



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 is 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 on 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.

*To learn more about our church please check the following pages in the back of this Order of Worship*

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*First Sunday in Advent*

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## 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 <i>adventus</i> , 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

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Please stand.

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.

## OPENING HYMN

*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

## CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM ISAIAH 60

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**People: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will rise upon you and his glory will be seen upon you.**

Minister: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**People: Lift up your eyes all around, and see; then you shall see and be radiant.**

## 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 All Ye Faithful  
How Long?*

( MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4 )

## **O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**

WORDS AND MUSIC: 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

## 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*

# Cleansing

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*Please be seated.*

*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 - BASED ON JOEL 2:1-2 AND MATTHEW 4:17**

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill.  
Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming.  
It is close at hand.

Jesus began his ministry with these words: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Let us repent together.

## **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.*

*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.*

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE - 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.

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



# Constitution

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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.

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.

### *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

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> 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

<sup>3</sup> 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

<sup>4</sup> 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



Please be seated.

## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL AND PRAYER

( 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. )

## READING GOD'S WORD

*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.*

*Genesis 38:11-19, 24-30*

*( Page 32 in the red Bible. )*

<sup>11</sup>Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, till Shelah my son grows up"—for he feared that he would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went and remained in her father's house.<sup>12</sup> In the course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died. When Judah was comforted, he went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. <sup>13</sup> And when Tamar was told, "Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep," <sup>14</sup> she took off her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, wrapping herself up, and sat at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she had not been given to him in marriage. <sup>15</sup> When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. <sup>16</sup> He turned to her at the roadside and said, "Come, let me come in to you," for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?" <sup>17</sup> He answered, "I will send you a young goat from the flock." And she said, "If you give me a pledge, until you send it—" <sup>18</sup> He said, "What pledge shall I give you?" She replied, "Your signet and your cord and your staff that is in your hand." So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him. <sup>19</sup> Then she arose and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood.

<sup>24</sup> About three months later Judah was told, "Tamar your daughter-in-law has been immoral. Moreover, she is pregnant by immorality." And Judah said, "Bring her out, and let her be burned." <sup>25</sup> As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, "By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant." And she said, "Please identify whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff." <sup>26</sup> Then Judah identified them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah." And he did not know her again. <sup>27</sup> When the time of her labor came, there were twins in her womb. <sup>28</sup> And when she was in labor, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, "This one came out first." <sup>29</sup> But as he drew back his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, "What a breach you have made for yourself!" Therefore his name was called Perez. <sup>30</sup> Afterward his brother came out with the scarlet thread on his hand, and his name was called Zerah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*The Mother of Jesus: Tamar*

*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.*

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Please stand.

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
( MUSIC ON PAGE 9 )

Please be seated.

*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.*

**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**

*Instrumental Ensemble*

## COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

WORDS: ROBERT ROBINSON | MUSIC: JOHN WYETH

Come Thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it  
Name of God's redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by thy help I'm come  
And I hope by thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart O take and seal it  
Seal it to Thy courts above

# Communion

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## 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 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.

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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.

## 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.

## 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

### *The Great Physician*

WORDS: WILLIAM HUNTER, MUSIC: J. H. STOCKTON

The Great Physician now is near  
Our Lord and healer Jesus  
He speaks the saddened heart to cheer  
O hear the voice of Jesus

Sweetest note in angels' song  
Sweetest name on mortal tongue  
Sweetest carol ever sung  
It's Jesus blessed Jesus

Your many sins are all forgiven  
O hear the voice of Jesus  
Go on your way in peace to heaven  
And wear a crown with Jesus

Sweetest note in angels' song  
Sweetest name on mortal tongue  
Sweetest carol ever sung  
It's Jesus blessed Jesus

And when to that bright world above  
We rise to be with Jesus  
We'll sing around the throne of love  
And shout out His holy name, Jesus

Sweetest note in angels' song  
Sweetest name on mortal tongue  
Sweetest carol ever sung  
It's Jesus blessed Jesus

Sweetest note in angels' song  
Sweetest name on mortal tongue  
Sweetest carol ever sung  
It's Jesus blessed Jesus

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Please stand.*

**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

*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 - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,  
and may your whole spirit and soul and body  
be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

## THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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## 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](http://www.redeemeroc.org/resources/sermons)

# Redeemer at a Glance

{ FOLLOWING CHRIST IN THE RENEWAL OF ALL THINGS }

*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.

JOIN US



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.



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.



MEMBERSHIP – Membership is our commitment to live our kingdom life together.

# Announcements & Events

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## **Construction in Chapel / TBY Sanctuary will be the Temporary Worship Location**

*December 2 and December 9th*

Temple Bat Yahm is undergoing a beautification project in the Morgan Chapel which will change our service location on Sunday, December 2 & Sunday, December 9. We will be moving our worship service to the Sanctuary December 2nd and 9th. Coffee, the welcome table, and our children's preschool sermon time class will be in the annex next to the Sanctuary. The children's nursery will be relocated to the room just outside of the Sanctuary so that the young children will be close to their parents. Please look for the chalkboard signs to direct you to the Sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact Danielle Smith, [danielles@redeemeroc.org](mailto:danielles@redeemeroc.org)

## **Congregational Survey**

The Pastoral Search Committee will need to hear your voice to understand the current needs, values, and priorities of our church. Please take the time to thoughtfully and prayerfully complete the survey. To access and complete the survey click on the QR code.



## **Nominations for Pastoral Search Committee**

On January 13, 2019 the congregation will elect a Pastoral Search Committee to find our next Senior Pastor. Between today and January 6th, we need your help to nominate candidates to serve on the committee. Committee members will serve for about 9 – 18 months and help create a job description for the new Senior Pastor, identify and evaluate candidates, and craft the final job offer and call package.

Please submit the name of the person you are nominating to [pastoralsearch@redeemeroc.org](mailto:pastoralsearch@redeemeroc.org) before January 6, 2019

## **Angel Tree Announcement**

*Sundays, November 25 - December 16*

Share the love of Christ with children of prisoners this Christmas by sponsoring a child from our Angel Tree. Sign-up at the Prison Ministry table in the chapel hall. Please turn in wrapped gifts by *Sunday, Dec. 16th*, to be delivered the week before Christmas. Contact Lauri Fusco, [laurifusco@cox.net](mailto:laurifusco@cox.net), with questions or if you want to help deliver gifts.

# Announcements & Events

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## **Advent @ Redeemer**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events to celebrate the Advent and Christmas season.

### **Advent Wreath Making Event** - *Today, December 2, 11:15am*

Come kick-off the Advent season by creating your own Advent wreath to use at home. All are invited. We are requesting a \$10 donation per wreath. Checks can be made payable to Redeemer with memo "advent wreath" or you can pay with cash or via PayPal.

### **Children's Christmas Party** - *Sunday, December 9, 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. Look for an email invitation to RSVP or volunteer to help coming soon.

Contact Amanda Knox, [amandak@redeemeroc.org](mailto:amandak@redeemeroc.org), for details or if you are interested in volunteering.

### **Women's Christmas Party** - *Monday, December 10, 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 Hallie Cooper, [halliencooper@gmail.com](mailto:halliencooper@gmail.com), with questions or to RSVP.

### **Youth Christmas Party** - *Friday, December 14, 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 Maxwell's home in Irvine.

Contact Brian Scholl, [brians@redeemeroc.org](mailto:brians@redeemeroc.org), for more information.

### **Christmas Sing-a-Long** - *Sunday, December 16, 6:00pm*

Come and join your Redeemer family & friends as we come together to sing all of our favorite Christmas songs and enjoy hot cocoa and cookies after the event! The event will be held at Temple Bat Yahm.

### **Discovering the 12-Days of Christmas** - *Sunday, December 23, 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. Light food and refreshments will be served after the presentation.

### **Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Service** - *Monday, December 24, 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.

For information on other ways we are celebrating Advent and Christmas at Redeemer, go to [redeemeroc.org/advent](http://redeemeroc.org/advent)

# Community Life

*Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies*

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## **DOWNLOAD OUR APP FOR ALL THE LATEST IN COMMUNITY LIFE**

Go to <http://get.theapp.co/s/75k/> or scan the QR code to find out the latest news & details for our Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies.



## **NEIGHBORHOOD PARISHES**

We love Orange County and count it a joy to serve the communities where we live. Redeemer is organized into neighborhood groups called parishes. We have four parishes: Beach Cities, North County, Central County and South County. 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. Download our app to find out more about upcoming gatherings in your neighborhood or go to [www.redeemeroc.org/connect/neighborhood-parish/](http://www.redeemeroc.org/connect/neighborhood-parish/) Questions? Contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

## **NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH DINNERS**

Attend and invite your neighbors to a Parish Dinner near you. No special agenda, simply a time to gather around a table with friends and neighbors. Host your own regular dinner and we will promote it! Questions? Contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

## **North County Dinners**

*Fullerton*

Duncan Home

Every other Sunday

4:00 - 6:00pm

Contact: Stacey Duncan

[stacey.duncan@hotmail.com](mailto:stacey.duncan@hotmail.com)

# Community Life

*Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies*

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## 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. **Below are some of the Community Groups for Fall 2018. If you are interested in leading or hosting a group please contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - adamf@redeemeroc.org**

### Irvine & Aliso Viejo

\* Group is at capacity

*Sundays*

5:00 - 6:45 pm

Brewer & Moore Homes

Leader: Chad Brewer

Contact: Christie Brewer

christiebrewer8301@gmail.com

### Costa Mesa

*Sundays*

4:00 - 6:00 pm Bible study

6:00 - 7:00 pm Pot Luck

Riley Home

Leader: Greg Riley

Contact: Kim Riley

kimsmailbox@sbcglobal.net

### Costa Mesa

*Wednesdays*

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Cooper Home

Leader/Contact: Jeremy McCaslin

jomccaslin@gmail.com

### High School

*Tuesdays*

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Vitaly Cafe at The Camp

2937 Bristol St, Suite B100-B103

Costa Mesa

Leader/Contact: Brian Scholl

brians@redeemeroc.org

### Jr. High School

*Thursdays*

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Halecrest Park Back Clubhouse

Off of College Avenue

Costa Mesa

Leader/Contact: Brian Scholl

brians@redeemeroc.org

## MID-WEEK STUDIES & GROUPS

During the week we offer studies on specific faith and culture topics to help us learn how to live the kingdom life together.

### Men's AM Group

*Morning Prayer & Coffee*

Newport Beach

Honor Coffee, Lido Marina

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

8:00-9:00 am

Leader/Contact:

Adam Feichtmann

adamf@redeemeroc.org

### Men's PM Group

*Evening Prayer Dinner/Drinks*

Costa Mesa

Greenleaf on 17th St.

2nd & 4th Thursdays

7:30-9:00 pm

Leader/Contact:

Adam Feichtmann

adamf@redeemeroc.org

### Men's AM Group

*Morning Prayer & Breakfast*

Fullerton

Fullerton Community Center

1st & 3rd Fridays

6:30-7:15 am

Leader/Contact:

Andrew Evans

andrewmadisonevans@gmail.com

### Women's AM Study

*Living Life Backwards (Ecclesiastes)*

Newport Beach

Weekly Fridays

9:30-11:00 am

(Limited Childcare available)

Contact: Ashley Moore

ashley.moore05@gmail.com

### Women's PM Study

*Living Life Backwards (Ecclesiastes)*

Fullerton

Every other Wednesday

Time: 7:30 - 9:00pm

(No Childcare available)

Contact: Stacey Duncan

stacey.duncan@hotmail.com

### Women's Prayer Group

Costa Mesa

Every other Tuesday

7:00 - 8:30 pm

(No Childcare available)

Contact: Stephanie Handley

srhandley@gmail.com

# Global Partnership

*Ethiopia*

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## **ETHIOPIA ACT**

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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.

### **Update**

Praise God that the country is recovering from its state of emergency and that Ethiopia ACT is continuing to move forward in serving the local community in Addis Ababa. They are currently in the process of adding 100 non-HIV families to their programs in an effort to extend their efforts and meet the physical and spiritual needs of their neighbors

A previous prayer request was for members of the Suki community who were facing the destruction of their homes. Because government focus has been shifted elsewhere, the tearing down of these homes has been put on hold, and it does not appear that it will move forward. Praise God that those residents have not been displaced, and please pray for their continued wellbeing and provision.

The Polk family continues to do well, but as always, continue to lift them up in prayer as they labor and pour themselves out for the city of Addis Ababa.

### **Prayer Requests**

- They are currently surveying potential locations for new church plants which would hopefully begin in the next 12-18 months. They have done initial visits to the Furi and Qoye Fetche neighborhoods; pray for discernment on whether these might be future church plant sites.
- Jason led a full ministry team of 20 people in a “Sonship for Africa” week at the end of July. Pray that the lessons and Scriptures from the week would continue to work in their hearts and minds
- They just finished their Rainy Season VBS in the Suki community and had around 200 kids in attendance. Pray that the lessons and Scriptures from the week would enter their hearts and minds.
- They are praising God that after many months of “go-around” with various government offices, God has reopened the door for them to host short-term medical teams in Addis. We are very thankful for this provision!

**Website:** [www.ethiopiaact.org](http://www.ethiopiaact.org)



# Global Partnership

## *Japan*

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### **REDEEMER CITY TO CITY - JAPAN**

Redeemer City to City is 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.

### **Update**

Grace Harbor continues to reach many in Tokyo with the gospel and love of Christ. With the addition of a new staff member, Seita Sakaguchi, they have been able to start a new church plant in Toyosu which is in the waterfront area of Tokyo. Yuki, who became a Christian a year ago after serving as a musician at Grace Harbor for 2 years, reached out with a desire to use her musical gifts to share the joy of the gospel with others. This desire led to a Jazz and Gospel Concert in Tsukishima, a prospective site for a new worship location. The event brought 180 people many of whom had never been to church before. Grace Harbor held their Christmas Eve service in Tsukishima bringing many to a Christian worship service for the first time through personal friendships with Seima and others in the congregation. Several missions teams from the US came to help with community outreach over the past year including 2 Kids English Camps, an English communication program at a local elementary school (who wants them to come back!), and a Christian ballet company with a performance about Jesus' passion story at the city hall in Toyosu.

While there are many good things happening, there are also some very real challenges. Several key staff members are transitioning away - 2 staff are leaving for seminary and the Pfeils family with MTW will be in the US for 7 months - which will leave Seima as a solo pastor. This transition is already causing some anxiety and concern among the members, but could be an opportunity to shift the church from staff-dependent to more volunteer-based. Pray for them as they trust in God to guide them in this transition and raise up lay leaders in the congregation. Another challenge is that financial support has been diminishing as Seima is not able to leave Grace Harbor to raise more support.

### **Prayer Requests**

- That God raise up lay leaders among the congregation.
- That Grace Harbor Church would transition to become a more volunteer-based church.
- That Seima will not be overwhelmed while the Pfeils are away.
- That the new church plant, Toyosu Community Church, would effectively share the gospel with non-Christians in Toyosu and be a blessing to the area.
- That God will give them broader and deeper connections to the non-Christians in Tsukishima area, so that someday we could start the another worship site for our church.
- That God changes the hearts of non-Christians and call them to accept Christ as their Savior.
- That our family be united by the Spirit and be dependent on the Lord always through prayer.

**Websites:** [www.redeemercitytocity.com](http://www.redeemercitytocity.com), [www.graceharborchurch.jp](http://www.graceharborchurch.jp)

## 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.

# Building a Beautiful Neighborhood

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a: Write the names of the people who live in the house represented by the box. If you can give first and last names, that's great. If it's only first names, that's fine too.

b: Write down some relevant information about each person, some data or facts about him or her that you couldn't see just by standing in your driveway, things you might know if you've spoken to the person once or twice. We don't mean drives a red car or has yellow roses by the sidewalk, because you could see that from your driveway. We mean information you've gathered from actually speaking to a neighbor, such as grew up in Idaho, is a lawyer, plays golf, is from Ethiopia, had a father in World War II.

c: Write down some in-depth information you would know after connecting with people. This might also include their career plans or dreams of starting a family or anything to do with the purpose of their lives. What motivates them to do what they do? What would they say about God? What do they most fear? What are their spiritual beliefs and practices? Write down anything meaningful that you've learned through interacting with them.

*"The majority of the issues that our community is facing would be eliminated or drastically reduced if we could just figure out a way to become a community of great neighbors."*

- Bob Frie, former mayor of Arvada, CO

*"God is already working in your neighborhood. Being a good neighbor simply means slowing down and being aware of what he is designing. By developing real relationships, you'll find out how God is already moving in a person's life."*

- Dave Runyon

Stranger -> Acquaintance -> Relationship

Neighbor Map      Neighbor Dinner

# Daily Scripture Readings

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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 - 113 / Matthew 25:1-13

### **Monday**

Morning: Psalms 1 - 3 / Isaiah 1:10-20 / 1 Thessalonians 1

Evening: Psalms 4, 7 / Luke 20:1-8

### **Tuesday**

Morning: Psalms 5, 6 / Isaiah 1:21-31 / 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Evening: Psalms 10, 11 / Luke 20:9-18

### **Wednesday**

Morning: Psalm 119:1-24 / Isaiah 2:1-11 / 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Evening: Psalms 12 - 14 / Luke 20:19-26

### **Thursday**

Morning: Psalm 18:1-20 / Isaiah 2:12-22 / 1 Thessalonians 3

Evening: Psalm 18:21-50 / Luke 20:27-40

### **Friday**

Morning: Psalms 16, 17 / Isaiah 3:8-15 / 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Evening: Psalm 22 / Luke 20:41-21:4

### **Saturday**

Morning: Psalms 20, 21 / Isaiah 4:2-6 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Evening: Psalms 110, 116, 117 / Luke 21:5-19

### **Sunday**

Morning: Psalms 148 - 150 / Isaiah 5:1-7 / 2 Peter 3:11-18

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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/](http://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.

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

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☐ 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.*

## *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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Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Community Group

☐ Membership at Redeemer

☐ Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

☐ Getting Involved

☐ Meeting with a Pastor

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