
REDEEMER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHARLESTON ♦ SOUTH CAROLINA



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GREAT GOD

“Think not that true religion will detract from your happiness. It is a reproach cast upon your Maker to indulge such a thought. It cannot be. A God of goodness never required anything of His creatures that did not tend to their true happiness.”

—Archibald Alexander, 1772-1851, American Presbyterian theologian,
first professor of Princeton Theological Seminary

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from **Psalm 25:1-10**

LEADER: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

PEOPLE: O my God, in you I trust.

LEADER: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

PEOPLE: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

LEADER: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

PEOPLE: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

LEADER: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

PEOPLE: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

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

We hope you feel welcomed and loved as we worship our Great God together.

JUST A FEW ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- * Restrooms and water coolers are located on the first and second floors of the Education Building.
- * A nursery is provided on the first floor of the Education Building for children up to 3 years.
- * Midway through the worship service, our preschoolers (ages 3-5) are dismissed to Children's Worship for age-appropriate, Gospel-centered teaching and more!

WE SING PRAISES TO GOD

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
our Shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal Home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight, are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
be Thou our Guard while life shall last, and our eternal Home!

WE PROFESS WHAT WE BELIEVE

from **The Athanasian Creed (5th century)**

LEADER: Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one
for whom we exist?

PEOPLE: **We believe and trust in him.**

LEADER: Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for
us and rose again?

PEOPLE: **We believe and trust in him.**

LEADER: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of
God and makes Christ known in the world?

PEOPLE: **We believe and trust in him.**

LEADER: This is the faith of the Church.

PEOPLE: **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAISE THE KING

There's a reason why the curse of sin is broken
There's a reason why the darkness runs from light
There's a reason why we stand here now forgiven. Jesus is alive
There's a reason why we are not overtaken
There's a reason why we sing on through the night
There's a reason why our hope remains eternal, Jesus is alive

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Praise the King, He is risen, Praise the King, He's alive
Praise the King, death's defeated, Hallelujah, He's alive, Hallelujah, He's alive

There's a reason why our hearts can be courageous
There's a reason why the dead are made alive
There's a reason why we share His resurrection, Jesus is alive **(chorus)**

O CHURCH, ARISE

O church, arise and put your armor on; Hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong, In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is "Love," Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, We know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day, Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, Give grace for ev'ry hurdle;
That we may run with faith, to win the prize, Of a servant, good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day, When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

GOD REVEALS HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES

from **I John 3:18-24**

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

from **“The Great God” in The Valley of Vision**

O FOUNTAIN OF ALL GOOD,

Destroy in me every lofty thought,

Break pride to pieces and scatter it to the winds,

Annihilate each clinging shred of self-righteousness,

Implant in me true lowliness of spirit.

Break me, then bind me up;

Thus will my heart be a prepared dwelling

for my God;

Then can the Father take up his abode in me,

Then can the blessed Jesus come with healing

in his touch,

Then can the Holy Spirit descend in sanctifying grace;

O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God,

inhabit me, a temple consecrated to your glory.

When you are present, evil cannot abide;

In your fellowship is fullness of joy,

Beneath your smile is peace of conscience,

By your side no fears disturb,

no apprehensions banish rest of mind,

With you my heart shall bloom with fragrance;

Make me fit, through repentance,

for your indwelling.

Nothing exceeds your power,

Nothing is too great for you to do,

Nothing too good for you to give.

Infinite is your might, boundless your love,

limitless your grace, glorious your saving name. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

from **Ephesians 2:4-7**

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

**Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. **(chorus)**

WE GIVE TO THE LORD (OFFERING)

Drop your tithes and offerings in the offering bag as it's passed. Or give electronically by visiting our website: redeemer-charleston.org. If you'd like to specifically give to our *R.P.C. Campaign*, please designate in this way.



Parents, if you'd like for your children (ages 3-5) to participate in Children's Worship during the sermon, please walk with them now to the Welcome Desk in the Education Building to sign them in.

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



from **I Peter 3:18-22**

WE PARTAKE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

Use the center aisle to walk to an elder stationed at the front to pick up the bread and juice. (Our pastor holds the allergy-friendly communion bread in the middle.) Then return to your seat using the side aisles. We'll take the elements together after everyone's been served.

If you need special assistance and would like to be served at your seat, please wait until everyone has walked forward. Then raise your hand, and an elder will bring the elements to you at your seat.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE RECEIVE THE BENEDICTION

MINISTRY & CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: Join the women of Redeemer for our next fellowship event on Saturday, March 1 at 9 am in our Fellowship Hall. We'll enjoy fellowship, worship, and breakfast together, and we'll hear testimonies of God's faithfulness. Childcare for children five and under will also be provided, so please reserve a spot for your little ones. We'll plan to end the event at noon, and use the QR code to register to let us know you're coming! >>



R.P.C. CAMPAIGN: Now's the time to give toward our R.P.C. Campaign! The \$250K match has been *extended through February 28!* We're currently at \$202K toward that goal. This campaign supports our building renovations, which will include critical systems in 2025, work in Italy, and church-planting.

NEWCOMER LUNCH: You're invited, Newcomers!! After worship and Equip Hour on Sunday, March 9, we want to host you for lunch in our Fellowship Hall. This casual lunch--including delicious food and fun!--will give us all a chance to get to know each other better. We look forward to seeing you there!

Are you NEW to Redeemer? Need help connecting?

Reach out to Gray Morgan, our Director of Operations, at gray@redeemer-charleston.org or 843-478-7127 with your latest contact info, so we can welcome you and help keep you informed with the latest Redeemer news, sent every week in our Email Blast.

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