

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHARLESTON ♦ SOUTH CAROLINA

Unto Us a Child is Born!



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Charleston, SC

ORDER OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 14, 2025

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GREAT GOD

“When I have learnt to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now.”
—C.S. Lewis, 1898-1963, British author, theologian

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
Oh blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
Oh blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.
And tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.
Oh blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

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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.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 113

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

PEOPLE: **Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!**

LEADER: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

PEOPLE: **The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!**

LEADER: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

PEOPLE: **He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

ALL: *(with a loud voice)* **Praise the Lord!**

WE SING PRAISES TO GOD

CROWN HIM (CHRISTMAS)

Crown Him with many crowns, The King who left His throne
Creator of the universe, Born to the world He holds
And with that first drawn breath, The Word has become flesh
Emmanuel has come to us, O crown Him all the earth

Crowned by the angel choir, They tell His royal birth
Sing glory in the highest height, And peace upon the earth
They break the silent night, Announcing endless worth
The King of grace and love is here, O crown Him all the world

Crowned by their royal gifts, Gold frankincense and myrrh
Wise men approach this manger throne, With honors from afar,
Behold the Son of God, And bow down in this place
The Prince of Peace has come to us, O crown Him with your praise

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns, All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing, God sent His Son for me
Now hail Him as thy matchless King, Through all eternity

WE LIGHT THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Even John the Baptist asked Jesus, “Are you the one we’ve been waiting for?”

All of the hopes and dreams of God’s children were wrapped up in that question. And the answer was, yes, the Hope of the Nations was there—and is here.

This morning, we light the Candle of Hope. Let this fire remind us that while we wait for the Lord, truly the Lord is already here.

Hope is here. Love is here. Jesus is here. And he is coming again.

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).

KIDS EQUIP CHOIR LEADS IN WORSHIP

Only elementary children should come forward at this time.

SING FOR THE KING

SOLOISTS: GIA SLAGEL, ABIGAIL ZEIGLER

On a sleepy, starry night, Angels opened up the sky
Pouring joy and heaven's light, Spreading news from God on high

Go, tell everyone: “Jesus has come”

Sing! Sing for the King of Kings!

Sing! Sing for the Prince of Peace!

Joy to the world! A Savior is Born!

Come and rejoice in Christ our Lord!

Sing! Sing for the King!

Sing! Sing for the King!

Careful shepherds guarding sheep, Heard the angels' jubilee
Found the baby, fast asleep, Worshiped Him on bended knee

Go, tell everyone: “Jesus has come” **(chorus)**

I don't have to kneel at His feet

I don't have to see to believe

I will go, tell everyone: “Jesus has come” **(chorus)**

THE FIRST NOEL

PLAYED ON HANDBELLS

Preschool children should follow Mary & Joseph to the manger at this time.

AWAY IN A MANGER

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

SOLOIST: GRACIE JUSTICE

**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)**

All children participating in the Kids Equip Choir should return to sit with their parents until the Offertory when they will go next door for a celebration.

GOD REVEALS HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES

from **Ephesians 2:4-10**

But 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. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

from **"The Great Discovery" in The Valley of Vision**

GLORIOUS GOD, I bless You that I know You.

I once lived in the world, but was ignorant of its Creator,
was partaker of Your providences, but knew not the Provider,
was blind while enjoying the sunlight,
was deaf to all things spiritual, with voices all around me,
understood many things, but had no knowledge of Your ways,
saw the world, but did not see Jesus only.

O happy day, when in Your love's sovereignty, You looked on me, and called me by grace.
Then did the dead heart begin to beat, the darkened eye glimmer with light,
the dull ear catch Your echo, and I turned to You and found You,
a God ready to hear, willing to save.

I saw Your Son dying that I might live, and in that death I found my all.

My soul sings at the remembrance of that peace;
The gospel trumpet brought a sound unknown
to me before that reached my heart—and I lived—
never to lose my hold on Christ or his hold on me.
Grant that I may always weep to the praise of mercy found,
and tell to others as long as I live, that You are a sin-pardoning God,
taking up the blasphemer and the ungodly,
and washing them from their deepest stain. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

from **Isaiah 54:10**

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

from **Matthew 1:20-23**

LEADER: 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. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

PEOPLE: **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).**

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

CONTINUED

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)**

WE OBSERVE THE SACRAMENT OF COVENANT BAPTISM

Noah Ash Willis

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.



Children in the Kids Equip Choir (and volunteers) are dismissed now to next door.

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD (SERMON)

from **I John 4:7-12**

REV. CRAIG BAILEY

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

CHOIR REMINDER: Christmas Choir will practice briefly TODAY at the piano directly after the worship service.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Equip Hour and Children's Worship (for preschoolers during the sermon) will resume Sunday, January 11, 2026. Our nurseries for toddlers and babies will continue as usual this Sunday and throughout the holiday season.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY: Need a place for a Christmas Day meal? Reach out to Gray Morgan to be connected with a Redeemer family happy to host you!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Join us on Wednesday, December 24 at 5 pm for our special Christmas event with plenty of singing and candlelight for the whole family!

"AFTER-CHRISTMAS" CHRISTMAS PARTY & TALENT SHOW: Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 5 pm. Check the Blast for all the details—talent show entries, decorating help, dessert competition, and more!—about the best party of the (new) year!

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP: Thursdays at 6:30 pm | Luke Champion at 843-973-2483

COMMUNITY GROUPS: Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays

YOUTH GROUP: Sundays @ 5:30 pm | John De La Cruz at 843-834-1884

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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