



REDEEMER
ORANGE COUNTY

{ *order of worship* }



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.

You should always feel the freedom to participate actively in worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion. It is a time to process freely and safely the audacious claims of Jesus Christ, and the inevitable tension between the beauty and scandal of the historic Christian gospel.

We haven't heard the gospel for what it really is if we don't find it at once horribly offensive and staggeringly beautiful. It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

We are glad you are with us.
So let us explore. Let us worship.



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Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you desire to learn more about the person and work of Jesus Christ?

Do you wonder why we, a beautiful and messy community, love and are so committed to a local church?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that you may have questions. That's why:

- We desire to create a safe space and welcome people to ask questions and think differently
- We prize being a community where you can belong before you believe
- We assume, each Sunday, that there are people present who are not convinced
- We desire to talk to skeptics not about them
- We long to speak and show you how the love of Jesus Christ and a local church has changed us
- You are welcome here...

So, be curious. Ask. Explore.

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First Sunday of Advent ⋮ DECEMBER 1ST, 2019

Before the service, there is a time for silent prayer and meditation. You are invited to use the Reflection, Opening Words of Scripture, and/or the Prayer of Preparation as part of your individual preparation for worship.

REFLECTION

“We can only really wait if what we are waiting for has already begun for us. So waiting is never a movement from nothing to something. It is always a movement from something to something more.”

— Henri Nouwen

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - PSALM 130:5-6

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I put my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Unexpected God, your advent alarms us. Wake us from drowsy worship, from the sleep that neglects love, and the sedative of misdirected frenzy. Awaken us now to your coming, and extinguish our fears with your hope. Amen.

CALENDAR

- ADVENT Hopeful waiting. Expectancy. Longing. Things are not right within us nor in the world around us, so we
- CHRISTMAS wait. We wait for the arrival of King Jesus. The word “advent” comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning
- EPIPHANY “coming” or “arrival.” During Advent we remember the first coming of Jesus and we long for his second
- LENT coming. Robert Webber explains Advent as, “a corporate spiritual journey that calls for expectant waiting and
- EASTER readiness for the coming of the Christ. When the Church travels this journey and treats it as a discipline of life
- PENTECOST and prayer, the joy of Christmas is immeasurably intensified.”

Calling

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

O Come All Ye Faithful

JOHN FRANCIS WADE

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright hosts of heaven above
Glory to God
All glory in the highest
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Highest most holy
Light of light eternal
Born of a virgin a mortal He comes
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM ISAIAH 9, JOHN 14, 1 CORINTHIANS 1, & ROMANS 16

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.

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.

Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Minister: In Christ was life, and the life was the light of men.

People: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Minister: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

People: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor...

Minister: Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

People: Christ has become to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Minister: Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord!

People: Give glory to the only wise God forevermore through Jesus Christ!

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

(MUSIC ON PAGES 4-5)

God Rest Ye, Merry Gentleman

WORDS AND MUSIC: TRADITIONAL ENGLISH

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.

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Savior of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's power and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway the Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

How Long?

WORDS AND MUSIC BY ISAAC WARDELL

How long? Will You turn Your face away?
How long? Do You hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?
We go on holding to Your promises - How long?

Chorus

*'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain?
Jesus, give us hope again!*

How long 'til Your word will still the storm?
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns - How long?

Chorus

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?

Chorus

Please be seated.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Prophecy Candle

The lighting of
Advent Candles
dramatically
depicts the
growing
expectation
we have for
the coming of
Christ.

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing for the full coming of God's kingdom.

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Advent Reading - from Isaiah 2:3 and 7:14

"The Lord will give you a sign.
Look, the young woman is with child
and shall bear a son,
and shall name him Immanuel, which means God is with us.

The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more."

Please stand.

SONG OF RESPONSE

Joy To The World

WORDS: ISAAC WATTS, MUSIC: GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL

¹ Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

² 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

³ 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

⁴ 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

Cleansing

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.

CALL TO REPENTANCE -1 TIMOTHY 1:15a

Minister: “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.

We have not waited to find your will for us.

We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.

We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.

Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will.

Help us to look out for the needs of others.

Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

SONG OF COMFORT

Come O Long Expected Jesus

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY; MUSIC: ROWLAND PRICHARD

Come O long expected Jesus
Born to set Your people free
From our fears and sins release us
By Your death on Calvary
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope to all the earth impart
Dear desire of ev'ry nation
Joy of ev'ry longing heart

Please stand.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE - ZEPHANIAH 3:15,17

Minister: The LORD has taken away the judgments against you...

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

PASSING THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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.

Constitution

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(At the parents' discretion, children 2 years old to 5th grade may go to a Sermon Time class or remain in the service. Children 2 years through Kindergarten need to be signed into their class prior to the service or at dismissal and signed out following the sermon or after the service.)

GOSPEL READING

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

Luke 1:46-55

(Page 856 in the red Bible.)

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

SERMON

REV. JOSH HAHNE

Advent Songs: The Song of Mary

Please stand.

SONG OF RESPONSE

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O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(MUSIC ON PAGE 10)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

WORDS: JOHN NEALE & 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

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY - ACTS 20:35

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.

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

Let us pray. 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

Instrumental

Communion

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

SURSUM CORDA

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 to give him thanks and praise.

PRAYER FOR THE SACRAMENT

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.

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.

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 2,000 years of worshipping Christians who have gone before.

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

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

INVITATION

Minister: These are the Gifts of God, for the People of God. Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(Directions for taking communion are on page 14.)

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. This liturgy is adapted from passages such as 2 Thessalonians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 5:7, 11:26; and 1 Timothy 3:16.

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 Adam. 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, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face

WORDS: HORATIUS BONAR (1855); MUSIC: FREDERICK C. ATKINSON (1870)

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heav'nly table spread for me:
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

I have no help but thine, nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon:
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;
here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

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

SONG OF DEPARTURE

There Is A Redeemer

WORDS AND MUSIC: MELODY GREEN

There is a Redeemer
Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
Holy One

Chorus

*Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done*

Jesus my Redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

Chorus

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

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.redeemerc.org/resources/sermons

Advent & Christmas

Mark your calendars for the following dates to celebrate Advent and Christmas at Redeemer

WORSHIP SERVICES

Advent Sundays | December 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 10:00AM

Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Service | December 24 at 5:00PM

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve service. We will sing the great Christmas songs interspersed with readings from Scripture, and a short Christmas message.

Sundays After Christmas | December 29 & January 5 at 10:00AM

Celebrate Twelve Days of Christmas & Epiphany with us. Following the worship service on January 5th we will enjoy plenty of Three Kings Cake and fellowship.

ADVENT EVENTS

Advent Wreath Making Event | December 1 at 11:15AM

Kick-off the season by creating your own Advent Wreath to use at home. For more details please see Sarah Stratton. The cost will be \$10 per wreath for the materials and payments can be made at the event if you have not already registered.

Children's Christmas Party | December 8 at 11:15AM

All children ages 2 years - 5th grade are invited to celebrate with Christmas carols, stories, cookies and crafts to prepare their hearts for the Christmas season. Contact Amanda Knox, amandak@redeemeroc.org, for details and if you are interested in volunteering.

Melanie Penn "Immanuel" Christmas Concert | December 12 at 6:00PM

You are invited to attend Melanie Penn in concert. Reception at 6:00PM and concert begins at 7:00PM. Please contact Ann Hirou, ahirou@nonnobis.com for more information and to RSVP.

Ethiopia Trip Presentation | December 15th at 11:15AM

Come hear about Pastor Adam's recent missions trip to Ethiopia and learn more about our Missional Partner Jason Polk & Ethiopia ACT.

Discovering the 12-Days of Christmas Presentation | December 22 at 11:15AM

Christmas isn't just one day! Come hear about the history of "The 12 Days of Christmas" and how we can continue the celebration of Jesus' coming after the 25th.

MID-WEEK PARTIES

Women's Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange | December 9 at 7:00PM

Ladies are invited for our annual Christmas party and ornament exchange. We will gather at the Hodson's home in Newport Beach. Contact Sarah Pringle, sarahbpringle@gmail.com, with questions or to RSVP.

Youth Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Exchange Christmas Party | December 15 at 7:00PM

Youth are invited to come celebrate Christmas at our annual Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Gift Exchange. The party will be held at the Reinkensmeyers home in Irvine. Contact John Detrich, johnd@redeemeroc.org, for more information.

Announcements & Events

Angel Tree

Sundays, December 1 - December 15

It's almost time for Angel Tree 2019. Please stop by and pick an "angel" off the tree. You will be sharing the love of Jesus Christ and assuring a child that he or she has not been forgotten while mom or dad is in prison. Redeemer's tree will be up on December 1st & 8th. Please turn in wrapped gifts by *Sunday, December 15th*, to be delivered the week before Christmas. Contact Lauri Fusco, laurifusco@cox.net, with questions or if you want to help deliver gifts.

Redeemer 101 Seminar

Saturday, December 7th | 2:00PM - 5:00PM

This seminar is the first step in becoming a member of Redeemer. Whether you have attended Redeemer for 1 week or 1 year, this class is designed to teach you the basics about Redeemer and give you a forum to ask questions. The seminar will give you an overview of Redeemer's identity, membership, doctrine, history, and ministry opportunities. The seminar will be held at the Redeemer Church Office located at 3700 Campus Drive, Suite 200, Newport Beach, 92660. If you have questions or would like to RSVP please contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann, adamf@redeemeroc.org or scan the QR Code to register.



Ethiopia Family to Family Sponsorship

Become a donor family (or individual) to a family in Ethiopia ACT's project. Your monthly donation will support and provide for a family's healthcare, education, emotional support, and sustainable methods. Click on the QR Code to learn more and sign up.



Volunteers Needed for Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8th | 11:20am

Our annual Children's Christmas Party will take place on December 8th immediately following the service. Children ages 2 years-old to 5th grade are invited to celebrate with Christmas carols, stories, cookies and crafts to prepare their hearts for the Christmas season. Click on the QR Code to sign up as a volunteer.



Small Groups on Break for Advent & Christmas

All our Small Groups are taking a break over Advent & Christmas. They will resume again after Epiphany in mid-January.

Missional Partnerships

REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP (RUF) AT UC IRVINE

RUF is the university ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America. However, RUF is more than just a ministry on the university campus, RUF seeks to be a ministry for the university. They strive to serve in this unique stage of a student's life in the world they live in, exploring together how the Lordship of Christ informs every area of life.

RUF at UC Irvine gatherings for a Large Group on Wednesdays at 6:00PM, in Small Groups through the week, retreats several times throughout the year, plus a lot of hanging out and eating food.

If you are a UC Irvine student and haven't already, we would love for you to connect with RUF. Please reach out to the RUF UCI Campus Minister, Derek Rishmawy. He would love to buy you lunch or dinner!

If you are a member of Redeemer and would like to directly fund the ministry of RUF at UCI, volunteer, or help in other ways, please contact Derek Rishmawy directly.

Website: www.ruf.org/ministry/university-of-california-irvine

Contacts: Derek Rishmawy (derek.rishmawy@ruf.org) Hailey Kim (haily.kim@ruf.org)

ETHIOPIA ACT

Ethiopia ACT is an organization in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia that works to reconcile people to God through Jesus Christ, and to reconcile them to themselves, others and creation—all resulting in the planting, growing and maturing of churches that in turn transform lives and communities through faithful witnesses to the Gospel. They began as a ministry to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS on extremely poor families, but have grown to include other public health strategies that serve the wider community, as well as educational and psychological support for vulnerable children. Church planting and renewal is central to all their activities and a primary goal for their team.

Jason Polk, an ordained PCA minister, together with his wife Liz and their three children, is the family that we directly support, as he oversees the spiritual care for Ethiopia ACT and its work to grow a gospel-centered church planting movement among the poor communities of Addis Ababa.

Every November Redeemer sends a missions team to run medical clinics, assist with church planting efforts, and reach out to children & families. If you are interested in joining an upcoming team, please contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann (adamf@redeemeroc.org), we would love for you to help us make a difference in Ethiopia.

Website: www.ethiopiaact.org

REDEEMER CITY TO CITY – JAPAN

Redeemer City to City is a movement which helps local leaders start churches in global cities by providing content resources, renewable grants, local networks and comprehensive training. Within the Redeemer City to City network, we are specifically supporting the church-planting efforts of Seima Aoyagi, an ordained PCA minister, together with his wife Naoko and their four children, Pastor of Grace Harbor Church in Tokyo, Japan.

Grace Harbor Church is a bilingual church plant with the vision to see the Tokyo Waterfront become an area overflowing with the grace and blessings of Jesus Christ. An area where people can get a rest from the stormy world, recover, and then be sent out again on their next voyage, as salt and light, to make the Tokyo Waterfront more beautiful than ever with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Websites: www.redeemercitytocity.com, www.graceharborchurch.jp

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 1 of Advent

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 111, 112, 113 / Luke 21:5-19

Monday

Morning: Psalms 1, 2, 3 / Amos 2:6-16 / 2 Peter 1:1-11

Evening: Psalms 4, 7 / Matthew 21:1-11

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 5, 6 / Amos 3:1-11 / 2 Peter 1:12-21

Evening: Psalms 10, 11 / Matthew 21:12-22

Wednesday

Morning: Psalm 119:1-24 / Amos 3:12-4:5 / 2 Peter 3:1-10

Evening: Psalms 12 - 14 / Matthew 21:23-32

Thursday

Morning: Psalm 18:1-20 / Amos 4:6-13 / 2 Peter 3:11-18

Evening: Psalm 18:21-50 / Matthew 21:33-46

Friday

Morning: Psalms 16, 17 / Amos 5:1-17 / Jude 1-16

Evening: Psalm 22 / Matthew 22:1-14

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 20, 21 / Amos 5:18-27 / Jude 17-25

Evening: Psalms 110, 116, 117 / Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 148, 149, 150 / Amos 6 / 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

To sign up for our daily morning and evening prayer emails with these scripture readings along with prayers and liturgy from the Order of Worship, go to redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/sign-up/ or scan the QR code.



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PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS

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

Name: _____

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 receive you as my Savior and Lord. AMEN.

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

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.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse Cell: _____

Spouse Email: _____

Please add me to the church directory.

Please add me to the church email list.

Please Let Us Know If You Are:

First Time Visitor

Repeat Visitor

Please Contact Me About:

Joining a Small Group

Membership at Redeemer

Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

Getting Involved

Meeting with a Pastor

Use your smart phone to scan the QR code or use the url below if you prefer to complete this form online: redeemeroc.org/response-card



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