

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 24, 2017

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 108:5-6, Luke 2:8-14

LEADER: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand.

PEOPLE: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

MEN: And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

WOMEN: And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

ALL: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

LEADER: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

ALL: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

WE SING PRAISES TO GOD

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.

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*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,
O 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 Now in flesh appearing. *(chorus)*

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)*

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 heavenly song? *(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.

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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.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (*chorus*)

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One. (*chorus*)

WE LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH

—*The Joy Candle*

“Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the LORD. And many nations shall join themselves to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.”

Zechariah 2:10-11

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.” **I John 1:1-4**

GOD REVEALS HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES

from **Luke 1:67-75**

Then John's father, Zechariah, was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave this prophecy:

“Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people. He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of his servant David, just as he promised through his holy prophets long ago. Now we will be saved from our enemies and from all who hate us. He has been merciful to our ancestors by remembering his sacred covenant—the

covenant he swore with an oath to our ancestor Abraham. We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live.”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

GOD ASSURES US OF OUR FORGIVENESS

from Luke 1:30-33, 37

“Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”

“For nothing is impossible with God.”

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

What Child is this, who laid to rest
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
the Babe the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him thro’,
the Cross be borne, for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the Babe, the Son of Mary.

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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

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings, salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

WE GIVE TO THE LORD (OFFERING)

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD (SERMON)

Rev. Craig Bailey

From Matthew 1:18-25

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, 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.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Join us TONIGHT at 6 pm at Redeemer for our special candlelight service. Our bathrooms and nurseries will be open for parents to use if needed; however, we will not have the nursery staffed during the service. Remember to arrive early for best seating and parking!

SCHEDULE FOR HOLIDAYS: Just a reminder, there's NO Children's Worship today during the sermon. Please keep your preschoolers with you, as we worship together as a church family. We'll have our usual worship service next Sunday, December 31 at 10:30 am, though we'll have NO Christian-education classes or Children's Worship during the sermon. Our classes for all ages will resume Sunday, January 7, 2018, at 9:15 am!

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 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

December 31

Welcome Desk - Austin Freeman
NO Christian-Ed. Classes
Baby - TBD
Toddler - Alyse Worley, Claire Morgan
Floater - Emily Burk
NO Children's Worship
Security - Seth Morgan