

### Welcome to Redeemer!

We're glad you've joined us for worship this morning.

We hope you feel welcomed and loved as we worship our great God together. Please use the attendance pad in the pew to tell us a little about yourself.



### What's Happening

☞ To keep up with church events and details, subscribe to Thursday's Email Blast (our weekly newsletter) on our website or Facebook page.

☞ See the back of this bulletin for upcoming ministry opportunities.

☞ Check out our Blog for pictures, stories, and news.



### Ways to Connect

☞ Community groups meet around Charleston during the week. Find a current list on page 8.

☞ Use our online directory to encourage one another during the week.

☞ Christian-education classes (like Sunday School) for all ages Sundays, 9:15 am

Redeemer Presbyterian exists to glorify God as a Gospel presence in downtown Charleston by being a grace-filled community that worships Christ and develops disciples who serve Him in our families, neighborhoods, and the nations.

*Order of Worship*

*December 10, 2017*

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*from Isaiah 25:1-9*

LEADER: Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

**PEOPLE: You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.**

LEADER: On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say:

**PEOPLE (with a loud voice): "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."**

### WE SING PRAISES TO GOD

JESUS, HOPE OF THE NATIONS

Jesus, hope of the nations, Jesus comfort for all who mourn  
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth  
Jesus light in the darkness, Jesus truth in each circumstance  
You are the source of heaven's light on earth

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In history You lived and died  
You broke the chains You rose to life

*You are the hope living in us,  
You are the Rock in whom we trust  
You are the light shining for all the world to see,  
You rose from the dead conquering fear,  
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near  
Jesus our hope living for all who will receive,  
Lord we believe*

#### 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, Pleas'd 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!"

#### 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.

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#### **Wee Ones**

Children are a blessing to the Redeemer family! For all nursery-related questions, find our Welcome Desk attendant in the Education Building.

☞ A nursery is provided on the first floor of the Education Building for children up to 2 years.

☞ Pick up a kids' clip case (black for ages 3-6; blue for ages 7-10) on your way into the service. Return to the baskets afterward.

☞ During the offertory, feel free to walk with and sign in your children (3K-5K) at the Welcome Desk for Children's Worship where they'll sing songs, receive age-appropriate, Gospel-centered teaching, and make crafts. Pick up your child after the service from the Preschool Room on the first floor.



#### **Washroom**

Restrooms and water coolers are located on the first and second floors of the Education Building.

### **Who's Who**

Senior Pastor | Craig Bailey

Pianist | Fred Hudson

Office Admin | Chris  
Bennett

Communications | Gray  
Morgan

### **Elders**

Kurt Brewer  
Todd Christian  
Chris Yates Jarvis

### **Deacons**

Phillip Anderson  
William Burk  
Jordan Busch  
Vince Dammai  
Kent Lowry  
Tyler Martin  
Kent McKerihan



### **Ways to View**

Ask a greeter for LARGE  
PRINT edition or QR  
code to access electronic  
version on our website.



### **Welcome Home**

If you'd like more  
information about church  
membership, attend one of  
our inquirers' classes. Our  
list of scheduled class dates  
is available on our website.

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!

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.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out  
our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the  
Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us,  
abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

### **WE LIGHT THE PROPHECY CANDLE**

*from Micah 5:2, Luke 2:11, I John 4:9*

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be  
among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of  
old, from ancient days.

Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is  
Christ the Lord.

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that  
God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live  
through him.

### **GOD REVEALS HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES**

*from Galatians 3:10-12*

But those who depend on the law to make them right with  
God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is  
everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands  
that are written in God's Book of the Law." So it is clear that  
no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law.  
For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous  
person has life." This way of faith is very different from the  
way of law, which says, "It is through obeying the law that a  
person has life."

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

GOD ASSURES US OF OUR FORGIVENESS

*from Galatians 3:13-14*

But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

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 (*chorus*)

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**Within Community**

Community Groups are the main ministry of Redeemer outside of Sunday morning worship. Connect with a community group during the week for great fellowship and Bible study. However, community groups at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC, are much more than just Bible studies. These groups are like “house churches” where we want to live in community with each other like Luke writes about in Acts 2:42-47 because we’re a *family on mission together*.

Community groups are where we can learn together as disciples, take care of one another as neighbors, and reach out to our communities in love.

Within our community groups we also organize weekly women’s Bible studies meeting in neighborhoods around Charleston.

☞ See page 8 for a list of community groups and contacts who can tell you what’s offered in your area, or visit our website: [redeemer-charleston.org/community-groups](http://redeemer-charleston.org/community-groups).

**Where in the World**

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're his people be  
All glory be to Christ (*chorus*)

**WE GIVE TO THE LORD (OFFERING)**

**PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

*Becky Adler, John & Rebekah Bouldin, James & Angelia Herndon,  
Marty Hobenboken, John & Debby Krajick, Todd & Amy  
McKeehan, Kaitlin Nichols, Charlie & Debbie Philips, Mark &  
Gayle Westover*

*Parents, if you'd like for your children (3K-5K) to participate in Children's  
Worship during the sermon, please walk with them now to the Welcome Desk  
to sign them in. More information about Children's Worship is printed in the  
sidebar on page 3.*

**WE PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, WORK, AND WORLD**

*See left sidebar for information about this week's missionary family.*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD (SERMON)      *Rev. Craig Bailey***

## WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

### IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. ‘Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied. For ev’ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow’r of Christ in me. From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand. ‘Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

### BENEDICTION

*\*\*No music rehearsal after the worship service for the elementary and preschool kids—just the soloists are needed for a quick rehearsal in the Redeemer Kids Room.*

*Songs used by permission CCLI #1579589*

### Wentworth Parking

☞ Show your bulletin on Sunday mornings for free parking in the garage at 69 Wentworth St.

☞ Parking stickers are available in the church office for use on Sunday in any of our parking lots, including the lot across Wentworth Street, the bank lot, and the lot on the corner of Meeting and Hasell streets.



### Ways to Contact

Phone | 843-724-1164

Address | 43 Wentworth St.  
Charleston, SC 29401

Email | [info@redeemer-charleston.org](mailto:info@redeemer-charleston.org)

Web | [redeemer-charleston.org](http://redeemer-charleston.org)

Facebook | [facebook.com/redeemer.charleston](https://facebook.com/redeemer.charleston)

Twitter | [@RedeemerChas](https://twitter.com/RedeemerChas)

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:** Come see our preschool and elementary children in their musical celebration TONIGHT at 5 pm at Redeemer. There will be costumes, sets, dances, duets, songs, Scripture, and more! Come support our children, and celebrate with us!

**FOOD DRIVE:** Redeemer Kids are organizing a food drive for families in need. Please bring in non-perishable food items that would contribute to a Christmas meal. If you are interested in helping with this food drive, contact Ashley Lowry at [children@redeemer-charleston.org](mailto:children@redeemer-charleston.org). We'll collect food items this Sunday, December 10 and December 17.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY & TALENT SHOW:** Easily our best event of the year, our family Christmas party and talent show is not to be missed! Join us Sunday, December 17 at 6 pm at The Cedar Room (701 East Bay St., 29403), since our Fellowship Hall is still being renovated. Plan to bring several finger-food dishes to share—we need plenty of hors d'oeuvres from savory to sweet. If you'd like to participate in the talent show portion of the evening, then please fill out a participation form—forms are due TODAY! Then give to Fred, Craig, or Gray. We look forward to celebrating with you and your family!

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS:** Find details on our website: [redeemer-charleston.org/christmasevents2017](http://redeemer-charleston.org/christmasevents2017)

*Find announcements, more details about upcoming events, and information about church life in our weekly Email Blast. Our current edition is always available at [redeemer-charleston.org/email-blast](http://redeemer-charleston.org/email-blast).*

### CURRENT LIST OF COMMUNITY GROUPS:

[redeemer-charleston.org/community-groups](http://redeemer-charleston.org/community-groups)

#### DOWNTOWN

Tuesdays, 6:45 pm | Ashley B. 706-504-2103

#### JAMES/JOHNS ISLANDS

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm | Beth Plante 843-270-7542  
Sundays, 5 pm | Kara Wilson 402-578-2744

#### MOUNT PLEASANT

Wednesdays, 6 pm | Liz Jarvis 703-999-9424

#### NORTH AREA

Tuesdays, 6 pm | Gray Morgan 843-478-7127  
Saturdays, 5 pm | Tiffany Koch 843-607-4518

#### WEST ASHLEY

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm | Amanda Dolinski 616-638-5389  
Wednesdays, 6 pm | Lisa Christian 843-224-6631  
Thursdays, 6 pm | Sarah Gardella 757-572-8740

### CURRENT SCHEDULES FOR SERVING

*Nursery Coordinator: Amanda Dolinski, 616-638-5389, [amanda@redeemer-charleston.org](mailto:amanda@redeemer-charleston.org)*

#### **December 10**

Welcome Desk - Megan Busch  
Christian-Ed. - Brian & Claire Gottshalk  
Baby - Anna Bailey, Olivia Holmes  
Toddler - Hannah Wierenga, Marley McAdams  
Floater - Juniper Dolinski  
Children's Worship - Meg Harmon, Becky Adler  
Security - Rob Holmes

#### **December 17**

Welcome Desk - Sarah Gardella  
Christian-Ed. - Brian & Claire Gottshalk  
Baby - Anna Bailey, Annabel Holmes  
Toddler - Liz Jarvis, Helen Holmes  
Floater - Frankie Bennett  
Children's Worship - Rachel Miller, Lauren Martin  
Security - David Ivey