

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 17, 2017

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 9:1-9

LEADER: There will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan.

PEOPLE: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

LEADER: You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest. For you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

PEOPLE: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

WE SING PRAISES TO GOD

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own
Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for thee,
And crown Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified,
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me.
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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Crown Him the Lord of life; Who triumphed o'er the grave
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save,
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

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 fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light. (*chorus*)

EMMANUEL (HALLOWED MANGER GROUND)

What hope we hold this starlit night
A King is born in Bethlehem
Our journey long, we seek the light
That leads to the hallowed manger ground

What fear we felt in the silent age
Four-hundred years can He be found
But broken by a baby's cry
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel
God incarnate, here to dwell
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Praise His name Emmanuel*

The son of God, here born to bleed
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow
And we beheld this offering
Exalted now the King of kings
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground (*chorus*)

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.

WE LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH

—*The Candle of Hope*

from **Matthew 1:20-23**

...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. She *will* bear a son, and you *shall* call his name Jesus, for he *will* save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin *shall* conceive and bear a son, and they *shall* call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

GOD REVEALS HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES

from **John 12:2-4; Matthew 26:8-13**

Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor."

Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

GOD ASSURES US OF OUR FORGIVENESS

from **Romans 10:13-15**

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?
And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?
And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?
And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. *(chorus)*

The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus,
that hailed our Savior's birth. *(chorus)*

Down in a lowly manger,
Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. *(chorus)*

WE GIVE TO THE LORD (OFFERING)

BAPTISM

Naomi Grace Riddle

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.

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.

Where in the World

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

See left sidebar for information about this week's missions project.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD (SERMON)

Rev. Craig Bailey

*From **Matthew 1***

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt!

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within!
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss.
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty Cross. (*chorus*)

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today. (*chorus*)

Marvelous infinite matchless grace
Freely bestowed on all who believe
You that are longing to see His face
Will you this moment His grace receive (*chorus*)

BENEDICTION

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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

Web | redeemer-charleston.org

Facebook | facebook.com/redeemer.charleston

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD DRIVE: Drop your nonperishable food items in the gray bins at the back of the sanctuary. Or bring your canned goods to tonight’s Christmas Party & Talent Show!

CHRISTMAS PARTY & TALENT SHOW: Join us TONIGHT 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—from savory to sweet. We look forward to celebrating with you and your family!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Join us on Sunday, December 24 at 6 pm at Redeemer for our special candlelight service. Remember to arrive early for best seating and parking!

November 2017							
Actual Monthly		Budgeted Monthly		Actual Year to Date		Budgeted Year to Date	
General Fund Giving:	\$46,384.63	General Fund Giving:	\$36,669.00	General Fund Giving:	\$428,435.86	General Fund Giving:	\$366,698.00
General Expenses:	\$39,545.42	General Expenses:	\$36,669.00	General Expenses:	\$409,478.07	General Expenses:	\$403,367.00
Mission Expenses:	\$2,983.96	Mission Expenses:	\$3,890.00	Mission Expenses:	\$40,296.48	Mission Expenses:	\$46,390.00
Windows Expenses:	\$0.00	Windows Expenses:	\$0.00	Windows Expenses:	\$15,404.25	Windows Expenses:	\$0.00
FH Ceiling Expenses:	-\$1,000.98	FH Ceiling Expenses:	\$0.00	FH Ceiling Expenses:	\$41,397.98	FH Ceiling Expenses:	\$0.00
Total Expenses:	\$41,528.40	Total Expenses:	\$40,559.00	Total Expenses:	\$506,576.78	Total Expenses:	\$449,757.00
Monthly (deficit)/surplus:				\$4,856.23	Yearly (deficit)/surplus:		-\$78,140.92

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.

CURRENT LIST OF COMMUNITY GROUPS:

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

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, L. Martin
 Security - David Ivey

December 24

Welcome Desk - Amanda Dolinski
 NO Christian-Ed. Classes
 Baby - Gray Morgan, Tiffany Koch
 Toddler - Tamar Van Wingerden, TBD
 Floater - Evangelin Dolinski
 NO Children’s Worship
 Security - Bryce Koch