

Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Welcome! To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and seek comfort, to all who are lonely and need friendship, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer Church Murfreesboro opens wide its doors to you. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, you are welcome!

We Worship the Lord Together

Praise the LORD in Scripture

Revelation 21

Leader And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

Congregation **Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”**

Leader And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

Congregation **Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. Praise King Jesus!**

Praise the LORD in Song

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon the cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Pastoral Prayer

Praise the LORD for our Children

Children's Lesson

Praise the LORD in Giving

Offering

We Are Built Up Together

Scripture Reading & Sermon

Ephesians 1:15–23

Praise the LORD in Song

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! -who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Respond through Declaring our Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q.37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are, at their death, made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves until the resurrection.

Heb. 12:23; 2 Cor. 5:1, 6, 8; Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; 1 Thess. 4:14; Isa. 57:2; Job 19:26-27.

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Confession of Sin

Merciful Father, we confess before You that we have neglected and taken lightly Your Holy Word. Our hearts have grown dull and distracted, slow to listen, and reluctant to obey. We have preferred our own wisdom to Yours and allowed Your truth to become familiar rather than precious. By Your Spirit, soften our hearts, awaken our affections, and grant us a renewed hunger for Your Word, that we might treasure it, trust it, and live by it for Your glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness!" For all who are in Christ, you are forgiven and renewed in the grace of God!

Receive the LORD's Supper

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me

Before the Throne of God Above

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God

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Receive the Benediction

Announcements:

1. We will hold a brief informational meeting immediately following today's worship service. After the meeting, our church leaders will be available at the front to answer any questions you may have.
2. The funeral home has requested that no food or drinks be brought into the sanctuary, bottles of water being the exception. Thank you for helping us care for our borrowed space!
3. A new Bible Study group for ladies will be starting Thursdays, 1/15–3/5, 6:30 PM at the home of Kathy Brown. We will be studying material by Paige Brown. Please see Kathy for more details.
4. All regular attenders and those new to Redeemer are cordially invited to join Pastor Paul and other church leaders for lunch following the worship service on January 25. This gathering will provide an opportunity to learn more about the history, vision, and mission of Redeemer (RCM). Please RSVP via the Sign-Up Genius in the weekly email.



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Monthly Financial Update

*Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2025
as of December 21, 2025*

Anticipated Giving YTD	\$189,692.00
Actual Giving YTD	\$185,713.00
Difference YTD	(-\$3,980)

Operations—2025 Annual Budget \$195,327

Current Operations Reserve* \$55,378

*Reserve = funds over and above 2.5 months of
budgeted operating expenses

Defined Savings

Building Fund	\$81,151
Other Defined Savings	\$14,424



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