



# Reflections

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## Holiday Worship



Wednesday, December 22  
Holden Evening Prayer

In-Person and Livestream  
7 p.m.



Friday, December 24  
Christmas Eve Worship

In-Person and Livestream  
7 p.m.

Saturday, December 25  
Christmas Day Worship

In-Person and Livestream  
10 a.m.

Sunday, December 26  
First Sunday of Christmas

In-Person and Livestream  
10 a.m.

Sunday, January 2  
First Sunday of Christmas

In-Person and Livestream  
10 a.m.

Zoom link for worship services:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw>

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### OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Pastor – Rev. David Shull

Office Manager – Becky Trover

Custodian – Marshall Edgington

Organist/Senior Choir Director -  
Kathy Rapp

Pianist/Chimes Choir Director -  
Karen Kent

*Reflections* Editor – Judith Bird

### 2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

President – Julie Johnson

Vice President – Wendy Stoica

Finance Officer – Margie Frazier

Secretary – Margie Farnham

Worship – Julie Larson

Education – Krista Skipper

Outreach – Sue Watson

Member Support – Elyce Herring

Property – Sue Yehling

Stewardship – Laura Warren

### APPOINTMENTS

#### MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

Margie Farnham      Marques Highland

Emlyn Ott              Krista Skipper

#### SPECIAL FUNDS TEAM

Dave Engel, Chair

Michelle Clemence      Nancy Magargal

Jim Riley                  Terry Warren

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent – Emily Ott

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## The Redeemer Community

### RLC's Current Worship Protocol: *Love Your Neighbor*

- \* Masks are required in worship and in other larger group settings.
- \* Both sides of the sanctuary are set up for social distancing.
- \* Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- \* During the passing of the peace, we suggest you wave or place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- \* Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the Sanctuary door.
- \* If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.
- \* **Please put cellphones on "airplane mode."**



### Updates for Christmas Eve Worship

It will be good to be together in-person on Christmas Eve for the first time in two years. Redeemer will have one 7 p.m. worship service of lessons, carols, communion and candlelight. The Church Council has decided to open up all the pews for this service so as many of you as wish can be in the sanctuary. There will be some seating available in the Narthex for people who are more comfortable there; however, the service will not be able to be viewed on the screen there so those in the Narthex will only be able to hear the service.

Redeemer continues to require masks and strongly encourages only those who are full vaccinated and those who for medical reasons or age cannot be vaccinated to attend in-person. The service will be livestreamed on Redeemer's YouTube channel for viewing in real time or later.

Church leadership notes, "It has been a deeply challenging and exhausting year for all of us. May we be refreshed by the stories and songs of this season, and by the gift of being together in all the ways we can."

### Final Mid-Week Advent Service Set for Dec. 22

The final of Redeemer's Mid-Week Advent services will be held this week on **Wednesday, December 22** at 7 p.m. Please join the congregation as they participate in the Holden Evening Prayer service which proclaims "Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world," and the congregation responds, "the light no darkness can overcome." It is the promise that moves us through this Advent season: Light.

### Contributions Sought for Beds for Afghan Refugees

As noted in the December 6 issue of *Reflections*, the Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS) is seeking monetary assistance to help meet the needs of approximately 350 Afghan refugees being settled here in Columbus.

Redeemer's Outreach Team invites members to help with the purchase of beds by making a contribution between now and **Sunday, January 9**, designating it for CRIS/Afghan refugees and placing it in the offering plate.



## Youth Present Christmas Pageant: 'Friendly Beasts'

The youth of Redeemer presented their 2021 Christmas Pageant **Sunday, December 19** during the worship hour. Entitled "The Friendly Beasts," they envision how the gifts of the animals could be updated to today's world. Here are many of the children who participated in the play.

## Congratulations to Duarte on Receiving Fellowship

**Richard Duarte Brown**, the artist who painted the murals on Redeemer's parking lot, was named the recipient of the 2022 Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson Fellowship from the Columbus Arts Council and the Columbus Museum of Art.

According to the *Columbus Dispatch*, the fellowship runs from January 3 to April 3 and includes a \$15,000 grant, community outreach activities and access to the in-home East Columbus studio of the late Aminah Robinson.

The award supports African American professional visual artists and honors Robinson.

According to one of the fellowship jurors, **Marshall Shorts**, Brown's work "embodies a deep resolve for community, art and storytelling ... Very much like Aminah, [he] demonstrates how visual culture can provide windows in the lives of real people," – something he certainly accomplished in Redeemer's murals!

## Offering Envelopes

The Stewardship Team has renewed the agreement to send out offering envelopes by mail every other month in 2022. If you currently receive the envelopes but don't plan to use them, please let the office know. Also let the office know if you don't receive the envelopes but would like to.

The team greatly appreciates the continuing faithfulness of members and friends in supporting Redeemer financially.

## Adult Ed on Hiatus until Jan. 9

The Adult Education Class is on hiatus until **Sunday, January 9**. Please send **Pastor Dave** any suggestions for topics for discussion in the upcoming year.

## Noisy Offering Goes to ELCA World Hunger

For now until Epiphany, the "Noisy Offering" – that is the offering of loose or "noisy" change made during communion – will go to ELCA World Hunger.

Working with and through ELCA congregations (in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands), Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, gifts to ELCA World Hunger enable the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, ELCA World Hunger meets basic needs and recognizes the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change is fostered. To learn more, go to [elca.org/hunger](http://elca.org/hunger).

## Tuesday Bible Study on Christmas Break, to Resume Jan. 4

The Tuesday Bible Study will be on hiatus for December 22 and December 29. It will resume its study of Jesus' parables on Tuesday, January 4.

## 2022 Flower Chart Available

Have an event to celebrate or remember? Somebody's birthday to recognize? The chart to sign up for flowers for Sunday services in 2022 is now on the bulletin board next to the library.

Flowers run \$20 and can be paid ahead of the date by using the envelopes that are also available on the bulletin board. The envelope provides additional space for spelling out the designation – information that is shared in *Reflections* and the Sunday bulletin.

For those not yet coming in to the church, just call **Office Manager Becky Trover** to sign up. Flowers can be taken home after the Sunday service or picked up later in the week.

## Important Emails

[Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

[Info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Info@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, healing prayer requests or for general information.

[MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

[FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for stewardship campaigns.

[Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

[Property@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Property@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

[SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

[Transportation@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Transportation@redeemerluth.com) – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

[Communications@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Communications@redeemerluth.com) – use to send church related announcements or pictures for sharing on Redeemer's social media sites. Another way is to tag Redeemer in the posts.

## Publishing Deadlines for *Reflections*, Sunday Bulletins

### For *Reflections*

- **PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO 5 P.M. ON SUNDAYS.**
- Send to [info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:info@RedeemerLuth.com) and put *Reflections* in subject line.
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs outside the church office.

### For Sunday Bulletins

The deadline for information to be published in Sunday bulletins is the **Wednesday morning** before. That information can be sent to the above email: just put "Bulletin" in the subject line.

## Prayers and Personals

Prayers for healing continue to be asked for **Pastor Al Debelak** who is dealing with an infection.

### **Pastor Shull Will Be on Vacation Dec. 26-Jan. 2**

**Pastor Dave Shull** will be on vacation from Sunday afternoon, December 26, through Sunday, January 2. **Pastor Emlyn Ott** is preaching and presiding on January 2. If you have a pastoral emergency between Sunday afternoon, December 26 and Wednesday, December 29, please contact **Pastor Brad Gee** from Epiphany Lutheran Church at 248-470-3185. Between Thursday, December 30 and Sunday, January 2, please contact **Pastor Julianne Smeck** from Hope Lutheran Church at 734-972-6126.

Happy New Year to you all!

## Updated Redeemer Directory Available

Redeemer's Directory of members has been updated. To receive an electronic copy or to have a hard copy mailed to you, please contact the church office at 614-237-1263 or via email to [info@redeemerluth.com](mailto:info@redeemerluth.com). Hard copies are available at the church and can be found under the bulletin board in the hallway off the Narthex.

### December Birthdays

21 Kolya Larson  
24-Julie Johnson 25-Doug Eakin  
26-Emily Kent 27-Sue Darst  
27-Paul Ritter 29-Tom Comstock  
31-John Kennedy 31-Emma Martin

### January Birthdays

1-Connie Criswell 2-Don Luck  
4-Kristen Ullman 5-Tamara Wawrosch  
9-Marques Highland 13-Michelle Skoog  
16-Melissa Vivens 18-Gary Pawlowski  
20-David Detweiler 20-Corinne Montgomery  
20-Tony Naess 20-Eric Vivens  
21-Elizabeth George 21-Shirley Miller  
22-Maureen Callahan 22-Shirley Cannon  
24-Marshall Edgington 24-Sophie Brush  
24-Kathy Rapp 24-Heath Wolfe  
25-Rosalie Highland 26-Jeff Montgomery  
28-Bebe McCoy

## The Wider Church

### Lutheran Disaster Relief Helping Victims of Tornadoes

On the night of December 10 and early morning of December 11, an outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states. So far, Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR) reports that 94 people are dead across five states, more than 80 of those in Kentucky. For those unaccounted for, search-and-rescue operations are underway. Homes and businesses were destroyed, and over 300,000 people were without electricity.

Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop an immediate and a long-term response plan. Your gifts to support these response efforts will empower our partners to meet survivors' immediate and long-term needs. Given the extent of the damage, recovery will take years as thousands of homes will need to be rebuilt or repaired. With your support, Lutheran Disaster Response can accompany survivors on the long road to recovery.

Gifts to "U.S. Tornadoes" will be used in full (100 percent) to help people impacted by the tornadoes until the response is complete. "The season of Advent is a time of hope as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. Right now, we have an opportunity to share hope with our neighbors in their time of greatest need. Please join me in prayer and consider giving if you are able."

To give, go to the LDR webpage at <https://tinyurl.com/y5vuwz2y>.



## ELCA Women Sponsor 'Blue' Christmas Service

The Women of the ELCA, looking to promote healing and wholeness in the church, society and the world, are sponsoring an online "Blue" Christmas service on **Tuesday, December 21** – the longest night of the year – for those experiencing grief, fear or loss this Christmas season. It begins at 8 p.m. EST.

To register for the Zoom service, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3dwxcv9u>.

## Seminary Sponsors 'Nelson Trout Lectures' Jan. 20-21

Trinity Seminary is sponsoring the 2022 Nelson Trout Lectures on **Thursday** and **Friday, January 20-21**. This year's theme is "Excavating and (Re)Forming Leadership from within the Community" with presentations by **Bishop Yehiel Curry** on both days. He will speak at 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, preach that evening at the 7 p.m. worship and speak again on Friday at 10 a.m.

There is no cost to attend the lectures or lunch. For more information and to register, go to [www.capital.edu/trout-lectures/](http://www.capital.edu/trout-lectures/).

# Getting Ready for Worship

## Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021

### Lessons

**Readings:** Isaiah 9:2-6; 11:1-4a; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:2-7; Luke 2:8-20

### Prayer of the Day

As once you came in the hush of darkness, O God, still our hearts now by the wonder of this night. Make us wise with the wisdom of a child, that truth might be born afresh in us. Let not our hearts be busy inns with no room, but doors opened wide to welcome a Holy Guest, who is Jesus Christ, alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Worship Leaders

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Dave Shull
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Connie Criswell
<b>Readers</b>	Danica Dennis, Jill Disbro, Auden and Ryland Neal, Sheryl Owens
<b>Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Crucifer</b>	Skye Andree
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Verger</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Usher</b>	Judith Bird
<b>Producer</b>	Scott Steiner, Tom Mimlitch

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## Christmas Day, December 25, 2021 Lessons

**Readings:** Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

### Prayer of the Day

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Sunday of Christmas, December 26, 2021 Lessons

**Readings:** Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 148; Luke 2:22-40

### Prayer of the Day

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of St Luke Lutheran Church, Gahanna.

+ For Redeemer community members Nancy, Scott and Andrea Steiner.

*Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns:* Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreiness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their niece and sister-in-law, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Barbara and David Hairston, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Karen Kent, Beatrice Watts Young, Arnell Comstock, Dottie Odrosky, Damon Stewart, Kathie Ehrich's sister Betty Weaver, Chad Eberle's mother, Pastor Al Debelak, Bruce Collins, Ashley Bird.

## Worship Leaders

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<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Karen Collins
<b>Reader</b>	Karen Collins
<b>Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Crucifer</b>	Skye Andree
<b>Cantor</b>	Scott Steiner
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Verger</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Usher</b>	Kathleen Zwanziger
<b>Producer</b>	Tom Mimplitch, Scott Steiner

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## Second Sunday of Christmas, January 2, 2022 Lessons

**Readings:** Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; John 1:[1-9], 10-18

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of St Luke Lutheran Church, Newark.
- + For Redeemer community members Damon Stewart and Dereck Stewart.

### Worship Leaders

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Emlyn Ott
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kay Ernsthausen
<b>Reader</b>	Judith Bird
<b>Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Crucifer</b>	Skye Andree
<b>Cantor</b>	Connie Criswell
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Verger</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Usher</b>	Jon Disbro
<b>Producer</b>	Scott Steiner, Michele Disbro

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### Sunday Faith Exploration Class

*Adult Education: on Christmas Vacation until Jan. 9, 2022*

### Upcoming Weeks at Redeemer December 21 – January 3, 2022

<b><u>Wednesday, December 22</u></b>	7 p.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; LIVESTREAM</b> Advent Service
<b><u>Friday, December 24</u></b>	7 p.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; LIVESTREAM</b> Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion
<b><u>Saturday, December 25</u></b>	10 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; LIVESTREAM</b> CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP with Holy Communion
<b><u>Sunday, December 26</u></b>	10 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; LIVESTREAM</b> Worship with Holy Communion
<b><u>Sunday, January 2</u></b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; LIVESTREAM</b> Worship with Holy Communion

**Redeemer's mission:** To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all  
**Redeemer's vision:** To foster understanding and healing in community