

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 22, 2026 – 9:00am and 10:30am

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Theme: The Spirit of the Lord

As We Gather

The Spirit of the Lord does the following:

- Empowerment: In Judges, the Spirit "rushed upon" or "clothed" individuals like Samson, giving supernatural strength.
- Ministry and Prophecy: Jesus stated, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he anointed me to bring the good news to the poor." (*Luke 4:18*)
- Guidance and Transformation: The Spirit leads believers (*Romans 8:14*), provides gifts (*1 Corinthians 12:4*), and works within to produce the fruits of love, joy, and peace.
- Conviction: The Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. (*John 16:8*)

Prayer Before Worship

Father, as Your child in Jesus, I desire to be totally an instrument for Your Kingdom to manifest through my life. I desire to receive your Promise of the Holy Spirit to those who believe. Jesus, my Savior and King, baptize me in the Holy Spirit so that the power of Your resurrection will work in me and transform me according to Your will. Holy Spirit, empower me and fill me to overflowing. I hold nothing back from You. Work Your gifts in me and through me, all of me, so that the Father's Kingdom may be manifested in and through my life. I ask this in Jesus' mighty Name. Amen.

Lenten Observance

As part of our Lenten observance, we follow the old church custom of omitting the "Alleluias" from our worship, symbolizing our voluntary restraint of praise during the penitential season of Lent.

Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, *Organist*

Today's Mystery Prelude is dedicated to Mike Grattan and the rest of the Usher Team

AND to let them know that I will be missing next Sunday's ushering duties!

(Sponsored by Eric Rolf)

Opening Hymn

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended, Gaze upon the sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.
2. Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Tho' we see Thee wounded, bleeding, See Thy thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Thy sinless death hath bro't us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Thy grace hath taught us Calms the sinner's stormy breast.
3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for Thee!
May our eyes be ever turning To Thy cross of agony
Till in glory, parted never From the Blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified!

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

Ezekiel 37:1-6

(The Valley of Dry Bones)

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:1-11

(Life in the Spirit)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Verse

R: *Rend your heart and not your garments.*

C: **Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.**

(Joel 2:13)

Anthem

9:00am

Via Dolorosa – Sprague/Borop

Kate DeBoer, *Vocalist*

10:30am

Children of the Heavenly Father – Courtney Chancel Choir

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-11

(The Death of Lazarus)

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light." After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn 552

Abide with Me

1. Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see.
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me!
3. Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,
But as Thou dweltest with Thy disciples, Lord,
Familiar, condescending, patient, free.
Come not to sojourn, but abide with me!

Sermon

"Let's Put Meat on Those Bones!"

Rev. James H. Greenwalt

Text: John 11:1-11

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 pew hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

Voluntary

Affirmation – Eugene Butler
Redeemer Ringers

Doxology Hymn 441

We Give Thee But Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.
2. May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first fruits give!

Blessing of the Mission Team

Prayer of the Church

The 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 153

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted
(Favorite Hymn of David Pflieger)

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.
2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?
Friends thro' fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that Justice gave.
3. Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the WORD, the LORD'S ANOINTED, Son of Man and Son of God.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, *Organist*



Sanctuary Altar Flowers are placed by Karen and Dan Rose, and given to the glory of God in memory of our faithful mothers, Elfie Rose and Alberta Schmidt. *Chapel Altar Flowers* are placed The Burstein Family in honor of Blake's birthday.

Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos, Jennifer Dobring, Robin Swift,
Erin Springer, Carole Citron, Polly Millichamp, Richelle Pedersen,
Liz Pedersen, Sandy Springer, Crissy Bienkowski

Acolyte and Crossbearer

9:00am - Brady and Meara SeGraves
10:30am - Simren Kelkar and Sawyer Kiriluk

Audio and Video Operators

9:00am - Greg Merryman
10:30am - Bruce Helmke and Mike Lapinski

Greeters

9:00am - Confirmation Families
The Friedrich Family – Corey, Alyssa, John, Cameron, and Avery
10:30am - Confirmation Families
The Lee Family – Ronda and Jesse
The Kelkar Family – Prashant, Marci, Kavin, Simren, Anika, Priya, Sachin
The Zuliana Family – Giancarlo, Karen, Luca, and Enzo

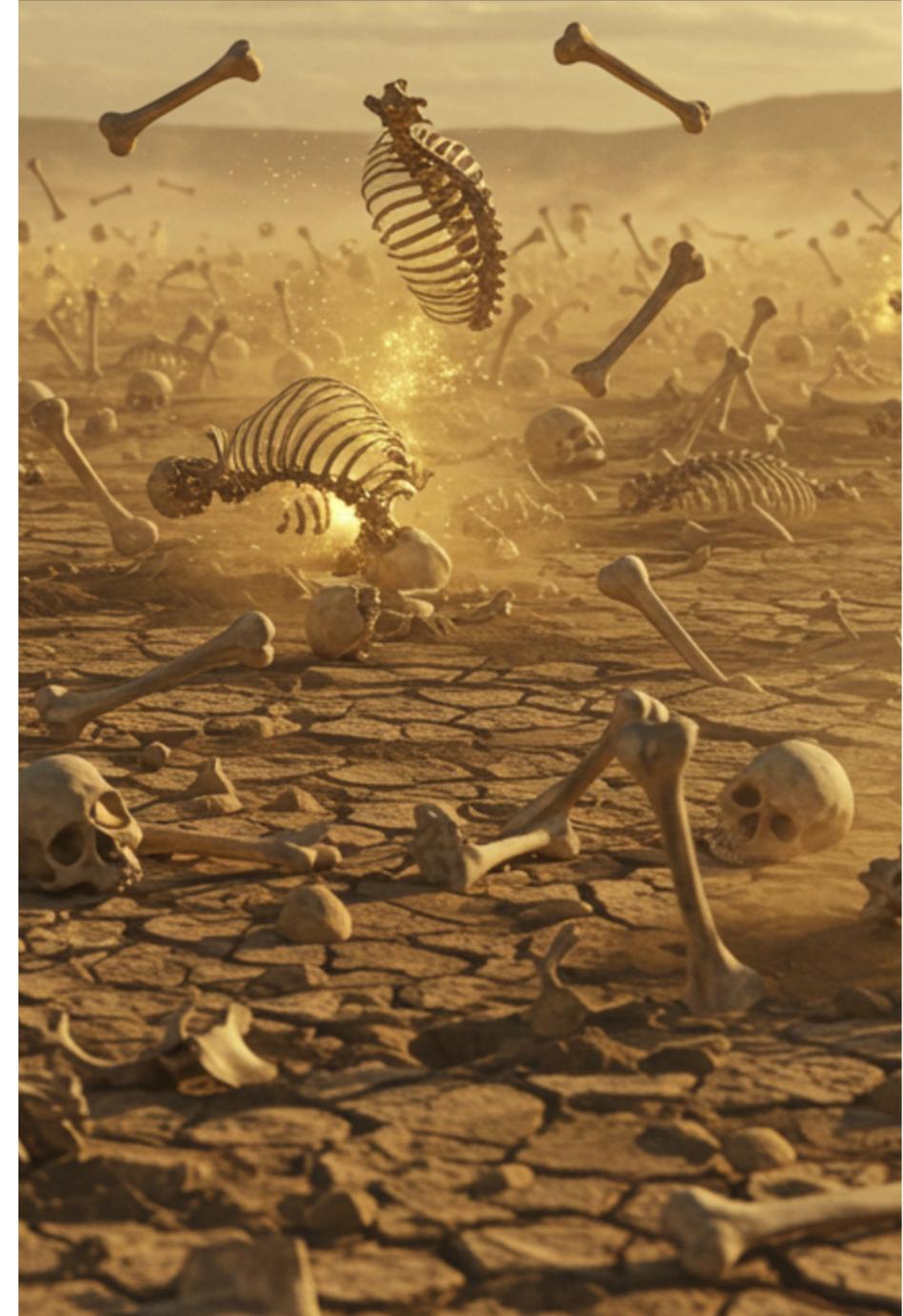
Readers

9:00am - Loren Appold
10:30am - Kaki Mammel

Ushers

9:00am - Jim Grove, *Captain*; Jim Endress, Cindy Grove,
David Hamada, Ryan Jones, Peter Pridmore, Eric Stein
10:30am - Redeemer High School Youth

**PUT SOME MEAT
ON THOSE BONES!**



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Visit us at www.redeemberbirmingham.org for more detailed information.



SCAN FOR WEBSITE

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
(248) 644-4010 /office@redeemberbirmingham.org



MISSION:

Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.

March 22, 2026

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE!

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS ARE DUE TOMORROW - MONDAY, MARCH 23RD! SEE INSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ORDERING DETAILS!



BLESSINGS TO OUR MISSION TEAM!



Our Youth Mission Team leaves for Belize next Saturday! They will be working in Trial Farm, Belize where they'll distribute food, make home visits, and put on a VBS for the kids! They'll also spend a day snorkeling on Island Caye Caulker! Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers while traveling and sharing the love of Jesus!

JOIN US FOR LENTEN WORSHIP!

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AT CHURCH EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR LENTEN WORSHIP!

As we turn our hearts toward Jesus and the journey to the cross, we remember that God meets us with mercy at every step. May our worship inspire repentance, faith and deeper trust in God's unfailing love.

We have two opportunities for worship:

1:00pm in the Chapel and 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship before services, too!

12:00pm - Lunch in the Great Room / 6:00pm - Dinner in the Gym

LUNCH

Chicken Crunch Casserole
Salad - Rolls
Dessert

Sponsored and Prepared by
Robin Swift, Karen Pridmore, and Karen Rose

DINNER

IT'S GREEK TO ME!
Chicken Kabobs - Rice Pilaf - Salad
Spinach Pie Pinwheels
Roasted Peppers & Onions - Green Beans
Tzatziki Sauce - Pita Bread - Dessert

Sponsored by The Patriarchs
Prepared by Michele Margosian

REDEEMER'S NEW PRAYER GROUP!



We'd love to have you join Redeemer's new Prayer Group! Whether you are new to prayer or have prayed for many years, gathering together allows us to support one another, grow spiritually, and experience God's presence more deeply. We held our first meeting this past week, and we'd love to see you when we meet again on Friday, April 17th!

See inside announcements for more information!

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.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:00am - The Chapel of Mary
Communion - 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

9:00/*10:30am - Sanctuary
Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

*10:30am livestreamed service

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

MONDAY

7:00pm - The Chapel of Mary
Communion - Monday that falls after 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

REDEEMER NURSERY

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Scan the QR code & fill out the online attendance form.



A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP

ATTENTION PLEASE!

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 during worship. Thank you for your cooperation.

Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors



**What is a Mystery Prelude?
Scan the QR code to sign-up!**



COMMUNION



If you wish to receive communion in your pew during the church service, **kindly inform one of the ushers before the service starts**, and we will be sure to accommodate your request.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Tiffany Florist provides beautiful flowers to the church each week for worship, sponsored by our congregation members. Rates are as follows:

Sanctuary: \$75 - Chapel: \$55 - Lectern: \$35

You can find the sign-up charts on the Town Square bulletin board or sign-up online under the "WAYS TO SERVE" box on the church website.

**NOTE: Sanctuary and Lectern flowers can be taken home after 10:30am worship on Sunday, and Chapel flowers after Monday night worship. Arrangements that are not claimed by Wednesday of each week will be donated to a local nursing home.*

SERVE DURING WORSHIP

Scan the QR code to visit Redeemer's website. Click on "WAYS TO SERVE" to explore volunteering opportunities at church! You can also find sign-up details on the Town Square bulletin board.

- Be a Reader!
- Be a Greeter!
- Host a Coffee Hour!
- Be an Acolyte or Cross Bearer!
- Sponsor Altar Flowers!
- Family Ushering



HOST A COFFEE HOUR

Grab your family or friends and **HOST** a coffee hour in memory of your favorite loved one, or just **HOST** for FUN!

We have clear instructions and someone who can help you through the process!

Sign-up on the *Coffee Hour Sign-Up* under the *Ways to Serve* option on the church website or on the Town Square Bulletin board.



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!!!

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

CEF is a long-trusted ministry partner of churches and schools in the Michigan District since 1901 where individuals and congregations can invest their money.



Why Should I Invest at Church Extension Fund?

When an individual or congregation invests at CEF, they help to build churches and schools across Michigan. The invested money is used to make construction or renovation loans to churches, like the CEF loan Redeemer has, which made Sacred Space 2 possible. The interest paid on those loans helps pay the interest on your investments. Your investment at CEF will build a church, school, or other ministry. Your investment at CEF runs into eternity! It's a win-win for everyone!

For more information call Curtis Burstein, our Redeemer Representative, at 248-320-5100.

Updated Interest Rate sheets for March are available around the building.

ITTY BITTY BUDDY BAGS!

Welcome to Redeemer, LITTLE ONES! Learn about Jesus while you sit in church with Mommy and Daddy with your very own Itty-Bitty Buddy Bag for tiny tots! Packed with snuggly toys, books, and fun stuff, you can join in, watch, and play during the service! **Don't forget to return the bags to Nicole Olds' office after the fun.** And if you're in the mood for some playtime, we've got a nursery waiting for you with tons of toys!

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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:

- make bagged lunches,
- prepare frozen meals,
- deliver/serve a meal,
- and shop for items.



You can also donate funds to be used to purchase supplies for the meals with the FOG Sponsorship.

Sign-up to help on the church website under the "Ways to Serve" box or on the Town Square bulletin board.

NOTE: If you are signing up on our website, there is a separate sign up to help sponsor a meal (\$100) than there is to plan, shop, cook or, serve the meal.

FAMILY OF GOD



Redeemer cooks and serves at Family of God Soup Kitchen - join us in helping others!

Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to cook and serve!

COUNSELING

Redeemer offers Christian Counseling services here at Redeemer.

Call Dr. Sandy for more information.
Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D. - 248-568-6040



PATHWAYS: GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP



Pathways is back and resuming meetings this winter and spring! We will meet the third Tuesday of each month, January-May. Join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, April 21st at 1:00pm in the Town Square**. Come join us to learn skills and acquire loving comfort and support while adjusting to your life change and the new journey God has set before you. Bring a friend, all are welcome!

Any questions, feel free to call Dr. Sandy Pourcho (248-568-6040), Redeemer's Resident Counselor.

Camp Restore
Restoring Faith, Home and Community

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

JOIN CAMP RESTORE DETROIT ON THE THIRD (3RD) SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR A SERVICE DAY!

People of all ages are welcome - individuals, families, and groups - come alone or gather your loved ones!

Some things to know before you come...

- Volunteers will serve from 9:30am-3:00pm.
- Bring a sack lunch and a refillable water bottle.
- Dress for the work and the weather - some projects may be outside.

For more information or questions, contact Tanya Karn at tanya@camprestore.org or 313-636-4422 ext.1.



GLEN EDEN MEMORIAL PARK Redeemer Columbarium

If you would like more information on Redeemer's Columbarium, you will find brochures located around the building. You can also call Glen Eden directly at 248.477.4460.



FAMILY OF GOD TOILETRY DRIVE!

Redeemer is collecting toiletries to restock Family Of God's toiletry closet! Needed items include toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, feminine hygiene products, razors, and soap. Check out the information in the Town Square for the full list and a QR code for our Amazon list - purchase directly from the list and the items will be delivered right to Redeemer!

If dropping off donations, please place them on the designated table in the Town Square. Donations are due by Sunday, April 12th!

Questions? Contact Vance Johnson (vancepj@comcast.net), Colin Dobbs (27dobbsc@brrice.edu), or Laura Vowell.



JOIN US FOR PRAYER!

OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH. AFTER THAT, WE WILL MEET ON THE 1ST AND 3RD FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH FROM 12:00-1:00PM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY OR VIA ZOOM.

NOTE: There will be no meeting on Good Friday, April 3rd!

Whether you are new to prayer or have prayed for many years, gathering together allows us to support one another, grow spiritually, and experience God's presence more deeply. Prayer is a vital part of our relationship with God, bringing us peace in anxious times and strengthening our faith. Scripture reminds us that God works powerfully through prayer and invites us to bring everything to Him with confidence and trust (Hebrews 4:16; Philippians 4:6; James 5:16).

If you would like to join the prayer group, there is a sign-up sheet located on the Town Square bulletin board.

Need more information or have additional questions?

Please contact Cheryl Carr (cherylcarr1222@yahoo.com) or Sue Helderop (sue.helderop@gmail.com).

CURRENT BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Spring New Member Class - Laura Vowell
9:00-10:00am - Great Room - **Starting mid-April!**

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study - Kyle Chuhran
10:00am (after 9:00am worship) - Scheidt Room 2
Book of Hebrews

Children's Sunday School - Nicole Olds
During 10:30am Worship - Lower-Level Classrooms

Redeemer Youth Group (RYG - High School)
Gia Scheidt and Eric Wisniewski
7:00-9:00pm - Youth Room

MONDAYS

Moms in the Word - Crissy Bienkowski
9:15-10:45am - Library

TUESDAYS

Adult Bible Study - Pastor Jimmy
9:30am - Great Room (**Zoom Available**)
Apocrypha

Women's Bible Study - Kitty Sweitzer
6:30pm - Great Room (**4th Tuesday starts at 6:00pm**)

WEDNESDAYS

Men's Bible Study - Gary Priskorn
All-Year - 6:45-7:30am - Great Room (**Zoom Available**)
Book of Genesis

Positive Parenting (Childcare Available**)** - Victoria Ilitch
9:15-10:45am - Great Room

Confirmation Classes (6th, 7th, 8th Grade) - Laura Vowell
6:00-8:00pm - Various Rooms

Young Adults - Ryan Teahan
6:30-8:00pm - First Wednesday of Every Month

RYG Core Group (High School)
Gia Scheidt and Eric Wisniewski
7:00-9:00pm - Youth Room

The Patriarchs
Brandon Movitz (248-421-9226)
8:00-9:00pm - First/Third Wednesday - Great Room

THURSDAYS

Community Bible Study - Andrea Schlak
9:30-11:00am - Great Room - **Currently on break!**

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES!

In-home gatherings are people committed to growing together spiritually, caring for and ministering to one another, reaching others with the love of Jesus and, ultimately, sharing life victories and challenges. **Talk to Pastor Randy if you are interested in joining or starting a Small Group!**

young
adults

BIBLE STUDY: First Wednesday of Every Month

MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS

CHURCH LUNCHESES: Once a Month after Church

CONTACT RYAN TEAHAN (248-977-8015) TO
LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Men of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings from 6:45-7:30am in the Great Room or via Zoom. As we kick off another year together, we will continue to study the book of Genesis. In addition to our study and great fellowship among the guys, we enjoy some delicious goodies, juice, and coffee. Contact **Gary Priskorn** with any questions or for Zoom information. We hope you'll join us!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study will not be meeting this week - Tuesday, March 24th - but we hope to see you at the Seder Feast! Please plan to join us the following week on **Tuesday, March 31st** when we'll continue our series presented by Kristi McClelland and her topic "Jesus and Woman" during which we are learning so many historical and biblical details...just when you think you know! **Join us for prayer, laughter, learning, and fellowship - we'll see you in the Great Room at 6:30pm!**

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Come out for Pastor Jimmy's weekly Bible Study! Join us on **Tuesday morning, March 24th at 9:30am in the Great Room.** We will continue to study the Apocrypha - hope to see you there!

MOMS IN THE WORD STUDY

It's been wonderful coming together each week to study 2 Samuel where we've been diving into the life and kingship of David, and we'd love for you to join us! **We meet Monday mornings at 9:30am in the Library - join us tomorrow - March 23rd!**

NEW
UPDATE

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Thank you to everyone who attended Community Bible Study this winter! We had a great turnout and learned about some wonderful topics.

Save the date for a special Thursday morning Community Bible Study on April 16th from 9:30-11:00am in the Great Room!

By popular demand, we are welcoming back Rabbi Jerry to discuss the temple in the Old and New Testaments. Everyone is welcome to attend - we hope you'll join us! Questions? Please contact **Andrea Schlak** (schlakandrea@gmail.com).

If you'd like to take a journey and read the Bible, see the Lamp or the weekly announcements for a Bible reading plan. For more information on a particular study, contact the Church Office!

CURRENT BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

THE PATRIARCHS

We are a group of husbands, fathers of school-aged children, and soon-to-be dads with a goal of growing in our faith, building a strong community of Christian men, and discussing how we can better lead our families in faith with strength and humility. The shape of our group and topics discussed will naturally form over time based on what everyone brings to our meetings. Couldn't join us for our initial meeting? No problem - come when you can, drop-ins welcome.

Questions? Contact **Brandon Movitz** (248-421-9226).

We will be moving the start time of our meetings to **8:00pm** to not conflict with Lenten worship.

Join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday, April 1st** in the Great Room - see you then!



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS!

ORDERS DUE TOMORROW!

ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS!

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5TH, 2026



EASTER LILIES, HYDRANGEAS, AND BOSTON FERNS!

These gorgeous flowers will add beauty to our Sanctuary and be used to decorate the church on Easter Sunday.

You may either take them home following our 10:30am service or donate them to a local nursing home.

Order forms, with the option to pay online, are available on our website (click on the Lent/Holy Week box) or scan the QR code. The order form can also be found around the building or in the Church Office.

Please complete your order form and return it with payment no later than Monday, March 23rd.

No orders are 100% guaranteed - all orders are based on Greenhouse availability. The sooner you can order, the better chance to get your 1st choice.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP?

We're looking for volunteers to take donated flowers to local nursing homes immediately following the 10:30am Easter service! This is a great opportunity to spread God's love and bring a gorgeous surprise to those who need it. You truly feel the gift of giving firsthand!

If you're interested, please contact the Church Office!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

23 MON

9:15a Moms Day Out
9:15a Moms in the Word Bible Study
7p Worship
7:30p AI Anon
7:30p Love of Life

24 TUES

9:15a Moms Day Out
9:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study
6p Seder Feast
6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball
7:30p Women's Book Group

25 WED

6:45a Men's Bible Study
9:15a Moms Day Out
9:15a Positive Parenting
12p Lenten Lunch
1p Lenten Worship
6p Confirmation
6p RYG Core Group
6p Lenten Dinner
7p Lenten Worship
7p Lenten Kidz
7:30p Board of Elders Meeting
7:45p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

26 THURS

6:30a BNI Networking Group
9:15 Moms Day Out
6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball

27 FRI

9a Palm Cross Workshop
9:15a Moms Day Out

28 SAT

POSITIVE PARENTING!

Join us for Positive Parenting, Redeemer's weekly exploration of parenting ideas and strategies. Throughout the school year, we meet to further our spiritual growth, expand our understanding of parenting philosophies, and find strength in the community of other women. Childcare is provided for children ages 0-4 in the nursery. Every class session stands alone, so feel free to join us as you can!

Join us at our next meeting when we'll continue discussing "building a Christ-centered home" when we take a closer look at Sacred Seasons (big moments) and Daily Rhythms (small moments) to bring Jesus to the front of our hearts and lives! See you on Wednesday, March 25th at 9:15am in the Great Room!

Please contact **Victoria Ilitch** with any questions or for more information. We hope you'll join us - see you there!

JOIN US FOR LENTEN WORSHIP!

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Stories of Bible Victories

Lent 2026

Written in 1907 by Emma Robinson, these are accounts from the Old Testament looking at the people God used to bring about His Kingdom.

Lent Wednesdays:

1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary
Each Lent service is preceded by a meal:
Lunch 12:00pm; Dinner 6:00pm
(Confirmands 5:30pm)

Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday - *The Triumph of a Selfish Nature*

Feb 25 - *The Triumph of Godly Patience*

March 4 - *The Triumph of a Long Life*

March 11 - *The Triumph of Faith*

March 18 - *The Triumph Over the Giant*

March 25 - *The Triumph Over Pride*



April 2 - Maundy Thursday - *The Triumph of a Meal*

1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary
Holy Communion at Both Services

April 3 - Good Friday - *The Triumph of Suffering*
1:00pm and 7:00pm - Sanctuary

April 4 - Easter Eve - 5:00pm - Sanctuary

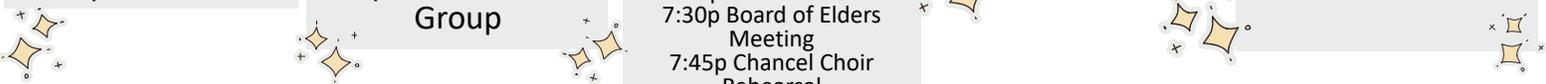
April 5 - Easter Sunday Services

The Triumphal Procession

7:30am with Holy Communion; 9:00am and 10:30am

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

CHICKS WITH STICKS



What a joy it is to join with one another in fun and fellowship, and to work on various projects to help support our surrounding community, and we'd love for you to join us! **Chicks with Sticks will not meet on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, but we hope you'll join us at our next meeting - Thursday, April 19th - we'll see you in the Library at 1:00pm!**

PALM CROSS WORKSHOP!



SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH!

Join us in making palm crosses to give to the congregation on Palm Sunday!

Gym - 9:00am-1:00pm - Lunch Served!

See you there!



WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Our featured book for the month of March is **"The Fisherman's Tomb: The True Story of the Vatican's Secret Search"** by John O'Neill. A Texas oilman. A brilliant female archaeologist. An unknown world located underneath the Vatican. In 1939, a team of workers beneath the Vatican unearthed an early Christian grave. This surprising discovery launched a secret quest that would last decades – a quest to discover the long-lost burial place of the Apostle Peter. From earliest times, Christian tradition held that Peter – a lowly fisherman from Galilee, whom Christ made leader of his Church – was executed in Rome by Emperor Nero and buried on Vatican Hill. But his tomb had been lost to history. Now, funded anonymously by a wealthy American, a small army of workers embarked on the dig of a lifetime. **"The Fisherman's Tomb"** is a story of the triumph of faith and genius against all odds. **See you on Tuesday, March 24th at 7:30pm!**

SEDER FEAST - SAVE THE DATE!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

SEDER FEAST WITH RABBI GLENN HARRIS, PASTOR RANDY, AND PASTOR JIMMY



TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 6:00PM

Thanks to all those who have signed-up for The Seder Dinner with Rabbi Glenn Harris - and special thanks to those of you who have offered to help! Kitty will be contacting helpers soon with a timeline and list of assignments.

It's sure to be a wonderful evening together, full of learning and fellowship - we can't wait to see you there!

BECOME A MEMBER OF REDEEMER!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW MEMBER OF REDEEMER... NOW YOU CAN! WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN THE REDEEMER FAMILY THROUGH OUR SPRING SESSION OF NEW MEMBER CLASSES!

Classes start on **Sunday, April 19th** and will run for 4-weeks on Sundays from 9:00-10:00am.

Once classes have completed, we will hold a yummy New Member Brunch on Sunday, May 17th! We hope you'll join us!

Contact Laura Vowell with questions or for more information.

There is childcare available for ages 0-3 during class in the nursery. If you need care for older children, just let Laura know, and she'll arrange it!



REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY NIGHT RYG!

Reminder for all members of the Mission Team - we will have our final meeting this evening at 4:00pm in the Great Room.

For everyone else - join us for a fun night of RYG in the Youth Room at 7:00pm!

Don't forget to join us this upcoming Wednesday night for our final Lenten gathering - we will eat dinner together at 5:30pm and attend Lenten church services!

MARCH SCHEDULE

- **March 22:** Mission Trip Commissioned - 9:00am and 10:30am Worship Services
- **March 22:** Mission Trip Meeting, 4:00pm - Great Room
- **March 22:** Youth Group, 7:00-9:00pm
- **March 29:** **No Meeting - Enjoy Spring Break!**

Wednesday Core Group - 6:00-8:00pm
In place of Core Group, we will eat dinner with the congregation at 5:30pm and attend Lenten church services together!

The high school mission team leaves for Belize next week and will be gone March 28- April 3 - please keep us in your prayers as we complete our final preparations!



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ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR LENTEN KIDZ!

Lenten Kidz continues through all of Lent. The kids join me for fun activities and a lesson while you are worshiping during our mid-week evening service.

If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Nicole Olds.

REGISTER FOR SCAMPER CAMP!

REGISTER TODAY FOR SCAMPER CAMP!

Kids ages 2 (by January 1st) thru 1st grade are welcome to sign-up for our summer program. Camps run Tuesday-Thursday for 7-weeks during the summer. We have a blast during our camp with playtime inside and out, a craft, story time, and we eat lunch together.

Questions? Contact Nicole Olds.
(nolds@redeemerbirmingham.org).



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026!

The excitement is building! The core committee for VBS started has began the rewarding process of planning this year's VBS program, running **June 15-19**, and we are excited to announce our theme: **Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God!**

VOLUNTEER AT VBS!

Who doesn't LOVE VBS?! We are looking for people of all ages to help with this incredible week of fun. We will need teachers, classroom helpers, craft leaders, kitchen sous-chefs, and more! Please consider volunteering!

Questions? Contact Nicole Olds.

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR VBS!

Registration is now open for all kids attending VBS or anyone looking to volunteer their time and talents! Use the QR Code or visit the church website to sign-up today - we can't wait to go on this adventure with you!



Blessings from the 2026 VBS
Team: Megan Rettray,
Crissy Bienkowski,
Emily Imhoff, and Nicole Olds



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Spring is right around the corner, and Redeemer has a variety of activities and events in the works! Save these dates on your calendars, and stay tuned for more information coming soon!

Friday, May 8th: On the Road with Pastor Jimmy
Vision Dinner with Fellowship of Christian Athletes
(Offsite)

Friday, May 15th: Square Dance
(Redeemer)

Tuesday, May 19th: Bocce Ball Tournament
(Offsite)

Wednesday, August 19th: Men's Golf and BBQ
(Lincoln Hills and Beverly Park Pavilion)

UPDATED TRAVEL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

40 GUESTS HAVE REGISTERED TO TRAVEL WITH US TO BEAUTIFUL LANCASTER & GETTYSBURG PENNSYLVANIA ON AUGUST 11-14, 2026!

This summer's tour will take us to the Landis Valley in Lancaster, PA, and we'll also visit the historic Gettysburg National Park with a guided battlefield tour. The trip will also be highlighted with the magnificent premier production of "JOSHUA" at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre.



There we will experience one of the Bible's most incredible stories live on stage! The story of "JOSHUA" will come alive with spectacular special effects and captivating music. Chosen by God, Joshua is called to face the mighty fortress and armies of Jericho! But those walls are wide and impenetrable. Despite the odds, Joshua had a "fortress of faith!" Joshua's obedience and his unwavering trust in God allowed him and His chosen people to prevail. Families, friends, and young and "young at heart" are welcome!

Additionally, as America celebrates its 250th Birthday, this tour will grant us the opportunity to reflect upon the blessed freedoms that we enjoy in our country that came with a heavy cost. There certainly will be moments of thanks and gratitude for all of God's grace and blessings upon this nation and her people.

AS MENTIONED, THIS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY HAS LIMITED AVAILABILITY AND IS ALMOST SOLD OUT! IF INTERESTED IN JOINING, CONTACT LESLIE WHITFIELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Details are posted on the Town Square bulletin board with sign-up sheet, and informational posters can be found around Redeemer. Itineraries are located at both the Chapel and West Entrances.

The bus has limited capacity (45) - registration and deposit are required to hold your spot!
Contact Leslie Whitfield (248-330-8685) with questions or for more information

ROAD TRIP!



PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those grieving the loss of loved ones.

For those with health concerns:

- Terry Roberts
- Robert Petrillo
- Kathy Lagoe
- Barbara, mother/mother-in-law of the Bilkie Family
- Marilyn Staargaard
- Lucas
- Bill, friend of Jill Bergstrom
- Pat Nehls
- Bill Vanderhoef
- Ron Ging
- Barb Morrell
- Michael
- Jacob
- Paula and Jim Douglas

For those in hospice care:

- Bokran Yoon, mother-in-law of Rudy Becker
- Jackie
- Lois

Special petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police, and firefighters.
- For President Trump 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.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP TEAM
MEETINGS

April 8
May 13

BOARD OF ELDERS
MEETINGS

March 25



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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS FROM "READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR"

March 22
Numbers 33:40-35:34
Luke 5:12-28
Psalm 65:1-13
Proverbs 11:23

March 23
Numbers 36:1-13
Deuteronomy 1:1-46
Luke 5:29-6:11
Psalm 66:1-20
Proverbs 11:24-26

March 24
Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29
Luke 6:12-38
Psalm 67:1-7
Proverbs 11:27

March 25
Deuteronomy 4:1-49
Luke 6:39-7:10
Psalm 68:1-18
Proverbs 11:28

March 26
Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25
Luke 7:11-35
Psalm 68:19-35
Proverbs 11:29-31

March 27
Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20
Luke 7:36-8:3
Psalm 69:1-18
Proverbs 12:1

March 28
Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22
Luke 8:4-21
Psalm 69:19-36
Proverbs 12:2-3

