

from humbug to hallelujah!

December 8, 2024 ~ 8:30am

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) or Pastor D directly (dhilken@redeemerbythesea.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

Dec. 10th	6:00pm	LWM Christmas Party
Dec. 14th		Holy Hackers
Dec. 15th	9:45am	Voter's Meeting
Dec. 20th	5:00pm	Women's Friday Fellowship

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
3:00pm Contemporary
5:00pm Traditional

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)

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” ⁴⁶ And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ 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.



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(a few moments of silence for specific confession and personal reflection)

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

All: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

FIRST READING

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.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 190



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:8-9 (ESV)

⁸ 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, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

LSB 803



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.

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MESSAGE

"Rekindling Christmas Joy"

D.R. Hilken

MARY'S SONG

"My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord"

LSB 934



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it
 2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -
 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -
 maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like
 those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.
 light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.
 tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy *(concluding each petition)*.

People: hear our prayer.

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

All: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Good Christian Men Rejoice”

- 1. Good Christian men, rejoice With heart and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before Him bow; And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**
- 2. Good Christian men, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened the heavenly door, And man is blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**
- 3. Good Christian men, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE **“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”** arr. by Kristina Langlois

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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 at right or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All these options are on our website:



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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. 10th 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 to RSVP or with any questions.

HOLY HACKERS: The next golf outing will be on **Sat. Dec. 14th**. We play best ball so all levels of golfers are welcome to join. To play, contact Rhonda – 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. 15TH 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** or Dan Bitner: – **vicepresident@redeemerbythesea.org**. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall and stay informed.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY will be on **Fri. Dec. 20th 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** 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