

# from humbug to hallelujah!

December 8, 2024 ~ 10:15am

## **REDEEMER BY THE SEA ~ "A PLACE TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN"**

We are honored to recognize our niche in God's Kingdom work. Here we will faithfully worship and teach in alignment with God's Word and we're a small enough fellowship where you can know and be known by most of the people around you if that's your desire. Here you will be missed if you're gone and prayed for when you have needs. You are welcome to contact the office ([kay@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:kay@redeemerbythesea.org)) or Pastor D directly ([dhilken@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:dhilken@redeemerbythesea.org)).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS: [www.RedeemerbytheSea.org](http://www.RedeemerbytheSea.org)**

<b>Dec. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>LWM Christmas Party</b>
<b>Dec. 14<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Holy Hackers</b>
<b>Dec. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:45am</b>	<b>Voter's Meeting</b>
<b>Dec. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Women's Friday Fellowship</b>
<b>Dec. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services</b>	
	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Contemporary</b>
	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Traditional</b>



## OPENING SONG

**“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH.

The First candle, last week, the prophecy candle, and we reflected on the prophecies of Isaiah and Zechariah and John the Baptizer about the mission of the Messiah.

The second candle on our Advent wreath points to JOY.

### **Luke 1:39–55 (ESV)**

**<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” <sup>46</sup> And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;**

**<sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.**

**<sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.**

**<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”**

The unborn John the Baptist leaped for joy in Elizabeth’s womb being in the presence of God in the womb of Mary.

Elizabeth rejoiced. And following His birth, the shepherds and later the wise men, were overflowing with JOY.

So today, we're talking JOY all over the place.

The JOY for us of God becoming human to enter our existence and make the way for us to be forgiven and adopted into God's family.

## **SONG**

**"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"**

## **BAPTISM OF BLAKE WINSTON MILLER**

## **MEET AND GREET**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE / DISMISS TO KIDZONE**

## **A READING FROM ISAIAH 9:1-4 (ESV).**

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

- <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.
- <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
- <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**A READING FROM 1 PETER 1:8-9 (ESV).**

<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**MESSAGE**

**“Rekindling Christmas Joy”**

*Pastor D. R. Hilken*

**PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG**

**“Jesus Messiah”**

# WORSHIP | GROW | SERVE

**OFFERINGS:** Visitors: please consider yourselves our guests and do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. In faithful obedience and joyful response to God's grace in our lives, we humbly and gratefully bring our tithes (a regular first portion percentage of our income) and offerings (gifts over and above our tithes for other kingdom work). You may deposit your envelope, check, or cash in the box next to the exit; give online with your phone using the QR code, or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All of these options are also available on our **website: [www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/](http://www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/)**



**ANGEL TREE IN THE LOBBY:** Thank you Redeemer! All 150 children from Camp Pendleton will receive a gift card at their party this week! Your generosity will make a difference in their lives!

**LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The theme is "A Long Time Ago and A Little Retro" on **Tues. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer that serves 6-8 to share. Christmas cheer will be provided – including singing carols and a gift exchange (\$20 limit). Invite a friend. Email BJ – **[bjclahr@cox.net](mailto:bjclahr@cox.net)** to RSVP or with any questions.

**HOLY HACKERS:** The next golf outing will be on **Sat. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**. We play best ball so all levels of golfers are welcome to join. To play, contact Rhonda – **[rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org)**.

**POINSETTIAS FOR OUR SANCTUARY:** Help decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. The cost is \$11.00 each and can be purchased under donate on our website. If you would prefer to pay by check, please sign up online, click pay later, and then drop your check into the offering box. Your poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas. Thank you!

**VOTER'S MEETING - SUN DEC. 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:45am.** Elections for Treasurer and Evangelism Chair. (Fellowship and Education Chairs are also still vacant.) If you are interested in more information about serving in these roles, please email Kim Glassman: – **[president@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:president@redeemerbythesea.org)** or Dan Bitner: – **[vicepresident@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:vicepresident@redeemerbythesea.org)**. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall and stay informed.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY** will be on **Fri. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**. Women start your weekend out right with Happy Hour and Bible Study with friends from RBTS. Hors'D provided, BYOB. Please RSVP online:

**[www.redeemerbythesea.org/announcements](http://www.redeemerbythesea.org/announcements)** and the host's address will be emailed with your confirmation. Hope to see you there!

This week's flowers have been donated by Suzanne Hughes  
to the glory of God!



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES  
DECEMBER 24  
3:00PM CONTEMPORARY  
5:00PM TRADITIONAL



# Rekindling Christmas Joy

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“a time for finding yourself a year older and not an hour richer”

Happiness vs Joy

Joy after \_\_\_\_\_

Forgetting how to be joyful or \_\_\_\_\_

You, like Fanny, can make a difference

Mr. Fezziwig's Christmas Eve

Luke 2:8-14 — Joy to the \_\_\_\_\_, because

Fear not  
good news

for \_\_\_\_\_ people

the Savior is born  
prophecies fulfilled

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

No small matter — “the power to render us happy or unhappy”

**What can I do?**

Make a list (again) and check it twice — the \_\_\_\_\_ list