



REDEEMER CHURCH

———— BANGALORE ————

Sunday, November 30, 2025

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome to Redeemer

Welcome to Redeemer Church! We are so glad you can be with us here today. We are thrilled to see God build this local church body for the furthering of His Kingdom in the neighbourhoods of North Bangalore and beyond. We know visiting a church can lead to a lot of questions and we'd love to help you find answers. Our website, redeemberbangalore.com, has details about our beliefs, vision and values. Check it out for more information about Redeemer Church, and chat with one of the elders if you have more questions.

About Our Worship Service

Our liturgy (i.e., worship service) follows the logic of the gospel and the historic pattern of God's covenant people. The main movements are as follows:

- Calling* - God takes the initiative, moves toward us with grace, and invites us to worship him.
- Cleansing* - God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children.
- Communion* - God nurtures us through his Word and invites us to His table to partake of his grace.
- Commission* - God blesses us and sends us out into His world as His ambassadors.

We realise that the flow and content of the service may be unfamiliar, so we've included a few notes under each element that offer some explanation. Feel free to participate actively or to just listen and observe.

Please feel free to take this worship guide with you to use for personal worship and devotional time throughout the week.

Welcome & Announcements

Reflection

Take a moment to pause and prepare your hearts for the service.

“Of all the seasons of the year, Advent most closely mirrors the daily lives of Christians and of the church, asks the most important ethical questions, presents the most accurate picture of the human condition, and above all, orients us to the future of the God who will come again.”

—Fleming Rutledge

“The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come.”

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“The good news of Advent is not that we are faithful to wait. But that Christ was faithful to come.”

—Amy Kate Gannet

Please silence your phone before our worship service begins. Thank you.

Song of Preparation

The music team helps the congregation prepare their hearts to meet and be met by God, their Creator and Redeemer.

Oh Come, All You Unfaithful

O come, all you unfaithful
Come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone
O come, barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying, come
See what your God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you*

O come, bitter and broken
Come, with fears unspoken
Come taste of His perfect love
O come, guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run
See what your God has done

He's the Lamb who was given
Slain for our pardon
His promise is peace
For those who believe

So come, though you have nothing
Come, He is the offering
Come, see what your God has done

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship - from Isaiah 40:1-5

God invites and calls us to worship Him; we respond to His invitation.

Minister: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Minister: Our King and Savior now draws near.

Together: Come, let us adore Him. Alleluia!

Songs of Adoration

We sing praises to God and proclaim through song the good news of who God is and what He has done in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

The God we Love

We believe in one God, the Father
The Almighty, the Maker of all
The One who rules the seen and unseen
We believe, and we adore
Jesus Christ, one Lord of creation
From the Father, begotten not made
He is the Light from Light eternal
And the God of every age

*All glory to the Father now
All honour to the Son
And praise the Spirit, now and always
This is the God we love*

For this world and for our salvation
He came down from the heavens above
Born of a virgin and the Spirit
Truly man and truly God
He was crucified under Pilate,
Suffered death and was laid in the grave
And in accordance with the scriptures
On the third He rose again

And He has made His ascent
Into the heavens above
Where He sits at the Father's right hand now
But He will come back again
And He will judge in truth

The Holy Spirit has come,
Voice of the prophets of God
Sent to us, he has given us new life
Forgiven, now and baptised
One holy church, we rise
We rise

Now we wait to be resurrected
And we look for the world without end
This is our creed, our faith, our anthem
This is the God we love
This is the God we love

Prayer of Adoration

This is a prayer of praise and adoration for who God is. It focuses on the glory and honor of our great and mighty God, but also asks God to help us worship Him.

Holy Forever

A thousand generations
Falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
All who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

*And the angels cry, Holy
All creation cries, Holy
You are lifted high, Holy
Holy forever*

If you've been forgiven
And if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom
And if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

*Hear your people sing, Holy
To the King of Kings, Holy
You will always be, Holy
Holy forever*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

Public Confession of Sin

Please be seated. We humbly confess our sin, expressing our unity even in our brokenness and collective need for God's grace.

Together: While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever, we sadly confess having done so little with so much. Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee, for not reading the Book, for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins. Deal with us according to your tender mercies, O God! Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of your presence, and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

We take several moments of silence to meet with God individually, confess our sin, and seek His forgiveness and grace.

Assurance of Forgiveness - from Romans 8: 1; 2 Corinthians 5:17

The words of assurance are declarations of God's forgiveness and redemption, spoken with joy.

Minister: Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

Together: Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith - from the Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 35 and 36

We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.

Minister: What does it mean that He "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary?"

People: That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to Himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that He might become David's true descendent, like his brothers in every way except for sin.

Minister: How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

People: He is our mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness He removes from God's sight my sin—mine since I was conceived. Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance & Offering

Please stand. As a worshipful response to the grace given to us in Jesus Christ and in obedience to the commands in Scripture, we take an offering during the worship service. This is primarily for members and regular attendees. If you are a guest today, please feel no obligation to give.

All My Boast is in Jesus

What wonder of wonders, what love is this
That Christ would die for me
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness
This sinner's only plea
O foolish pride, be crucified
The work is finished

*All my boast is in Jesus
All my hope is His love
And I will glory forever
In what the cross has done*

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled
With graces undeserved
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill
Let praises now return
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord
Who else is worthy?

O praise the One forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ, my Lord

I boast not in riches, in strength, or might
But in the grace of God
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ
In plenty or in want
That I may know, that all may see
His pow'r within me

Now I stand in this freedom
Ransomed, clean in His sight
Oh, and I cannot be ashamed for
My boast is Jesus Christ
My boast is Jesus Christ
Forever my boast is Jesus Christ

Prayer for the City

Please be seated. The pastoral prayer is a prayer offered by an elder during the service of worship for, and on behalf of, the congregation. At times, a Prayer for the City will be offered by members, seeking God's mercy and blessing for our city.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

The Reading of God's Word

God speaks to us by His Word.

Matthew 1:1-3

¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram,

Genesis 38

¹ It happened at that time that Judah went down from his brothers and turned aside to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. ² There Judah saw the daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua. He took her and went in to her, ³ and she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Er. ⁴ She conceived again and bore a son, and she called his name Onan. ⁵ Yet again she bore a son, and she called his name Shelah. Judah was in Chezib when she bore him.

⁶ And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. ⁷ But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord put him to death. ⁸ Then Judah said to Onan, "Go in to your brother's wife and perform the duty of a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother."

⁹ But Onan knew that the offspring would not be his. So whenever he went in to his brother's wife he would waste the semen on the ground, so as not to give offspring to his brother. ¹⁰ And what he did was wicked in the sight of the Lord, and he put him to death also. ¹¹ Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, till Shelah my son grows up" — for he feared that he would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went and remained in her father's house.

¹² In the course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died. When Judah was comforted, he went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. ¹³ And when Tamar was told, "Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep," ¹⁴ she took off her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, wrapping herself up, and sat at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah was grown

up, and she had not been given to him in marriage.¹⁵ When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face.¹⁶ He turned to her at the roadside and said, “Come, let me come in to you,” for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, “What will you give me, that you may come in to me?”¹⁷ He answered, “I will send you a young goat from the flock.” And she said, “If you give me a pledge, until you send it—”¹⁸ He said, “What pledge shall I give you?” She replied, “Your signet and your cord and your staff that is in your hand.” So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him.¹⁹ Then she arose and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood.

²⁰ When Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite to take back the pledge from the woman’s hand, he did not find her.²¹ And he asked the men of the place, “Where is the cult prostitute who was at Enaim at the roadside?” And they said, “No cult prostitute has been here.”²² So he returned to Judah and said, “I have not found her. Also, the men of the place said, ‘No cult prostitute has been here.’”²³ And Judah replied, “Let her keep the things as her own, or we shall be laughed at. You see, I sent this young goat, and you did not find her.”

²⁴ About three months later Judah was told, “Tamar your daughter-in-law has been immoral. Moreover, she is pregnant by immorality.” And Judah said, “Bring her out, and let her be burned.”²⁵ As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, “By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant.” And she said, “Please identify whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff.”²⁶ Then Judah identified them and said, “She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not know her again.

²⁷ When the time of her labor came, there were twins in her womb.²⁸ And when she was in labor, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, “This one came out first.”²⁹ But as he drew back his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, “What a breach you have made for yourself!” Therefore his name was called Perez.

³⁰ Afterward his brother came out with the scarlet thread on his hand, and his name was called Zerah.

Sermon - Grace Breaks Through The Mess!

A sermon is not just teaching for living; it is mainly a time when God encounters His people through His Word.

1. Judah's Corruption
2. Tamar's Courage
3. God's Commitment

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

God invites His people to forsake their sins and feast with Him at His table.

Song of Communion

His Mercy is More

What love could remember
No wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea
Without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many
His mercy is more

What patience would wait
As we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender
Is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest
The vilest, the poor
Our sins, they are many
His mercy is more

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
We could never afford
Our sins, they are many
His mercy is more

Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins, they are many
His mercy is more

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

Song of Departure

Please stand. The Song of Departure is our joyful response to God's Word, sending us out to live as faithful witnesses of Christ in the world.

Bless The Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103)

My God is slow to anger
When I go astray
Bless the Lord, O my soul
For all of my betrayals,
He will not repay
Bless the Lord, O my soul

Through mercy and compassion
His great love is proved
He covers my transgressions
Like the snow
As far as east from west
Are all my sins removed
Bless the Lord, O my soul

He saved me from the pit
When I had lost all hope
Bless the Lord, O my soul
From endless springs of kindness
All His blessings flow
Bless the Lord, O my soul

Our days will fade like flowers
And are quickly spent
And like the wind
Our years will come and go
Everlasting favour is His covenant
Bless the Lord, O my soul

Merciful and gracious
Is my God to me
Bless the Lord, O my soul
I will tell His goodness through eternity
Bless the Lord, O my soul

And bless the Lord, you angels,
All you heav'nly hosts
And every living creature here below
Oh praise the Father, praise the Son,
And Holy Ghost
Bless the Lord, O my soul

Benediction - from 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

A benediction is a pronouncement of God's blessing. We don't bow our heads; instead, we lift them up and even hold out our palms to receive God's blessing as we are sent out to participate in His mission to North Bangalore and beyond.

Minister: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Together: Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Connect Card

We'd love to connect with you and learn how we can best serve you. If you're visiting for the first time or haven't yet plugged in, please take a connect card from the Welcome Table. You can drop it in the offering bag later in the service or hand it to one of our Welcome Team volunteers.

Sermon Series: The Mothers of Christmas — An Advent Series

This Advent season, join us as we journey through the remarkable story of God's redemption for the world told through the women in the genealogy of Jesus. Each week, we will reflect on the daring of grace revealed in the lives of five mothers whose stories lead us to the birth of Christ.

30 November | Tamar
7 December | Rahab
14 December | Ruth
21 December | Bathsheba
24 December | Mary

Together, the stories of these women illustrate the reversal of sin's curse that is to be brought about through Jesus and His achievements. Join us and bring a friend to ponder the wondrous mystery of the incarnation of our Lord.

Volunteers for Namma Srishti | December 13

The "art-repreneurs" of Redeemer Church invite you to return to Namma Srishti for a Christmas market! The event will be held on Saturday, 13 December, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Redeemer. At present, we are in need of volunteers to help in various ways throughout the day. Please contact Becky at +91 96869 66457 to sign up to volunteer and support this community event.



Online Giving: please include "For Redeemer" in remarks

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Christmas Carol Mercy Outreach | 15 December

With Christmas upon us, the ladies of Redeemer have an exciting opportunity to share the joy of Christ as we celebrate his birth with the residents of Liza's Home in Kothanur on 15 December from 5-6 p.m. Liza's Home is a residential care facility for women with intellectual and physical disabilities. Let's bring Christmas cheer and hope to their brokenness with carols and several engaging activities. To sign up and for any queries, please contact Nadine Poruthur, 9833999308.

Christmas Sips & Snacks | 20 December

Ladies, you're invited for our annual Christmas Sips & Snacks on Saturday, 20 December, at 10 a.m. at Roshni Josh's home. Join us for a festive time of fellowship, food, and fun! More details will be shared in the Redeemer Ladies WhatsApp group.

How do I connect at Redeemer?

Give Us Seven | To get to know us better, we ask that you "give us seven." Join us for seven Sundays over the course of a couple of months. In doing so, you'll come to learn who we are and what we believe, and experience the mission to which God has called us.

Join a Community Group | To grow in the Christian faith we must experience the gospel in the context of life with others. To that end, we encourage everyone to join a Community Group where we come together to eat, study, pray, and encourage each other throughout the week. To get plugged in, please contact Rakshith Prabhakar at 95352 89184.

Serve | God builds his kingdom through his people. Your gifts, talents, and resources are needed at Redeemer, not only to support what God is doing in our midst, but also to ensure that the good news of the gospel is taking shape throughout our community and neighbourhood.

Prayers During Communion

A prayer for those searching for truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

A prayer of belief:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin:

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.