



*“To him who sits  
on the throne  
and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor  
and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!”*

*Revelation 5:13*

CRC exists to honor God  
by fostering a movement of Christ’s Kingdom  
through the proclamation and practice of the gospel  
that serves and transforms the Upper Valley  
and, through the Upper Valley, the world.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM  
HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL  
HANOVER, NH

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## TO OUR VISITORS...

Welcome to Christ Redeemer Church! We trust that your visit with us will be a rewarding one. We have found that the Gospel of Christ has the power to change all things, and it is our desire that you experience a taste of that today.

If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to use the Contact Form on the back of this bulletin or on our website at [www.christredeemerchurch.org/contact-card](http://www.christredeemerchurch.org/contact-card).

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## GENERAL WORSHIP SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS

**Restrooms** are located on the second floor to the right as you exit the auditorium, and on the first floor, near the back entrance.

**Find a seat** prior to the service. If possible, please sit in the middle of the center section or along the walls to leave space for those coming in after you.

**Phones** should be silenced at all times.

**Food** is not permitted in the auditorium per school policy.

**Elevator:** The elevator located by the back entrance.

**Assistive Hearing Devices** are on the Bible table at the back of the auditorium near the entrance. For assistance, please ask someone at the sound board.

**Nursing Mothers** are welcome to use the band room (253) during the service.

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## CHILDCARE PROGRAM

Childcare is available for infants through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Please check your child/ren in with the Childcare Supervisor when you arrive at the service. During check-in, the Childcare Supervisor will ask you to fill out a security sticker. Please keep the receipt portion of the sticker and give it to the teacher when you pick up your child after the service.

**Nursery** (infants & toddlers) is available for the whole service in room 154 (to the right at the bottom of the main flight of stairs).

**Preschool Church** (preschoolers, 3-5 year olds) and **Junior Church** (kindergarten & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) begins during the brief break prior to the sermon. Parents should drop children off in Preschool Church of in the hallway outside 154 and pick them up inside room 154 (just past the childcare check-in table); Junior Church is in room 268 (across the upstairs lobby and to the left as you exit the auditorium).

Your children are also welcome to remain in the worship service if you wish.

**Children's Bulletins** are available just outside the auditorium entrance (across from the elevator).

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

*No Sunday School 11/30-12/28. Classes will resume January 4<sup>th</sup>.*

*Meets from 9:00 on most Sundays during the school year.*

**Pre-K to Kindergarten** – hall outside 154 – Old Testament stories

**1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** – room 268 – Genesis, Exodus & Joshua

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – atrium near ramp – People of God of the Old Testament

**Middle School** – by cafeteria – Old Testament Survey

**High School** – hallway to cafeteria – Ephesians & Philippians

**Adult Sunday School** – room 253 – The Book of Acts (taught by Lindsay Whaley & Noah Crane)

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## WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH GIVING

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## GENERAL MINISTRIES & ONLINE RESOURCES

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*Third Sunday of Advent*  
*December 14, 2025 – Order of Worship*

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**TIME OF REFLECTION**

“And I’m not talking about the distant future, where super intelligence leads us to traveling the galaxies and overcoming death and All that. I mean the nearer term future...in a world where we keep accelerating towards better and better and more capable AI...I think AI is uncategorically the best hope for accelerating prosperity. It will touch everything.”

~Guillaume Verdon, better known for his X handle “Beff Jezos”, as heard on episode 8 “The Accelerationists” of the podcast *The Last Invention*, hosted by Gregory Warner.

“Turning and turning in the widening gyre  
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;  
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;  
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world...”

The best lack all conviction, while the worst  
Are full of passionate intensity...  
A vast image ...Troubles my sight:  
Somewhere in sands of the desert  
A shape with lion body and the head of a man,  
A gaze blank and pitiless as the sun,  
Is moving its slow thighs, while all about it  
Reel shadows of the indignant desert birds.  
The darkness drops again; but now I know  
That twenty centuries of stony sleep  
Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking cradle,  
And what rough beast, its hour come round at last,  
Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?”

~Written about the bleakness of the future by William Butler Yeats in 1919 in the aftermath of WWI, the height of the global flu pandemic of 1918-19 which nearly killed his pregnant wife, the wake of the Easter uprising in Ireland against the British crown, and the beginning (in his view) of the collapse of the civilization Europe had spent the last 1600 years building.

**MUSIC** – *Music Team led by Andy Engert*

**WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER** – *Susie Matter*

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## *Worship through Praise and Adoration*

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### **CALL TO WORSHIP** – *Luke 2:10-14 (ESV)*

**LEADER:** And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

**PEOPLE:** *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”*

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

#### **AWAY IN A MANGER**

(John Thomas McFarland, Martin Luther, William James Kirkpatrick)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head,  
The stars in the sky look'd down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me lord Jesus I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

## ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

(Traditional French carol & Traditional French melody)

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains.

And the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

Glo-----ria, in excelsis Deo. (Repeat)

Shepherds why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be,  
which inspire your heav'nly song?

Glo-----ria, in excelsis Deo. (Repeat)

Come, to Bethlehem, and see,  
Him whose birth the angels sing.

Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord the new born King.

Glo-----ria, in excelsis Deo. (Repeat)

PUBLIC DOMAIN

## WE THREE KINGS

(John H. Hopkins, Jr.)

### REFRAIN:

O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

(REFRAIN)

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring, to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

(REFRAIN)

Frankincense to offer have I,  
incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praising all folks raising,  
worship Him God most High.

(REFRAIN)

PUBLIC DOMAIN

## JOY TO THE WORLD

(Isaac Watts, 1719)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every 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.

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.

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.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

### ADVENT READING – *Children from Christmas Program*

#### O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

(Latin Hymn, trans. John M. Neale. Music by Thomas Helmore)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by Thine advent here;  
O drive away the shades of night  
and pierce the clouds and bring us light.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

### SHARING TIME & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER – *Joel Eshbaugh*

**BRIEF BREAK** – *If you have children, infants through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, who are attending childcare, please escort them to their class at this time. Nursery is in room 154. For this week only, Preschool and Junior Church are combined in room 268. See page 2 for details.*

#### DOXOLOGY

(Thomas Ken & Genevan Psalter, 1551; attr. Louis Bourgeois)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

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**SERMON** – “We Believe in Christ Our Savior: Reflections on Bethlehem” – *Alasdair Groves*

**SERMON PASSAGE** – *selected passages (NIV) – Eric Bish*

*Exodus 16*

<sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.”

*Deuteronomy 8*

<sup>3</sup>He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

*Micah 5*

<sup>2</sup>“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

*Luke 2*

<sup>1</sup>In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup>(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And everyone went to their own town to register.

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup>He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup>and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

<sup>8</sup>And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

<sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those  
on whom his favor rests.”

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

<sup>16</sup>So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

*John 6*

<sup>35</sup>Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty...”

<sup>51</sup>“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”...

<sup>58</sup>“This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

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## Worship through the Sacrament

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### CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Nicene Creed* (AD 381)

LEADER: Christians, what do you believe?

CONGREGATION: *We 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<sup>★</sup> Son of God, begotten of the 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 Spirit 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 at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the HOLY SPIRIT, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one Holy Catholic<sup>★</sup> and Apostolic<sup>✧</sup> Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

<sup>★</sup> a technical term concerning the shared being of God the Father and God the Son

<sup>★</sup> universal

<sup>✧</sup> based on the teaching of Jesus's apostles

### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPENING BREAD AND CUP

Pull clear tab for communion wafer. Push down on silver foil tab until plastic tab cracks and then pull up for the juice. After communion, please place empty cup back in bag and pass it to the aisle to be collected during the last song.

#### MAY I RECEIVE COMMUNION TODAY?

At CRC we welcome all believers in Christ to receive Holy Communion with us provided that they are 1) forsaking their sin and self-righteousness, and 2) trusting in Jesus alone for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion today, please use this time to meditate on who Jesus is and what he has done for us, even using this as an opportunity to put your trust in him. If you feel that God is calling you to faith in his Son, perhaps the prayer below will be helpful to you as you seek him:

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Please guide me and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you, as I consider the reasons for doing so. Amen.*

If you would like to talk to someone about becoming a Christian, please let the pastor, one of the elders, or the friend who brought you know. You may also inquire by completing the contact form on the back of the bulletin and placing it in the offering box.

## HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

(Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves Christmas verses: Andy Engert)

### CHORUS:

How great is our God!  
Sing with me,  
How great is our God!  
And all will see how great,  
How great is our God!

The wonder of a babe  
Come to us to save  
Immanuel is He  
Immanuel is He  
Behold this mystery  
The One to set us free  
In a manger lay  
In a manger lay  
(CHORUS)

Our God has come to earth  
Completes in us new birth  
A baby, yet a King  
A baby, yet a King  
O come let us adore  
The Son for us made poor  
To take away our sin  
To take away our sin  
(CHORUS)

### BRIDGE:

Name above all names,  
Worthy of all praise,  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God!

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## BENEDICTION

**WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH GIVING** – *An offering box is located at the entrance to the auditorium. Gifts may also be made on the church website or mailed to the church office (PO Box 5523, Hanover, NH). See the bottom of page 11 for more information about CRC finances and giving.*

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

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**New to CRC?** We'd love to help you get connected! Fill out our Contact Form online at [www.christredeemerchurch.org/contact-card](http://www.christredeemerchurch.org/contact-card).

**Sunday Worship at the Hilton:** On Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> our 10:00 am worship service will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn (35 Labombard Road, Lebanon, NH). Please note: childcare will be limited to nursery and Preschool Church as there is not a third classroom space available for Junior Church at the Hilton.

**Christmas Eve Service:** Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn (35 Labombard Road, Lebanon, NH).

**Worship Service in Quechee:** On Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> our 10:00 am worship service will be held at The Quechee Church (1905 Quechee Main Street, Quechee, VT). Childcare will be available for infants through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

**Christmas Eve Greeters:** If you would be interested in greeting for the Christmas Eve Service, please contact the church office ([office@christredeemerchurch.org](mailto:office@christredeemerchurch.org)).

**No Sunday School:** Classes for adults, youth, and children will resume in January.

**Day of Fasting & Prayer:** Congregational Prayer, Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the church office. Questions? Contact Christine ([christine.engert@christredeemerchurch.org](mailto:christine.engert@christredeemerchurch.org)). Upcoming Dates: 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1.

**Men's Breakfast:** Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 am at the R.W.B. Community Center All men are invited to join us for a hearty breakfast feast. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Chris ([chris.audino@gmail.com](mailto:chris.audino@gmail.com)). Spring Dates: 2/6, 4/3, 5/8.

**Community Groups:** A network of small groups designed to be a mini-Christian community, providing an opportunity for prayer, fellowship, Bible study and service. To join a group, contact Christine ([christine.engert@christredeemerchurch.org](mailto:christine.engert@christredeemerchurch.org)). CG Weeks: 12/14, 1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15.

**Youth Group:** Meets most Mondays. All students, 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade welcome! Middle and high school meet separately. For details, contact Walker ([walker.tuttle@christredeemerchurch.org](mailto:walker.tuttle@christredeemerchurch.org)). YG Dates: 12/15, 1/5, 1/12, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30.

**Women's Bible Studies:** Will resume in January. For more details, contact Claudine Lefferts ([womens.ministry@christredeemerchurch.org](mailto:womens.ministry@christredeemerchurch.org)).

- **Coffee Break:** Tuesdays 9 to 10:30 am at Wellspring. Childcare available. Contact Claudine (email above).
- **Decaf:** Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30 pm in W. Lebanon. Contact Claudine (email above).
- **Espresso:** Thursdays 7:00 to 8:15 am. Contact [becca.wistrom@gmail.com](mailto:becca.wistrom@gmail.com) or [pam.tengdin@gmail.com](mailto:pam.tengdin@gmail.com).

**Men's Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in W. Lebanon. Studying Revelation. Contact Doug ([doug.tengdin@gmail.com](mailto:doug.tengdin@gmail.com)).

**Men's Conference:** March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

**Women's Retreat:** April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

**Summer Youth Retreat:** June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>

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### Church Leadership

#### ELDERS

Jason Achmoody	Doug Cooper	Mike O'Leary
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Tim Ball	Joel Eshbaugh	Lindsay Whaley
Ryan Bouton		

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Christine Engert	Vincent Mack	Joel Lefferts
Megan Eshbaugh	Elena Marshall	Matt Smith
Doug Gusitsch	Jay Marshall	

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### Church Staff

#### LEAD PASTOR

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Walker Tuttle

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Nora Yu '28

#### CAMPUS PASTORS

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Doug Cooper, New London

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### Service Schedule

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> (\*MOD)(\*\*first week in role)

*Sound, Music, Service Co. & Set Up 8; Child Sup, Nursery & Greet 9:45*

**Sound:** M. Bish, M. Janisse      **Music:** A. Engert

**Sharing & Prayer/EOD:** J. Eshbaugh      **Service Coord.:** C. Engert

**Set Up/Pack Up:** P. Jeon, M. & M. Foree, P. Fullerton

**Greeters:** J. & L. Little\*\*, R. Palmer      **Welcome Table:** Lauren Groves

**Nursery:** L. Berwick\*, L. & H. Tobin\*\*

**Preschool & Jr. Church (combined):** Marci Foree\*, J. & R. Markwood\*, P. Jeon, L. Edgren,

**Child. Supervisor:** Michael Foree      **Sermon Upload:** Y. Rabkin

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> (\*MOD)(\*\*first week in role)

*Sound, Music, Service Co. & Set Up 8; Child Sup, Nursery & Greet 9:45*

**Sound:** B. Kent, Jon Schloicka      **Music:** A. Engert

**Sharing & Prayer/EOD:** D. Matter      **Service Coord.:** S. & T. Staats

**Greeters:** R. & L. Kent, C. Engert, D. Tengdin

**Welcome Table:** Michelle McFarland

**Nursery:** B. Wistrom\*, G. Staats, K. Matter, F. McFarland

**Preschool Church:** S. Matter\*, M. Matter, A. McFarland, J. Matter

**Child. Supervisor:** Mat McFarland

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## CHRIST REDEEMER CHURCH CORE VALUES

Christ Changes Everything • Christ Mandates Our Message • Christ Glorifies God  
Christ Causes Us to Value and Care for People • Christ Reorients Our Hearts • Christ Reconciles Us to One Another  
Christ Redeems All of Life • Christ is Victorious • Christ Causes Us to Look Outwardly

### CHRIST CAUSES US TO VALUE AND CARE FOR PEOPLE

*We value the primacy of people over programs.* At CRC we believe that Christ causes us to value and care for people. In our evangelistic outreach, as well as in our life as a church, we are committed to being more concerned about our "neighbor" and "brother" than the success of our programs. We do not measure success merely by "numbers, nickels and noise" but by people adoring the grace of God and obeying the revealed will of God.

In addition, everything that is done in the church will be critiqued by this question: Does this move people toward maturity in Christ (Colossians 1:28) or does this merely foster an unhealthy dependence on leaders and programs? We desire that people neither become independent nor dependent. Rather, we desire a community of mature, interdependent disciples. We desire people who can be responsible for themselves and their own family's spiritual needs, while at the same time recognizing the biblical necessity of contributing to the building up of the whole body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16).

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### HOW CAN I GET CONNECTED AT CHRIST REDEEMER CHURCH?

At CRC we welcome people from every background and every stage in their journey with Christ. CRC is comprised of people that are committed followers of Jesus as well as those just investigating. Wherever you might find yourself, there is a place for you at CRC. If you need help getting connected, just ask a friend, visit the Welcome Table in the lobby after the service, contact the church office or fill out the Contact Form on the last page of this bulletin.

**Just Investigating:** If you are just investigating the gospel of Christ, there are several points of connections you might find helpful:

- **Worship:** Every Sunday morning at 10:00 am, you'll find ample opportunity to learn about Jesus and what He has done for us.
- **Sunday School:** During the school year, we offer classes for all ages including classes for adults. In these classes, you are welcome to jump into the dialogue or just sit and listen. More information is available on pg. 2 of this bulletin.
- **Various Other Ministries:** For more information about small groups, retreats, and other events for men, women, and youth, see page 10 of the bulletin or contact the church office.

**Desiring A Greater Level of Participation:** If you are investigating what it means to be a Christian, or have been a Christian for a while but are new to CRC, we strongly recommend that you become a participant in the life of the community. Experiencing life in the body of Christ is the best way to learn what the gospel is all about. Here are two key opportunities:

- **Sunday Service Schedule:** At many churches, opportunities for personal involvement are limited. At CRC, however, we take a very different approach; we invite anyone who considers CRC their "church home" to serve and participate in the life of the body. One of the practical ways that we do this is to schedule every individual or family for a "service Sunday" approximately twice every three months in order to assist the leaders in each of the various responsibilities (i.e. setup and takedown for the worship service, greeting, and the children's ministries). Through this service rotation, we are not only working to accomplish these tasks, but also learning what it means to live together as the "family of God". Contact the church office for more information.
- **Community Groups:** It is our belief and experience that a servant-hearted community is the essential fruit that grows from believing the gospel. "Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer). Therefore, the backbone of CRC is a network of small groups, each designed to be a mini-Christian community. Comprised of 8 to 14 people, they meet regularly during the week. Trained leaders who are given on-going support lead each group. The groups are open to both believers and seekers—to anyone who wishes to grow in their understanding and experience of the gospel. Through Bible study, prayer and serving others, participants are able to come to know and to experience life in Christ for themselves, at their own pace. If you would like to join a group, please contact the church office or ask a friend if you can attend theirs. If you consider CRC your "church home", you should make faithful participation in one of these groups a top priority.

**Desiring To Become a Member:** At CRC we take church membership very seriously. For a person to be a follower of Christ, we feel it is necessary to be committed to a local church. If you have been a Christian for a long time but are new to CRC or if you have recently become a Christian, and would like to become a member, join us for our "Introduction to CRC" seminar that runs periodically or talk to Christine Engert or one of our elders (listed on page 10).

**Desiring To Lead And Serve Others:** God calls many to be not merely faithful members in His church but also to serve the church through leadership. If you have traveled the path outlined above but are still looking for something more, we'd love to talk to you about opportunities for developing leadership skills and serving.

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### CRC FINANCIAL UPDATES (as of 11/30/25)

	2025 BUDGET YTD	2024 COMPARISON	MISSIONS GIVING
Budgeted Giving:	\$878,075	\$852,500	2024 EOY: \$213,314
Actual Giving:	\$749,124	\$650,937	2025 YTD: \$175,475
Difference:	(\$128,951)	(-\$201,563)	

## CONTACT FORM

Please use this section to inform us of your contact information or fill it out online [christredeemerchurch.org/contact-card](http://christredeemerchurch.org/contact-card)

PLEASE PRINT and deposit in the offering box at the entrance (check all boxes that apply)

- ☐ I would like more information on CRC  
☐ I am interested in opportunities for involvement  
☐ I am updating my information  
☐ I am a college student ☐ graduate student  
☐ I would like to talk to someone about becoming a Christian

Name (PLEASE PRINT) Mr./ Mrs./ Ms./ Miss

Spouse/Children

Address: mailing or street

City/State/Zip

Home/Cell Phone

Work Phone

Email Address

### Community Group Sign up:

Community Groups meet throughout the Upper Valley and include worship, Bible study, fellowship, prayer and mission. Fill out the form above, and drop it in the offering box. We will contact you about group availability.

Days of the week that work best with your schedule

### Prayer Request, Comment or Question:

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## AN AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

Adopted by Converge Worldwide (Baptist General Conference) in 1951

**1. The Word of God:** We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

**2. The Trinity:** We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.

**3. God the Father:** We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

**4. Jesus Christ:** We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.

**5. The Holy Spirit:** We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.

**6. Regeneration:** We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

**7. The Church:** We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

**8. Christian Conduct:** We believe that Christians should live for the glory of God and the well-being of others; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.

**9. The Ordinances:** We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**10. Religious Liberty:** We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.

**11. Church Cooperation:** We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether a regional or district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Churches may likewise cooperate with interdenominational fellowships on a voluntary basis.

**12. The Last Things:** We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal felicity of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.