

ORDER OF WORSHIP June 14, 2024 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m. Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Theme: Christmas in July

As We Gather

Christmas in July (or as some people call it, Half Christmas) has become such a cultural staple each year that you may not have even thought about who first dreamed up such a cheery, potentially cheesy, midsummer celebration. Well, as it turns out, per Country Living's reporting, it started right in the South. (No, it wasn't marketers!) We can't say we're surprised though. Christmas in July started 91 years ago on July 24th and 25th in 1933 at a girls' camp called Keystone Camp in Brevard, North Carolina.

Prayer Before Worship

Keep us in the wisdom which you revealed to the Wise Men. Grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may always seek you and your kingdom. Enable us to follow your Holy Word, as those from the East followed the leading of a star. Give us grace at all times and in all places to confess your Holy Name. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

(Sponsored by Cathy Hansen in memory of Patricia, an angel who touched many lives in a life too short. Finally free from pain and suffering and is home with the Lord.)

Opening Hymn

Joy to the World

- 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make His blessings flow, far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

Order of Service

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: A broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-3

(God Creates)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Epistle Reading

Romans 1:1-5

(Jesus is a descendant of David)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God — the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Anthem

(9:00) Special Music

Jill Bloom, flute; Kelly Bloom, vocalist

(10:30) O Come, All You Unfaithful Kauflin/Clow, arr. Galbraith

Redeemer Praise

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-18

(The word made flesh)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ") Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one

and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith

The 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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake 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.

Sermon Hymn 94

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;

With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

- 2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as Man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel! Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
- Hail, the heav'nly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
 Mild He leaves His throne on high, born that man no more may die;

Born to raise the sons of earth; Born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Sermon Text: John 1:1-18

"The Word Made Flesh" Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Gathering of Offerings

At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today. There are two simple ways to do this:

- 1. Scan the QR code on the front page of the announcements and fill out the online attendance form.
- 2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.

This is also an opportune time for personal prayer and meditation. For help, see the prayers beginning on page 102 of the red hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

Doxology Tune: hymn 15

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below; Hallelujah, hallelujah,

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,

Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Prayer of the Church

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 and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn 102

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

(favorite hymn of Kristen Rolf)

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, triumphantly sing;

Come, see in the manger our Savior and King!

To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

2. True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies;

To be born of a virgin He doth not despise.

To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

3. Hark, hark, to the angels all singing in heaven,

"To God in the highest all glory be given!"

To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist

Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by the Becker family in loving memory of Rudolf B. Becker's July 17th birthday. Sanctuary Lectern flowers were placed by Michelle and Peter Fredericks in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary. Chapel Altar flowers were placed by Bill Bartlam in memory of his late wife Nancy Smith Bartlam's birthday July 15.

Altar Guild

Beth Greenwalt, Karen Pridmore, Theresa Schulz, Stacie Millichamp, Marilyn Staargaard, Colleen Tafel, Laurie Krentz, Joanne Greenwalt

Audio and Video Operators

9:00 - Greg Merryman 10:30 - Bruce Helmke and David Kiehle

<u>Ushers</u>

9:00 - Jim Grove, captain; Jim Endress, Peter Pridmore, Cindy Grove, David Hamada, Ryan Jones 10:30 - Karl Bushuiakovish, captain; Greg Bloom, John Mills, Scott Kamm, Ben Kamm, Eric Stein, Brian May

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Visit us at: www.redeemerbirmingham.org for more detailed information Mission: Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.



Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Phone: (248) 644-4010 / E-Mail: office@redeemerbirmingham.org

Announcements for the week of July 14, 2024

Welcome to Redeemer! No matter your past or present...Your current family or marital status...Your past or current religious affiliation...Your personal history, age, background, or ethnicity...You are invited, accepted, and most welcomed here. May all who walk through our door know that God loves them. We are pleased to have you worship with us. We pray you will return and share God's Word with us again. For information on membership, contact Laura Vowell at (248) 644-4010 x121.

Worship/Communion Schedule Sunday

8am - Chapel - Communion 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday 9:00/*10:30am - Sanctuary - Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

*10:30am livestreamed service

Go to www.redeemerbirmingham.com and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

Monday

7:00pm - Chapel

Communion after 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

Out of respect, please do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary or Chapel (i.e. coffee, water bottles, etc.). Also, please turn cell phones off or to silent. Thank you for your cooperation.

~Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors

Redeemer Nursery: Infants and children are always welcome in church, but if you choose, our nursery is available during 9:00 and 10:30am Sunday worship services for children 3 and under. You are welcome to bring your child to the nursery at any time during the service.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Scan this QR code and fill out the online attendance form.

COMMUNION NEWS: If you would like communion to be brought to you, **please let an usher know before the service begins** and they will be sure that you are accommodated.

The West Narthex door will be locked on Sundays to enhance building security. To enter the church on Sundays please use: the main Narthex doors, the West Town Square doors, or the doors by the Chapel.



REDEEMER SUMMER KAMP!

Kamp 2024 dates are Sunday 7/28 – Saturday 8/3. Registration is open to all! To register and to find more information, please visit the Kamp section of the church website! All questions can be directed to the Kamp Director, Tim Springer Jr. (redeemerkamp@gmail.com, 248-930-2215). To view videos of past years' fun go to our website and click on ministries - Redeemer Summer Kamp - Kamp photos & videos.

Monday Night Fellowship: now through August 26th

Fellowship will include light dinner, dessert and refreshments. Starts at 6:30pm outside the Chapel and runs until worship starts at 7:00pm.

Sponsored by Kitty Sweitzer and Women's Ministry.

The Original (almost) J.L. Hudson Maurice Salad, Muffin and crusty bread, Strawberry Shortcake on scone with whipped cream and lemonade!

CPR TRAINING AT REDEEMER

We are offering a CPR Training session **Sunday August 11th at 12pm** in the Redeemer Gym for anyone in the congregation that is interested. This is a 90-minute non-certification training. Redeemer is covering the cost of the training, with an option for a free will offering if you choose. We need a minimum of 20-30 individuals to hold a session. Please note that this will be the final opportunity to participate this year. Sign up sheets are posted on the Town Square bulletin board. Please contact Chris Lagoe with any questions 248-515-5873 clagoe1221@icloud.com

TEASER AND TRIVIA FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY

Stan Kelley was a familiar face around Redeemer – volunteering and helping out with the facilities. Back in 1973, he reported a problem with pigeons roosting around the West Entrance. A month or so later, he reported that the pigeons had relocated themselves to the Methodist church down the street!

Did Stan "help" them along?

Learn so much more about our Worship Ministry and Staff in July of 2025!

Four New AED's Around Building

One is located in the Narthex, another in the Staff Hallway near the elevator, a third in the hallway right outside of the Great Room, and the fourth in the basement right outside the elevator.

PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP!

Be a Reader! BE A GREETER! HOST A COFFEE HOUR!

Be an acolyte or Cross Bearer! Sponsor Altar Flowers!

*THREE ways to sign up!

- 1 Sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board
- 2 On the front page of the church website (click the "ways to serve" box
- 3 Call the church office

Feed the Homeless!

Redeemer partners with Family of God (FOG), a Lutheran Church in southwest Detroit, that provides meals to those in need 6 days a week! YOU can help provide these meals in MANY different ways:

- meal plan
 shop
- prepare a hot meal deliver/serve a meal
- prepare frozen meals
 make bagged lunches
- Onate funds to be used to purchase supplies for the meals

Signup to help online or on the Town Square bulletin board. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemerbirmingham.org).

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study Pop-Ups! Join us on Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 for a little walk in the Word. Pop-Ups are designed to bring a Bible lesson that stands on its own and leaves us filled. We will have snacks/dessert and fellowship along with our study and invite you and your friends to give study a try if you haven't already. We will meet in the Great Room at Redeemer. The Town Square bulletin board has a place for you to sign-up and that would help me prepare for all of you. Bring a friend....lessons will be mighty, meaty but meant Kitty for all. Questions? Call at 248 644-4010 or misskitty@redeemerbirmingham.org!

Special Music Needed for Summer Services

Whether you sing or play an instrument, if you would be willing to use your vocal or instrumental talent to provide special music for the 9:00am service on a Sunday in the summer, please let Steve SeGraves know. (ssegraves@redeemerbirmingham.org). Summer Music is needed all the way through Labor Day weekend.

Women's Garden Walk!

Julie Dawson is a well-known artist, author and gardener right here in Birmingham. In summer she opens her home and grounds to a small group of people at a time and we would like to be in that small group of people who are treated to her hospitality. She has **Wednesday**, **July 17th** reserved just for us and is looking forward to hosting our small group. We can sign 15 individuals up for this tour. Sign-up is on the Town Square bulletin board and you will need to make your reservation now! There is no charge and the tour is approximately 3 hours. Lock in this event and join Kaki Mammel and Kitty in the garden.

Women's Book Group

Join the Women's Book Group on **Tuesday**, **July 23 at 7:00** for a robust discussion on Shelby VanPelt's book Remarkably Bright Creatures! What does a misanthropic octopus have in common with Tova, a widowed aquarium employee? Not much, until a friendship develops following a daring tank rescue, and Marcellus McSquiddles happily uses all eight of his tentacles, his three hearts, plus his sharp brain, to solve the soul-scarring mystery of Tova's son Erik's disappearance thirty years ago.

Mystery Prelude: You can have Rick Helderop play the Prelude spot at all the Sunday Services for that day (8am, 9am and 10:30am). Sign up for one of the available Sundays on the front page of the website or scan this QR code to be taken directly to



the form. It is \$10 and ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR MISSION FUND! Thank you for participating!

For those who are grieving:

 Prayers for the family and friends of Karen Gause, who was called to her heavenly home on July 5th.

For those with health concerns:

- Patricia Hunsinger
- David Struck who is hospitalized

- Sharon Tylenda's father
- Michael, friend of Andrea Calvaneso
- Dave, nephew of Kathy and Tom Eley
- Dale, family member of the Mammel family
- Linda and Sue Sack
- Heather, Bob Smiths daughter-in-law
- Betsy Ukrop
- Greg, friend of the Baetz family.
- Betty, friends of Tom and Kathy Eley
- John Wargelin
- Myrna Orava
- Beth Hamada
- Ron Ging

For those in Hospice Care:

Etta Unruh

Special Petitions:

- † For all those who are serving in the military, police & fire-fighters.
- † President Biden and all world leaders, to be receptive to Godly counsel.
- † For all those suffering from health concerns and for their caregivers devoting themselves to helping everyone who is sick.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

+ For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Anyone in need of long-term prayers (more than 3 weeks) will be included in our daily prayer chain email distribution and rotated on our Sunday prayer list once a month.

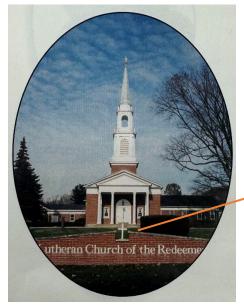
Blood Drive - Thursday, August 8 - 8:30am - 1:00pm Redeemer's Gym



Our Sanctuary has a hearing loop to assist those with hearing loss. Users should set their hearing aids to T-coil. Please see an usher if you have questions or for additional information.

Donation Information: If you would like to donate, you can scan this QR Code using your phone's camera, or you can use one of the offering envelopes found in the pew. If you choose to give online, we have cards in the pew for you to place in the offering basket indicating you have donated online. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

DID YOU KNOW? The white cross from our original sign, has found a new home. Thank You Fred for cleaning the area between Redeemer and Mills Pharmacy and find a place to display the cross. When you drive by the Chapel, take a look!





Men's Golf and Barbecue

Guys of all ages – mark your calendar for **Wednesday**, **August 14th** for our 23rd annual Men's BBQ at Beverly Park Pavilion (Beverly Rd. west of Southfield). The BBQ begins at 6:00 p.m. and there is also an optional 9-hole scramble golf event at Lincoln Hills beginning at 3:00 p.m. Contact "Golf Commissioner" Walt Sweitzer (248-797-2755) to sign up for golf or with questions. Sign up by August 11th on the Town Square bulletin board for the

BBQ or the BBQ and golf, or contact Gary Priskorn (248-561-2641 or gpriskorn@redeemerbirmingham.org). There is no charge for the BBQ – a freewill donation will be received. Join us for a great time of fellowship!

A Day at the Hollis' Cottage

Thursday, August 15 - 2:00-6:00 p.m.

The Hollis family has again invited adults of all ages to join them on Thursday, August 15th at their cottage on North Lake in Dexter Twp. for fun, food and fellowship from 2:00 – 6:00p.m. Guests are asked to bring beverages and a dish to pass to serve 10 (appetizers, salad, vegetables, dessert). Dinner (sloppy joes) will be at 5:00 p.m. Carpooling is encouraged! Sign-up sheet (by August 12th) and maps are on the Town Square bulletin board. Questions? contact Gary Priskorn (248-644-4010 ext.123)

Scamper's Camp

Children who are 2 years old by January 1st, 2024 - 5 years old. (After attending kindergarten, they are too old to come back.)

Sign up has started via our online form found on our website.

Contact Nicole Olds with questions.

NEW STUDY SERIES: Join us for *Unoffendable*, a 6-week video Bible study that began on June 24, based on the book by Brant Hansen. Brant discusses how letting go of our "right" to be offended is one of the most simplifying, refreshing, stress-relieving, life-giving things we can do. We can release the burden of righteous anger and experience the joy of gratitude. Please email Anna Lewis at agl4575@yahoo.com or text 248-224-0383 to sign up. Childcare is provided. **First session is Monday, June 24 from 9:15-10:45 in the Great Room.**

Walk for Life - Saturday, August 3rd at the Detroit Zoo!

Help us encourage moms & dad to choose LIFE for their preborn babies!

Visit www.WalkForLifeDetroit.com

for more information!

Sponsored by Care Net Pregnancy Center

Summer RYG (High School) & JAMS (Middle School)

Wednesdays from 6-8pm

Middle Schoolers (JAMS) & High Schoolers (RYG) are hanging out on Wednesdays from 6-8pm ALL SUMMER LONG at NO COST! Everyone meets outside on the playground for a pizza dinner. Afterward, JAMS will go in the Gym to play games and RYG will go to the Youth Room for Bible Study! Parents, you can drop your high schooler and middle schooler off at the same time so that they can have Christian fellowship and some time to grow in their faith! Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.

**NO MEETING on Wednesday 7/3 or Wednesday 7-31!

ALL FRIENDS WELCOME!

Cedar Point - August 7

Students going into grades 6-12 are invited for a day of fun on the roller coasters of Cedar Point on **Wednesday**, **August 7th!** The cost is \$50 and includes admission, travel to & from park, breakfast, and a water bottle for the day. Grab a permission slip from outside Gia/Eric's Office, Laura's Office, or download one from the church website. Forms & money are due on Sunday 7/21 – LIMITED QUANITIY OF SPOTS! Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Rev. Ronald Farah

Romans - meets all year long - No Bible Class July 21 or 28

Sundays, after 9am service (Scheidt Room)

Children's Sunday School - Nicole Olds

Sundays, 10:30am (lower-level classrooms)

NEW Bible Study - Anna Lewis

Unoffendable - 6-week video Bible Study Mondays, 9:15-10:45am *Starts June 24

Adult Bible Study - Pastor Jimmy

*On break for the summer until September

Women's Bible Study - Kitty Sweitzer

Pop-Up Bible Study 6:30pm (Great Room)

Tuesdays: June 18th, July 16 and August 13

Men's Bible Study - Gary Priskorn

Acts *Zoom available

Wednesdays, 6:45-7:30am - all year long (Great Room)

Core Group (RYG - High School) - Gia Scheidt

Wednesdays, 6-8pm (Youth Room)

Young Adult Bible Study - Michael Banerian

First Thursday of every Month - 6:30pm (Michael's house)

For more information on a particular study, contact the names indicated or call the church office at 248-644-4010.





September 7, 2024 @ The WestWynd

Proceeds will benefit the 8th grade trip to Washington DC

www.ourshepherd.net/golf

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