kelsey (3:00); Bryan & Jill Belknap (4:30); Gary Fehrenbach (6:00)

Song Leaders: Jacob Tilton, Sarah Kelsey (3:00); Stacy Van Klaveren (4:30 & 6:00)

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