



# Welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Especially if this is your first time with us, welcome. We are glad you are here. We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar. We have included a few notes in the margins that will help you participate and that offer some explanations. Redeemer is a safe place to ask questions and think differently, so feel free to ask the pastors and leaders anything that might be helpful for you, and please offer your feedback.

You will notice that we follow a thoughtful and connected rhythm in our worship, sometimes called a liturgy. This is because we are gathering for the unique activity of worship, not for a lecture, a conference, or a concert; not to listen to good music or hear wise teaching. We gather for an encounter with God, and so we follow the pattern God gave his people in the scripture thousands of years ago. God speaks and we respond.

Calling - God takes the initiative, moves towards us with grace, and invites us to worship him. Cleansing - God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children. Constitution - God builds us up and nourishes us through the scripture. Communion - God draws us forward, as children to the father's table, to eat a covenant meal with him. Commission - God sends us out into his world empowered to be his ambassadors.

Participating in this alternating pattern of God's words and our responses each week not only provides help for today, but shapes our faith over time to highlight the tenacity and graciousness of God's covenantal love.

We are glad you are with us. Please introduce yourself to me after our worship.

Grace and Peace,

David Juelfs Senior Pastor

Redeemer Presbyterian Church {Following Christ In The Renewal Of All Things}



Second Sunday after Christmas JANUARY 3, 2016

#### REFLECTION

"The knowledge of ourselves not only arouses us to seek God, but also, as it were, leads us by the hand to find him." - John Calvin

#### WELCOME

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

CALENDAR

ADVENT Rejoice! Advent, the season of waiting, has given birth to the joy of Christmas. Christmas is not a single day but CHRISTMAS a season of twelve days. Twelve days to linger over the mysterious and shocking reality that God has come, but EPIPHANY not as we would have expected. The incarnation, that the eternal Son of God has come in humility as a baby, LENT is at the heart of Christmas. Jesus was born, given to us as a gift, the gift of his life to save our own. Jesus, fully EASTER God and fully man, will forever have a body like ours. May we never doubt God's commitment to rescue his PENTECOST creation. Rejoice!

# Calling

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### Please stand. **OPENING HYMN**

Angels We Have Heard On High WORDS AND MUSIC: EDWARD BARNES & JAMES CHADWICK

> Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains Gloria in excelsis Deo Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee Why your joyous strains prolong Say what may the tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song Gloria in excelsis Deo Gloria in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn King Gloria in excelsis Deo Gloria in excelsis Deo

See within a manger laid Jesus Lord of heaven and earth Mary Joseph lend your aid With us sing our Savior's birth Gloria in excelsis Deo Gloria in excelsis Deo The call to worship establishes the lines of communication in worship. God always comes to us before we come to God. Biblical worship is a response to God's gracious revelation of himself to his people. CALL TO WORSHIP - LUKE 2:14, PSALM 95:6, & PSALM 8:1

Minister: Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

#### People: For unto us is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Minister: Come, let us all worship and bow down together,

# People: let us kneel together before the LORD, our maker.

Minister: How majestic is his name in all the earth!

People: He has set his glory above the heavens.

#### Bold text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read by the leader. Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

#### PASTORAL PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### Prayer concludes by saying in unison:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# **HYMNS OF PRAISE**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (MUSIC ON PAGE 4)

#### O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

WORDS: JOHN NEALE AND HENRY COFFIN, MUSIC: 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 O come great Lord of might Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times once gave the law In cloud and majesty and awe Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Key of David come And open wide our heavenly home Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come Desire of nations bind In one the hearts of all mankind O bid our sad divisions cease And be Thyself our King of peace Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

# Cleansing

Please be seated.

#### CALL TO REPENTANCE

The call to repentance invites us to honest expression within the context of our covenant relationship with God, a relationship in which honesty about our sin is welcome and safe. This second Sunday after Christmas we once again celebrate that Jesus, our Lord, came to earth as a man, just like us but without sin. He came so that we who sin may be freed from sin. With the peace that comes from knowing Jesus came, let us confess our sins together.

#### PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Generous God, you give us the greatest gift of all, yourself, but often we find it hard to take notice; we are caught up with our own gifts, given and received. Forgive us, Heavenly Father, for the casual way we treat your gift of love, for the way we have failed to praise your Son's birth, and how we have refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our sin and our doubt.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

#### SONG OF COMFORT

Agnus Dei MUSIC: DAVID HLEBO

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world Have mercy on us Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world Have mercy on us Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world Have mercy on us Grant us peace

Please stand.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE - FROM ISAIAH 9:6

We greet one another with joy after the assurance of pardon because God's pardon of us sets us free to love and forgive one another.

Minister: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.** 

# Constitution

Please be seated.

#### CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL AND PRAYER

( At the parents' discretion, children 2 years old to 5th grade may go to Sermon time class or remain in the service. Children will return to the worship service at the end of the sermon. )

#### **READING GOD'S WORD**

#### Psalm 8

(Page 450 in the red Bible.)

God is the chief and final means through which God speaks to us; the principle and most direct way we hear from God in worship.

The Word of

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

 <sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
 You have set your glory above the heavens.
 <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

<sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
- <sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,
- <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

# PREACHING GOD'S WORD

A Psalm for the New Year

The Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a powerful means of nourishing and comforting God's people, and awakening people to new faith.

Please stand SONG OF RESPONSE

O Worship The King (MUSIC ON PAGE 8)

#### **O WORSHIP THE KING**

WORDS: ROBERT GRANT, ALT. CHRIS TOMLIN, MUSIC: JOHANN HAYDN, CHRIS TOMLIN

O worship the King all glorious above O gratefully sing His wonderful love Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of His might O sing of His grace Whose robe is the light and canopy space His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

> You alone are the matchless King To You alone be all majesty Your glories and wonders What tongue can recite You breathe in the air You shine in the light

O measureless might ineffable love While angels delight to worship above Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

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The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg in 1563 by Zacharius Ursinus to teach Reformed Christianity in Germany. For close to four centuries it has remained one of the most widely used and loved catechism of the Reformation. It has been praised for its warmth and personal nature.

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependance and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal.

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM (Q. 1)**

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong —body and soul, in life and in death —to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

#### **OFFERTORY - ACTS 20:35**

Minister: "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Father, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions— that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

#### **OFFERTORY SONG**

O Holy Night

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

# Communion

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# INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

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Minister: The Lord be with you.

#### People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

# People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

# People: It is right for us to give him thanks and praise.

# THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF THE FATHER AND SON

Minister: You are holy, O God, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. In Jesus we have been brought out of darkness and into your marvelous light. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

# ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

(Congregation sings together)

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen WORDS AND MUSIC: TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day; To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

Please stand for the Sursum Corda.

Sursum Corda is Latin for "lift up your hearts." One of the oldest liturgical pieces still in use, it calls us to be heavenly minded and summons us into the Lord's presence. Along with the voices around you, hear the echo of 2000 years of worshiping Christians who have gone before.

### PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his final advent. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that we may offer our very selves to you with thanksgiving to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(Directions for taking communion are on page 12.)

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Communion (i.e. the Lord's Supper or Eucharist) is a covenant renewal meal, instituted by Jesus the night before his crucifixion. It points back to the cross, forward to the return of the King, but also, when we receive it in faith, it is true fellowship with King Jesus, in his presence and at his table.

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

#### Directions for taking communion:

Redeemer Presbyterian Church welcomes all sincere Christians—those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel— to receive Holy Communion with us. Please note that we use wine for Communion; if you prefer non alcoholic grape juice, the grape juice is white and the wine is red. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten free cracker\* is available in place of the bread. Also, the bread and the wine may be eaten and drunk as they are received. Please dispose of the cups in the trash receptacle.

When and how to come forward for communion: Starting with the first row walk towards the center aisle and come forward. Once you have received the elements you may eat and drink at anytime.

#### A Word to Parents:

Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord's Supper, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any question about how the process works, please contact Pastor David. Children may take the wine at their parents' discretion.

\* Gluten-free crackers contain organic brown and white rice flour only.

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

(Because Redeemer is a church that is not only for convinced Christians, but also for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we gladly extend room for you to process, think, and dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.)

#### PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

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

#### PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen. Please be seated.

COMMUNION SONG

Here Is Love WORDS: WILLIAM REES, MUSIC: ROBERT LOWRY

Here is love vast as the ocean Loving kindness as the flood When the Prince of life our ransom Shed for us His precious blood Who His love will not remember Who can cease to sing His praise He will never be forgotten Throughout heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion Fountains opened deep and wide Through the floodgates of God's mercy Flowed a vast and gracious tide Grace and love like mighty rivers Poured incessant from above Heaven's peace and perfect justice Kissed the guilty world in love

Please stand. **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** 

Loving God, We thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# Commission

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Please stand SONG OF DEPARTURE

Everlasting God WORDS AND MUSIC: BRENTON BROWN & KEN RILEY

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord

> Our God You reign forever Our hope our strong Deliv'rer You are the everlasting God The everlasting God You do not faint You won't grow weary You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need You lift us up on wings like eagles

Just as we begin with with God's gracious invitation, so we end with God's promise to always be with us.

It is appropriate to lift our heads as a symbol that through Christ God graciously lifts our head, and we hold out our hands palms up to symbolize our need and eagerness to receive God's blessing.

# **BLESSING - 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

#### FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Immediately following worship, all are invited to the chapel hall for refreshments and conversation. Sermons can be streamed and downloaded at www.redeemeroc.org/resources/sermons

# Announcements & Events

# Youth Winter Retreat

Friday-Sunday, January 29-31

Redeemer's youth are heading up into the mountains and snow for a winter retreat in Green Valley Lake (near Big Bear). Students will build relationships with one another as they enjoy the snow, play games in a warm cabin, study the Bible, and hang out with friends. This experience will not only be memorable and impactful, it will also be well supervised and SAFE with quality adult leaders. The cost is \$100 per person (checks payable to Redeemer, memo: "youth winter retreat"). Contact Pastor Adam, adamf@redeemeroc.org, to register or for more information.

# Men's Campus by the Sea Workcrew

Fri-Sun, January 15-17

Men, mark your calendars for our next work crew at Campus by the Sea on Catalina Island. We will get to know one another better as we serve side-by-side working on projects at this Christian camp and retreat center. The only cost is your passage on the Catalina Flyer; food and accommodations are provided. Contact Bob Norling, bobnorling@sbcglobal.net, with questions or to sign up.

# Women's Fellowship Night

Tuesday, January 26, 7:00pm

Ladies, join us for Taco Night! We will gather at the home Stacey Duncan in Fullerton to enjoy a taco bar with all of the fixings. Just bring yourself and a hearty appetite. See you there! Contact Stacey Duncan, stacey.duncan@hotmail.com, with questions or to RSVP.

#### Men's Retreat

Fri-Sun, February 26-28

Men, save the date for our 2016 Men's Retreat. We will have the privilege of Rev. Jason Harris from Central Presbyterian Church, NYC, as our guest speaker. Jason will be teaching on the topic of "Friendship." The men will be returning to Serra Retreat Center, a beautiful sacred space nestled in the hills of Malibu with breathtaking ocean views. For more information, contact Adam Feichtmann, adamf@redeemeroc.org.

# Ethiopia 2016 Trip

April 1-11, 2016

Join Pastor Adam and other church members to travel to Ethiopia in April to serve our global partner, Ethiopia ACT and Jason Polk. Our team will partner again with a group from Menlo Park Presbyterian Church to serve in the medical care, church planting, and small business training sides of the project. If you have a medical or business background, and/or interested to engage with the local church plants, we invite you to join us. Contact Pastor Adam, adamf@redeemeroc.org, with guestions or for more information.

# Classes, Workshops, & Sunday School

Winter Class Dates: Sundays, January 10 - March 13, 9:00 - 9:50 am

# WINTER CLASS SCHEDULE

Session 1: 1/10 - 2/14 Session 2: 2/21 - 3/13

#### **SESSION 1 ADULT CLASSES & WORKSHOPS**

# **The Meaning of Marriage Workshop** *Location: MPR Area, Room 9*

Join us for a six-week video study through Timothy Keller's The Meaning of Marriage. We will discuss practical wisdom from the scriptures and Keller's book that neither idealizes nor rejects the institution but points us to the relationship between God and man. The result is a vision for marriage that is refreshingly frank and unsentimental - yet hopeful, beautiful, and relevant for Christians and non-Christians, as well as those married and single. Books and study guides will be available at the book table.

### **Redeemer 101 Class**

Location: MPR Area, Room 10 Class dates: 1/31-2/14 (3 weeks)

This class will begin on January 31st during our Session 1 winter classes. It is the first step in becoming a member of Redeemer. Whether you have attended Redeemer for 1 week or 5 years, this class is designed to teach you the basics about Redeemer and give you a forum to ask questions. The class will give you an overview of Redeemer's identity, membership, doctrine, history, and ministry opportunities.

#### JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Teacher: Josh Cooper Location: MPR Area, Room 2

We invite our youth to join us for a fun, creative, and relationally-based workshop, focused on studying the Bible and the catechisms.

#### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Early Childhood - Kindergarten (2yrs-Kinder) Teachers: Drew & Stacey Duncan Location: MPR Area, Room 3

Lower Elementary (1st - 3rd grades) Teachers: Jason & Anna Tester Location: MPR Area, Room 5

Upper Elementary (4th - 5th grades) Teachers: Beckie White Location: MPR Area, Room 8

These classes teach children Bible truths through simple questions and answers, promoting memorization using Bible teaching, music, & activities. Children will learn that they are made for God's glory and enjoyment in him and how to apply that truth to their lives. We will be using the *Show Me Jesus* curriculum.

#### NURSERY

*Children* 6 months to 2 years *Location: Room directly outside the chapel.* Available during Classes & Workshops, and the worship service.

# Community Life

Parishes & Community Groups

# PARISH

We love Orange County and count it a joy to serve the communities where we live. Redeemer is organized into neighborhood groups called parishes. Parishes are designed to help us connect with the Redeemer people we live close to and to empower our local Redeemer communities to contribute to the health of our cities. See information for each parish neighborhood listed below.

#### **Beach Cities**

Central County

Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach 949.423.8692

Irvine, Tustin, Orange, Santa Ana Contact: Adam Feichtmann Contact: Shawn Monterastelli Contact: Drew Duncan adamf@redeemeroc.org smonterastelli@hotmail.com aduncan@waxie.com 949.933.0085

North County Anaheim, Fullerton, North Orange, LA County

714.614.7953

#### South County

Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Ladera Ranch Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org 949.423.8692

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

A Community Group is a small gathering of people who meet weekly to discuss scripture and pray together. If you are new to studying scripture, a community group is the perfect place to learn without pressure. Community Groups will resume the week of January 10th. See updated times and locations below.

#### **Beach Cities Groups**

Newport-Mesa/Feichtmann Home Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org 949-423-8692	Newport Beach/TBY Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm Contact: Mike Maxwell michael.maxwell3@gmail.com 714-376-2900	Newport Beach/Port Street Homes Sundays, 7:00-9:00 pm Contact: Erik Rannala rannala.erik@gmail.com 415-309-5109 Adults only (infants welcome)
Newport Beach/TBY Every other Sunday, after worship Next Meeting: 1/10/16 Contact: Carl Messenger carl.messenger@cox.net 949-374-0711	*Costa Mesa/Erskine Home Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm Contact: Kem Erskine kemerskine@yahoo.com 949-468-6227 * New Community Group	Costa Mesa/Pringle Home Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm Contact: Stephanie Handley srhandley@gmail.com 619-665-7952
North County Group	Central County Group	Jr High & High School Group
Fullerton/Duncan Home Every other Sunday, 4:00-6:30 pm Next Meeting: 1/10/16	Irvine/Kornu & Moore Homes Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm Contact: Roger & Christine Kornu	Vitaly Cafe @ The Camp, Costa Mesa Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm Contact: Josh Cooper

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Thank you for joining us. We hope you are encouraged and empowered. A church is not simply a Sunday morning experience, but a community of people following Jesus together. The rhythm of our life together follows this pattern:

WORSHIP	}	Responding to God as he speaks through his word and sacraments.
NURTURE	}	Learning how to live the kingdom life together. Community groups, classes and workshops, men's and women's ministry, family ministry, and simply having a good time together.
MISSION	}	Making Jesus known among our neighbors and working to heal our neighborhoods. Get involved with your neighborhood parish.
CULTURE	}	Celebrating and creating the good and the beautiful.
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		NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH – Love and serve the people where you live. You are God's ambassador. Details on p. 17.
		COMMUNITY GROUPS – Study the scripture and pray with a small group of six to twelve others. If you are new to studying the scripture and praying, this is the perfect place to learn without pressure. Details on p.17.
X		CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS – At 9 a.m. on Sunday, take engaging classes on subjects that matter. Details on p. 16.
		MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Yearly retreats and regular gatherings to deepen our relationships and support each other.
		FAMILY MINISTRY – Whether it's a new baby or a house full of teenagers, Redeemer is a place to grow as a family.
1 <sub>212</sub>		MEMBERSHIP – Membership is our commitment to live our kingdom life together.

### THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

BY WAYNE GRUDEM

The Lord's Supper is not simply an ordinary meal among human beings— it is a fellowship with Christ, in his presence and at his table. We must avoid the idea that any automatic or magical benefit comes from sharing in the Lord's Supper, whether a person participates in faith or not. But when a person participates in faith, renewing and strengthening his or her own trust in Christ for salvation, and believing that the Holy Spirit will bring spiritual blessing through such participation, then certainly additional blessing may be expected.

We must be careful here to avoid the mistake of overreacting to Roman Catholic teaching and maintaining that the Lord's Supper is merely symbolic and not a means of grace. Paul says, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation (Gk. koinonia, "sharing," "fellowship") in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation [koinonia] in the body of Christ?" (1 Cor. 10:16).

Because there is such a sharing in the body and blood of Christ (apparently meaning a sharing in the benefits of Christ's body and blood given for us), the unity of believers is beautifully exhibited at the time of the Lord's Supper. "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor. 10:17). And since we are participants at "the table of the Lord" (1 Cor. 10:21), Paul warns the Corinthians that they cannot participate in the Lord's table and also participate in idol worship: "You cannot partake in the table of the Lord and the table of demons" (1 Cor. 10:21). There is a spiritual union among believers and with the Lord that is strengthened and solidified at the Lord's Supper, and it is not to be taken lightly.

This is why the Corinthians were experiencing judgment for their abuse of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:29-30). But if Paul says there will be judgment for wrong participation in the Lord's Supper, then certainly we should expect blessing for right participation in the Lord's Supper.

When we obey Jesus' command, "Take, eat" (Matthew 26:26), and go through the physical activity of eating and drinking at the Lord's table, our physical action pictures a corresponding spiritual nourishment, a nourishment of our soul that will occur when we participate in obedience and faith. Jesus says, "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:55-6).

Certainly Jesus is not speaking of a literal eating of his flesh and blood. But if he is not speaking of a literal eating and drinking, then he must have in mind a spiritual participation in the benefits of the redemption he earns. The spiritual nourishment, so necessary for our souls, is both symbolized and experienced in our participation in the Lord's Supper.

Daily Scripture Readings

Please use your Order of Worship as a personal, family or group worship resource for prayers, hymns and readings this week. The scripture readings below are part of a two-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice and the Psalms frequently.

#### Week 2 of Christmas

#### Sunday

Evening: Psalms 72 / John 6:15-27

#### Monday

Morning: Psalms 85, 87 / Joshua 3:14-4:7 / Ephesians 5:1-20 Evening: Psalms 89:1-29 / John 9:1-12,35-38

#### Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 2, 110:1-7 / Jonah 2:2-9 / Ephesians 6:10-20 Evening: Psalms 29, 98 / John 11:17-27,38-44

#### Wednesday (Epiphany)

Morning: Psalms 46, 97 / Isaiah 52:7-10 / Revelation 21:22-27 Evening: Psalms 96, 100 / Matthew 12:14-21

#### Thursday

Morning: Psalms 103 / Isaiah 52:3-6 / Revelation 2:1-7 Evening: Psalms 114, 115 / John 2:1-11

#### Friday

Morning: Psalms 117, 118 / Isaiah 59:15-21 / Revelation 2:8-17 Evening: Psalms 112, 113 / John 4:46-54

#### Saturday

Morning: Psalms 121, 122, 123 / Isaiah 63:1-5 / Revelation 2:18-29 Evening: Psalms 131, 132 / John 5:1-15

#### Sunday

Morning: Psalms 146, 147 / Isaiah 40:1-11 / Hebrews 1:1-12

You can follow the daily readings online at redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-readingprayer/

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We want to pray for you and hear your comments, suggestions and praises. Please write them in the space below.

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I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

Day Evening

Please deposit this card in the offering plate as it comes by or give it to an usher or greeter.

#### Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope.

I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering me new life.

Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and recieve you as my Savior and Lord. AMEN.

If you are praying this for the first time, please let a Christian friend or pastor know.



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# We Are Glad You Are Here Today!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help you in any way we can. Feel free to fill out the tear-off card below to let us know what information would be helpful. Place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or leader. Don't hesitate to check the box to meet with a pastor to help you learn more about Redeemer. We are here to serve you.

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