



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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Second Sunday of Advent ∴ DECEMBER 8TH, 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

“Advent can be celebrated only by those whose souls give them no peace, who know that they are poor and incomplete, and who sense something of the greatness that is supposed to come, before which they can only bow in humble timidity, waiting until he inclines himself toward us—the Holy One himself, God in the child in the manger. God is coming; the Lord Jesus is coming; Christmas is coming. Rejoice, O Christendom!”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - MARK 13:35-37

“Stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning - lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Our gracious God, in this season of waiting, draw your people together in renewed peace and unity, that our praise and worship might echo through our lives. In this season of expectation, draw us together in renewed mission, that we may be peacemakers as you have commanded. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the true Prince of Peace. 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, 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 stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON PSALM 130 & 72

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: For You, O LORD, our souls in stillness wait, truly our hope is in You O LORD of life, you are our only hope, Your radiance shines on all who look to you in the dark, Emmanuel come, come light our hearts

People: We wait for the LORD, our souls wait, and in his word we hope.

Minister: Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

People: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

Minister: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

People: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

Minister: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

People: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

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)

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

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood
How His kindness yet pursues me
Mortal tongues can never tell
Clothed in flesh till death shall loose me
I cannot proclaim it well

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

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

WORDS: JOHN CENNICK, 1752; ALT. CHARLES WESLEY, 1758 & MARTIN MADAN, 1760

MUSIC: ZAC HICKS, 2008

Lo! He comes with clouds descending
Once for favored sinners slain
Once for favored sinners slain
Thousand, thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train
Swell the triumph of His train
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign

Every eye shall now behold Him
Robed in dreadful majesty
Robed in dreadful majesty
Those who set at naught and sold Him
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing
Shall the true Messiah see

Every island, sea, and mountain
Heav'n and earth shall flee away
Heav'n and earth shall flee away
All who hate Him must, confounded,
Hear the trump proclaim the day
Hear the trump proclaim the day
Come to judgment! Come to judgment!
Come to judgment, come away!

Now redemption, long expected
See in solemn pomp appear
See in solemn pomp appear
All His saints, by man rejected
Now shall meet Him in the air
Now shall meet Him in the air
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
See the day of God appear! The day appear!
See the day of God appear!

Please be seated.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Bethlehem 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,” and we are preparing ourselves for the days when the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

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

Advent Reading - from Luke 2:1-7, 21

“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn... And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

SONG OF RESPONSE

O Little Town of Bethlehem

WORDS: PHILIPS BROOKS | MUSIC: LEWIS REDNER

¹ O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light
The hopes and fears
Of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

³ O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

² How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

Cleansing

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

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

SONG OF COMFORT

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.

Please stand.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE - PSALM 103:11-13

Minister: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

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.

PASSING THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

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.)

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 1:5-25, 57-66, & esp. 67-79

(Pages 856 - 857 in the red Bible.)

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

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 Zechariah

Please stand.

SONG OF RESPONSE

Come O Long Expected Jesus
(MUSIC ON PAGE 10)

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

Joy to those who long to see You
Dayspring from on high, appear
Come, O promised Rod of Jesse
Of Your birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth
Go to him, your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end
By his life he brings us gladness
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
Leaving riches without number
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born the Lord of all

Born Your people to deliver
Born a child and yet a king
Born to reign in us forever
Now Your gracious kingdom bring
By Your own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Your all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Your glorious throne

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 - My Soul in Stillness Waits

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.

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

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

Please stand.

Chorus

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

Taste and See That The Lord Is Good

DAVID HLEBO

Come taste and see
That the Lord is very good
Our sin on Him
We are free now
Let us go in peace

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

BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

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.

THE DISMISSAL

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

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Immediately following worship, all are invited to the chapel hall for refreshments and conversation.

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded at www.redeemeroc.org/resources/sermons

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

Children's Christmas Party | December 8 at 11:20AM

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 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, for more information.

Announcements & Events

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) or elder Cameron Moore (805-657-7356/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.



Angel Tree

Today is the last day to stop by and pick an "angel" off the tree in the chapel hall. 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. 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.

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

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

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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), 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 2 of Advent

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 114, 115 / Luke 1:57-68

Monday

Morning: Psalm 25 / Amos 7:1-9 / Revelation 1:1-8

Evening: Psalms 9, 15 / Matthew 22:23-33

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 26, 28 / Amos 7:10-17 / Revelation 1:9-16

Evening: Psalms 36, 39 / Matthew 22:34-46

Wednesday

Morning: Psalm 38 / Amos 8 / Revelation 1:17-2:7

Evening: Psalm 119:25-48 / Matthew 23:1-12

Thursday

Morning: Psalm 37:1-18 / Amos 9:1-10 / Revelation 2:8-17

Evening: Psalm 37:19-40 / Matthew 23:13-26

Friday

Morning: Psalm 31 / Haggai 1 / Revelation 2:18-29

Evening: Psalm 35 / Matthew 23:27-39

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 30, 32 / Haggai 2:1-9 / Revelation 3:1-6

Evening: Psalms 42, 43 / Matthew 24:1-14

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 63, 98 / Amos 9:11-15 / 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3; 2:13-17

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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