



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.

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

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*Third Sunday of Advent* ∴ DECEMBER 15TH, 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**

“All the troubles of man come from his not knowing how to sit still.”  
- Blaise Pascal

**OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - LUKE 1:46-47**

“And Mary said, My Soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 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

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Please stand.

## OPENING HYMN

*O Come, Messiah, Come*

LYRICS AND MELODY BY ISSAC WARDELL

Oh come, oh come Messiah  
Oh come our Alleluia

Oh sing, oh sing Hosanna  
Oh come, Messiah, come!

Comfort and joy, Alpha, Omega, He  
Sorrow and toil, no longer rulers be.

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.

## CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED PHILIPPIANS 4, ISAIAH 9, PSALM 27, & COLOSSIANS 1

Minister: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

**People: on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.**

Minister: The Lord is my light and my salvation,

**People: Whom shall I fear?**

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

**People: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Minister: For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things

**People: Whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

## 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 3-4 )

### *Hail To The Lord's Anointed*

WORDS: JAMES MONTGOMERY (1821) MUSIC: SANDRA MCCrackEN (2012)

#### *Chorus*

*Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression  
To set the captives free  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity

He comes with comfort speedy  
To those who suffer wrong  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong

#### *Chorus*

To give them songs for sighing  
Their darkness turn to light  
Whose souls condemned and dying  
Were precious in His sight

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers  
Spring in his path to birth

#### *Chorus*

Kings shall fall down before him  
And gold and incense bring  
All nations shall adore him  
His praise all people sing

The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove  
His name shall stand forever  
His name to us is Love

#### *Chorus*

*Great Things*

WORDS: MELANIE PENN

Magnify, Him oh my soul  
Glory be, To God alone  
Holy, Holy is He

I will sing my song  
Sing my song

*Chorus*

*Magnify Him oh my soul,  
Glory be to God alone  
For the Mighty One  
He has done great things, for me*

You will free, and redeem the world  
And you have seen, this servant girl  
Blessed, Blessed is she

I will sing my song  
Sing my song

*Chorus*

Oh my people, Israel  
Your long awaited hope, for help has come  
For our God, the Mighty One

I will sing my song  
Sing my song

*Chorus*

Please be seated.

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

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

### *The Angels & Shepherds Candle*

Leader: We light this candle to remember this truth: Jesus is the Word through whom all things were made. In him is life and his life is the light of all people. If we receive his light, our joy is made complete.

**People: Therefore, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

*Advent Reading - from Isaiah 40:11, Revelation 7:17, & Luke 2:11-14*

“He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.”

“For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

‘Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!’”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

WORDS BY: CHARLES WESLEY; MUSIC BY: FELIX MENDELSSOHN-BARTHOLDY

Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

Come Desire of nations come  
Fix in us Thy humble home  
Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed  
Bruise in us the serpent's head  
Adam's likeness now efface  
Stamp Thine image in its place  
Second Adam from above  
Reinstate us in Thy love  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King



# 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 -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**

**Lord, we have neglected Advent disciplines.  
We’ve crowded them out with Christmas celebrations that arrive too early  
and with our anxieties, selfishness and lack of trust.  
Because of this, we have forgotten you and we are joyless.  
We are lost, in need of your help.  
Come, Lord Jesus. Forgive and restore us.  
Guide and deliver us. Renew our joy. 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 - COLOSSIANS 1:21-22**

Minister: And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

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

# Constitution

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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 nursery age - kindergarten need to be checked in using KidCheck prior to the service or at this dismissal and checked out directly with their child's teacher following the sermon. )

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.

### **GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 2:8-20*

( Page 857 in the red Bible. )

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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. ADAM FEICHTMANN

*Advent Songs: The Song of The Angels*

Please stand.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

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*Angels We Have Heard On High*  
( MUSIC ON PAGE 10 )

*Angels We Have Heard On High*  
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 heav'nly 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 heav'n and earth  
Mary Joseph lend your aid  
With us sing our Savior's birth  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Please be seated.

## OFFERTORY - ACTS 20:35

All we have  
is given to us  
by God. Our  
offerings express  
this joyful  
dependence 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

*What Child Is This?*

WILLIAM CHATTERTON DIX

What Child is this who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping  
This this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding  
Good Christian fear for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading  
Nails spear shall pierce Him through  
The cross be borne for me for you  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh  
The Babe the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh  
Come peasant king to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him  
Raise raise the song on high  
The virgin sings her lullaby  
Joy, joy for Christ is born  
The Babe the Son of Mary

# 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 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.

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.

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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 2,000 years of worshiping 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. )

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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. 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

### *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

### *Chorus*

*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

### *Chorus*

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

*Chorus x 2*

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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## SONG OF DEPARTURE

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

WORDS: HENRY J. VAN DYKE; MUSIC: LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Joyful joyful we adore Thee  
God of glory Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee  
Opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee  
Centre of unbroken praise  
Field and forest vale and mountain  
Flowery meadow flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee

*You bring us joy, joy, joy  
We adore Thee*

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 - NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

## 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)

# Advent & Christmas

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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**

**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**

**Youth Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Exchange Christmas Party** | December 15 at 6:00PM

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](mailto:johnd@redeemeroc.org), for more information.

# Announcements & Events

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## End of Year Giving Opportunities

As the end of the year approaches, we have three special giving opportunities for you to consider:

1. *Building Fund* - All contributions in excess of our annual expenses will be allocated to our new building fund. Please be generous in December to allow us to make budget and continue to grow our building fund.
2. *Housing Assistance for Pastor Hahne*: Our pastoral search committee and elders desire to help the Hahne family as they seek to purchase a home. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, speak with our treasurer Andrew Evans (661-755-2390/[andrewmadisonevans@gmail.com](mailto:andrewmadisonevans@gmail.com)) or elder Cameron Moore (805-657-7356/[camerondavidmoore@gmail.com](mailto:camerondavidmoore@gmail.com)). Checks can simply be designated "Pastor Housing."
3. *Sabbatical Assistance for Pastor Feichtmann*: As a way of encouraging longevity, growth, and continuing education our policy is to encourage our full time ministers to take a three month sabbatical every seventh year of service. The session has approved Pastor Feichtmann to take a sabbatical over summer 2020. A portion of the necessary funding will be provided by the church but there is still a \$5,000 shortfall. If you would like to contribute to this unique end of year opportunity designate checks "Sabbatical."

## Amazon Smile for Redeemer

If you are planning to buy Christmas gifts via Amazon, would you consider designating Redeemer as the charity of your choice? .5% of your purchases will be donated directly to Redeemer! Click on the QR code to sign up for Amazon Smile and designate Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach as your selected charitable organization.



## 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.



# Missional Partnerships

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## **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](http://www.ruf.org/ministry/university-of-california-irvine)*

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## **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](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)), we would love for you to help us make a difference in Ethiopia.

*Website: [www.ethiopiaact.org](http://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](http://www.redeemercitytocity.com), [www.graceharborchurch.jp](http://www.graceharborchurch.jp)*

# 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 3 of Advent

### Sunday

Evening: Psalm 103 / John 5:30-47

### Monday

Morning: Psalms 41, 52 / Zechariah 1:7-17 / Revelation 3:7-13

Evening: Psalm 44 / Matthew 24:15-31

### Tuesday

Morning: Psalm 45 / Zechariah 2 / Revelation 3:14-22

Evening: Psalms 47, 48 / Matthew 24:32-44

### Wednesday

Morning: Psalm 119:49-72 / Zechariah 3 / Revelation 4:1-8

Evening: Psalms 49, 53 / Matthew 24:45-51

### Thursday

Morning: Psalm 50 / Zechariah 4 / Revelation 4:9-5:5

Evening: Psalms 33, 59, 60 / Matthew 25:1-13

### Friday

Morning: Psalms 40, 54 / Zechariah 7:8-8:8 / Revelation 5:6-14

Evening: Psalm 51 / Matthew 25:14-30

### Saturday

Morning: Psalm 55 / Zechariah 8:9-17 / Revelation 6

Evening: Psalms 138-139:23 / Matthew 25:31-46

### Sunday

Morning: Psalms 24, 29 / Genesis 3:8-15 / Revelation 12:1-10

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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.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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*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.

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