



## WELCOME TO THE REDEEMER COMMUNITY

Look around you this morning, and you'll see others who, like you, are here because they have found they're in need of more than our world or our culture can offer. So welcome, whether you are a first or second-time guest, you've found us online this year, attended our gatherings regularly, or you've long called Redeemer your people. We hope you'll witness God among us this morning through our time of singing and praying, studying scripture and receiving communion, or just through all these fellow ragamuffins who came, too.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to enjoy Christ, love His friends, and engage our world. We do this by applying the Gospel of Jesus to our everyday lives and spurring our family, neighbors, & community on to love and good works. We are focused on carrying out this mission locally & globally. You can check out who we're partnering with on pg 7. For more info on how to get involved, email [Leya@redeemercommunity.com](mailto:Leya@redeemercommunity.com)!

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

We are committed to keeping those who call Redeemer their church home connected to one another; what's more, we are working hard to scale this ministry in order to help meet each other's need for community. To learn more about becoming one of our community group leaders, contact [Bill@redeemercommunity.com](mailto:Bill@redeemercommunity.com).

## PARTNERSHIP

The Redeemer Partnership is made up of those of us choosing to say, "I belong here & I want to serve here." If you are interested in becoming a Redeemer Partner, email [Bill@redeemercommunity.com](mailto:Bill@redeemercommunity.com).

## PARENT'S CORNER

We have clean, inviting, and safe spaces for your kids on the 3rd floor during the 10AM Worship Gatherings. For more info, contact our Family Life Pastor, Jeff Smythe at [jsmythe@redeemercommunity.com](mailto:jsmythe@redeemercommunity.com)!

### Toddlers - Preschool (up to 4 years old)

*"For unto us a child is born, to us a child is given." Isaiah 9:6*

### 1st - 6th Grades

*"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." John 3:16, NIV*

- Whose plan did the angel share about in our story today?
- Why did Mary sing a song to God?
- How was Jesus a part of God's plan?
- How can we remember to celebrate God's plan, even when things don't always go our way?
- What could you say to God when you don't understand why things are the way they are?

## NEED-TO-KNOW

- 1) We'd LOVE to have your child join us either before the main worship service begins or during the break before the sermon!
- 2) Check-in for all ages 0-12 can be found just up the stairs on the 3rd floor.
- 3) Private nursing stations for mothers are located on the 2nd floor in the corner room adjacent to the worship service (to the left of the main entry stairwell).

## WE ARE JESUS RULED, ELDER LED, STAFF SERVED, & PEOPLE DRIVEN

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## ELDER TEAM

Jeff Martin, Jim Bolton, Jim Fickley (emeritus), & JT Thomas

## OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

**Agape:** [agapewomensservices.com](http://agapewomensservices.com)

**Cru:** [blueridgecru.com](http://blueridgecru.com)

**Fundaniños:** [fundaninos.wixsite.com/fundaninos](http://fundaninos.wixsite.com/fundaninos)

**LXI:** [movelxi.com](http://movelxi.com)

**Melting Pot:** [munsey.org/melting-pot](http://munsey.org/melting-pot)

**Rise Up:** [riseupforkids.com](http://riseupforkids.com)

**Salvation Army:** [salvationarmykytn.org](http://salvationarmykytn.org)

**YoungLife:** [uppereasttennessee.younglife.org](http://uppereasttennessee.younglife.org)

## COUNSELING RESOURCES

If we can help you or someone in your life find needed counseling resources, please contact Jim Fickley at [jim@redeemercommunity.com](mailto:jim@redeemercommunity.com).

## GIVING REPORT

Avg Weekly Financial Need	\$21,561
Last Week's Giving	\$30,930
December Financial Need	\$93,431
December Month-to-Date Giving	\$21,180
YTD Need (Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> - Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> )	\$467,157
YTD Giving (Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> - Dec 6 <sup>th</sup> )	\$392,119

## CONNECT CARD

December 12, 2021

I'm beginning a relationship with Jesus! Please contact me

Redeemer's my home church! Put me on a team!

Setup & Tear-down  Sound & Tech Team

Redeemer Kids  Prayer Team

Hospitality Team  Communion & Coffee

I'm interested in joining a community group.

I would like to talk to leadership about: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Children (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:  First Time Guest  Returning Guest  Regular Attender  Redeemer Partner



Sermon: JOY!

Scripture: Luke 1:26-33 | Speaking: Jeff Martin

Series of horizontal lines for notes.

CALENDAR

Please keep an eye on our website, Facebook, & Instagram, as well as your email inbox, for updates on church events.

- DEC 12 5 PM Family Dinner 6:30PM- Youth @ Downtown Christian Church
DEC 14 "Contemplating Christ" Gathering- 7PM
DEC 14 & 15 "Ring The Bell "For Salvation Army @ South Roan Food City
DEC 19 Guatemala Mission Trip registration ends
DEC 24 Christmas Eve Service @ 5 PM
DEC 26 Family Service- ALL Kids on 2nd Floor



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Join us on Friday, December 24th, for our candlelight Christmas Eve service (5-6pm)! Come early, grab a candle and a good seat, and start Christmas Eve off by remembering the sweetness, the mystery, and the power of Christ Incarnate. We will provide quiet activity bags for children, but no childcare will be offered. Snuggle up and celebrate the season together as a family!

SHINE FAMILY ADOPTION

Stacey & Jeremy Shine are partners here at Redeemer and they are being led to adopt. If you know the Shines, you know how they make strangers friends & friends family. As their church family, we want to pray with them and to help them financially reach their goal of \$50,000.

Go to: gofundme.com/f/shine-adoption OR email Stacey at sctedford@gmail.com with any questions!

YOUTH

Last Youth Group for the year: 12/12 @ 6:30PM-8PM at Downtown Christian Church. Bring a white elephant gift (under \$10)!

PARENTS OF CHILDREN

REMINDER: if your child is participating in the special performance next Sunday- remember to dress him/her in white attire!

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

We'll be going to Guatemala March 12th-18th, 2022! Our primary focus will be working with Cada Ninos. Cost is \$1500 and the trip will be limited to 12 people (\$500 deposit reserves your spot). Email Jeff Martin at jeff@redeemercommunity.com to register or to learn more. Registration closes on December 19th. You'll need your passport and a COVID vaccine to travel. There is scholarship money available & it can be applied for through Redeemer.

CONTEMPLATING CHRIST

Take some time to slow down this holiday season to purposefully engage with Christ through Advent. Time will be given for individual contemplation of Scripture, artwork, and music and for optional group sharing. Join us on Tuesday Dec 14th from 7:00-8:30PM at Summit Leadership (3104 Hanover Dr.). Please register here: https://bit.ly/redeemeradvent2021. Email Jodi@redeemercommunity.com with any questions.

POST-CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE

Our 10AM service on Sunday, December 26th is going to look and feel a little different! Among the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, we're going to gather as a family and community for just about an hour. We'll enjoy a hot beverage, sing a couple of carols, and then listen to a short message. There will be no childcare (even for the little littles), but we'll provide a couple of special activities to help keep them occupied. More FUN details to come!

NEW HERE?

Welcome! We're so happy you have joined us today. Have a question? Like to learn more? Let us know on your CONNECT CARD (pg. 7) or email us at contact@redeemercommunity.com!

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

Your offerings make a direct impact on our ability to serve our community. Every gift you give is appreciated & used. You can place your financial gifts, Connect Cards, & Prayer Needs in the boxes by the resource tables or you can support Redeemer's ministry efforts in either of these ways:

- 1) Text "RCCJC" to (833) 360-6468 via PushPay (You'll receive a one-time reply with a link) (CLICK HERE to give online).
2) Snail mail us: 300 E. Main Street, Suite 303 Johnson City, TN 37601



## JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

### (REJOICE, REJOICE)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee  
God of glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee  
Opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

**Rejoice, Rejoice**  
**our God is here with us**  
**Emmanuel,**  
**our God is still with us**

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## 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

**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  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above  
Glory to God  
Glory in the highest

Ye Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

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## ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back 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

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King

*Glory to God*  
*Glory to God*  
*Glory to God in the Highest*

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## GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest ye merry gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas Day

God rest ye merry gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray

*O tidings of comfort and joy*  
*Comfort and joy*  
*O tidings of comfort and joy*

From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name

Fear not then said the angel  
Let nothing you afright  
This day is born a Saviour  
Of a pure Virgin bright  
To free all those who trust in Him  
From Satan's power and might

Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
O tidings of comfort and joy

Now to the Lord sing praises  
All you within this place  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All others doth deface

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## HALLELUJAH CHRIST IS BORN

In a tiny town in the dark of night  
From a run-down stable came a baby's cry  
He was wrapped in rags and His parents  
were poor  
But the baby in the manger was Christ the  
Lord

Ragged shepherds were watching  
Their sheep that night  
When the angel chorus filled the sky with  
light  
Good news great joy to this broken land  
For the baby in the manger is Christ the  
Lamb

**Hallelujah Christ is born**  
**Hallelujah the Savior of the world**  
**This is the One we've waited for**  
**Hallelujah hallelujah Christ is born**

See the wise men journey from those  
countries far  
Over deserts and mountains followin' that  
star  
And they gave Him their gifts  
And bowed on their knees  
For the baby in the manger was Christ the  
King

Come and bow in wonder and prepare Him  
room  
Come and sing with joy over God's good  
news  
Go tell it on the mountain and in countries  
far  
That the baby in the manger  
Is the King of our hearts

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## HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

**Here I am to worship**  
**Here I am to bow down**  
**Here I am to say that You're my God**  
**Altogether lovely, altogether worthy**  
**Altogether wonderful to me**

King of all days, O so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the Earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

*I'll never know how much it cost*  
*To see my sin up on that cross*  
*I'll never know how much it cost*  
*To see my sin up on that cross*

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## REMAIN

Defender of this heart  
You loved me from the start  
You never change

Through the highs and lows  
As seasons come and go  
You never fail

Day after day  
Your love will remain  
Faithful and true  
You are good

**You are God with us, You're victorious**  
**You are strong and mighty to save**  
**For Your Word stands true**  
**There is none like You**  
**And when all else fades You remain**

When troubles come my way  
You guide and You sustain  
Lead me, I pray

Forever You will be  
The great eternal King  
Now and always

Day after day  
Your love will remain  
Faithful and true  
You are good, You are good

*'Cause day after day You never change*  
*Day after day You are the same*  
*Day after day You remain*

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