



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.

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

Grace and Peace,

David Juelfs
Senior Pastor

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



First Sunday in Advent ··· DECEMBER 3, 2017

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

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

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

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

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

² Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

³ No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

⁴ He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

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.)

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.

READING GOD'S WORD

Luke 2:1-7, 21-24

(Page 857 in the red Bible.)

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ 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, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ 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.

²¹ 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.

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Advent & Its Formative Practices

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

Please stand.

SONG OF RESPONSE

Until the Daybreak
(MUSIC ON PAGE 9)

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.'"

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

UNTIL THE DAYBREAK

WORDS: HORATIUS BONAR, MUSIC: KEVIN TWIT (2012)

For the vision of the Bridegroom
Waits the well-beloved Bride
Severed only for a season
From her well-beloved's side
For the hour when morn ascendeth
And the shadows disappear
For the signs of heavenly glory
She is waiting, waiting here

Chorus

*Morn of morns, it comes at last
All the gloom of ages past
For the day of days the brightest
She is waiting, waiting here*

For the coming of the Bridegroom
Whom though yet unseen we love
For the King of saints returning
In His glory from above
For the shout that shakes the prison
For the trumpet loud and clear
For the voice of the archangel
She is waiting, waiting here

Chorus

For the light beyond the darkness
When the reign of sin is done
When the storm has ceased its raging
And the haven has been won
For the joy beyond the sorrow
Joy of the eternal year
For the resurrection splendor
She is waiting, waiting here

Chorus

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 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.

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

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

Please stand.

SONG OF DEPARTURE

Taste and See That The Lord Is Good

WORDS AND MUSIC: 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 - 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.

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

Announcements & Events

Advent @ Redeemer

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

Advent Wreath Making Event - *Today, December 3, 10:10-10:50am*

Come kick-off the Advent season by creating your own Advent wreath to use at home. All are invited, but RSVP's are encouraged to make sure we have enough supplies. We are requesting a \$10 donation per wreath. Checks can be made payable to Redeemer with memo "advent wreath."

Women's Christmas Party - *Tuesday, December 5, 7:30pm*

Ladies are invited for our annual Christmas party and ornament exchange. We will gather at the Hodson's home in Newport Beach. Contact Leslie Watkins, leslie.watkins@me.com, with questions or to RSVP.

Children's Christmas Party - *Sunday, December 10, 10:10-10:50am*

Redeemer kids, get ready to celebrate with games, stories, songs, and crafts! Look for an invitation to RSVP coming soon. Contact Amanda Knox, amandak@redeemeroc.org, for details or if you are interested in volunteering.

Youth Christmas Party - *Friday, December 15, 7:00pm*

Youth are invited to come celebrate Christmas at our annual Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Gift Exchange. The party will be in Costa Mesa. Contact Pastor Adam, adamf@redeemeroc.org, for more information.

Discovering the 12-Days of Christmas - *Sunday, December 17, 10:10-10:50am*

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.

Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Service - *Sunday, 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.

Middle Hour

Advent Events

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Sundays, December 3-17
10:10-10:50 am

MIDDLE HOUR EVENTS

Dec 3 | Advent Wreath Making Event

Who: All ages

Where: Chapel Hall

What: Make your own Advent wreath to use at home. Recommended donation of \$10 per wreath.

Contact: Go to redeemeroc.org/advent for details and to RSVP.

Children: Children's Sunday School will not be in session; they are invited to join their families for the event.

Dec 10 | Children's Christmas Party

Who: Children, ages 2 years through 5th grade

Where: Chapel & Chapel Hall

What: Enjoy Christmas carols, cookies, & crafts!

Contact: Amanda Knox, amandak@redeemeroc.org for details or if interested in volunteering

Children: This event is in lieu of children's Sunday School. The nursery will be available for young children of volunteers.

Dec 17 | Discovering the 12-Days of Christmas

Who: All ages

Where: Chapel

What: Hear about the history of the 12-Days of Christmas and how we can participate in it.

Contact: Go to redeemeroc.org/advent for details.

Children: Children are invited to join us for the beginning and will be dismissed to participate in an age-appropriate activity. Nursery childcare will also be available.

YOUTH MIDDLE HOUR

Jr. High & High School (6th-12th Grade)

Our youth students are invited to participate in the Advent Middle Hour events with the adults. Youth Small Groups and Breakfasts will resume on January 7th.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children are invited to participate in our Advent Middle Hour events with their families. Sunday School classes will resume on January 7th.

NURSERY

Children 6 months to 2 years

Location: Room directly outside the chapel.
Available during worship and middle hour.

Community Life

Parishes, Community Groups & Studies

PARISH

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

North County

Contact: Amber Fox
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310.463.8177

Beach Cities

Contact: Clint Knox
clint@komarinvestments.com
949.903.4769

Central County

Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org
949.423.8692

South County

Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org
949.423.8692

North County Parish Dinners

Sundays, 4-6:30pm (every other week)
Duncan Home, Fullerton
Contact: Stacey Duncan
stacey.duncan@hotmail.com

Central County Parish Dinners

Sundays, 5:00-7:00 pm (monthly)
Wormald Home, Irvine
Contact: Larry Wormald
lawormald@gmail.com

COMMUNITY GROUPS

A Community Group is a small gathering of people who meet weekly to discuss scripture and pray together. If you are new to studying scripture, a community group is the perfect place to learn without pressure. **Community Groups are on break for Advent and will resume in January.**

Newport-Mesa

Feichtmann Home
Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm
Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org

Irvine & Aliso Viejo

Brewer & Moore Homes
Sundays, 5:00-6:45 pm
Contact: Christie Brewer
christiebrewer8301@gmail.com

Irvine & Costa Mesa

Kornu & Yanaga Homes
Sundays, 4:00-6:30 pm
Contact: Christine Kornu
kornufamily@gmail.com

Costa Mesa

Pringle Home
Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm
Contact: Stephanie Handley
srhandley@gmail.com

Newport - Men's Group

Honor Coffee, Lido Marina
1st & 3rd Wed, 8:00-9:00 am
Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org

Junior High - Costa Mesa

Halecrest Back Clubhouse
Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm
Contact: Demi Richardson
demir@redeemeroc.org

High School - Costa Mesa

Cooper Home
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm
Contact: Josh Cooper
joshc@redeemeroc.org

MID-WEEK STUDIES

During the week we offer studies on specific faith and culture topics to help us learn how to live the kingdom life together. **Studies are on break for Advent and will resume in January.**

Men's Study

Seven Deadly Sins
Costa Mesa
Greenleaf on 17th St.
Monthly, 4th Tuesday
7:30-9:00 pm
Leader/Contact:
Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org

Women's PM Study

Gospel of John
Costa Mesa
Scanlon Home
Every other Tuesday
7:00-8:45 pm
Leader/Contact:
Stephanie Handley
srhandley@gmail.com

Women's AM Study

Gospel of John
Newport Beach
Hodson Home
Weekly Wednesdays
9:15-11:00 am
(Childcare available)
Contact: Ashley Moore
ashley.moore05@gmail.com

Newcomer Study

Gospel in Life - Keller
Location TBD
Day/Time determined by
interest.
Leader: David Juelfs
Contact: Kem Erskine
kem@redeemeroc.org

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.



LECTURES & CLASSES – At 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, participate in engaging lectures and classes on subjects that matter. Details on p.16.



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Yearly retreats and regular gatherings to deepen our relationships and support each other.



FAMILY MINISTRY – Whether it's a new baby or a house full of teenagers, Redeemer is a place to grow as a family.



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

Building a Beautiful Neighborhood



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

Global Partnership

Ethiopia

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.

Update

Although the current state of emergency instated in Ethiopia has presented challenges, Ethiopia ACT continues to move forward in serving the local communities in Addis Ababa. Over the coming months, ACT will be adding 100 non-HIV families to their program, further extending their efforts in meeting 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.

Finally, ACT is in the process of registering with the Ethiopian government and asks for prayer that the process progresses smoothly.

Prayer Requests

- For sustained strength, energy and safety for the Polk family and the Ethiopia ACT staff in Addis Ababa.
- For the current state of emergency in the country due to regional protests, and for peaceful resolution.
- That visiting teams being delayed or unable to travel would not have a negative impact on medical clinics or other services ACT provides.
- For a smooth process registering Ethiopia ACT with the government.
- For ACT to be able to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the new families being added to the program.

Website: www.ethiopiaact.org

Global Partnership

Japan

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

Last April, Grace Harbor celebrated their one year anniversary of holding weekly worship services. They now have about 60 adults and 30 children attending the weekly service each week, and are slowly but steadily growing. Grace Harbor has had 2 more baptisms this year. Yoko was introduced to Grace Harbor at a community event and began developing friendships. After attending events regularly for 2 years she confessed her faith and became a Christian. Yoko then waited patiently for 2 more years for her husband to give approval for her baptism. This year she was finally baptized and her husband even came to the service! Mr. Suzuki, the 62-year-old pub owner and manager a local baseball team, completed his baptism classes and was baptized in early December 2016.

Last summer Grace Harbor welcomed many summer missions teams. These teams are instrumental in helping them get connected to non-Christians in the community through cultivating new relationships and hosting events. Some of these events included a Hawaiian BBQ, College outreach, Kids English Camp, and a Basketball outreach.

One of the major challenges this year is the reforming of their leadership team as they transition from being a missionary-heavy church to a Japanese church. Other challenges include the health issues with Pastor Seima's hearing problems and Pastor Fukuda's stroke from which both are miraculously recovering.

The Aoyagi family is seeing God work through their roles in the community. Seima's position as PTA chair has allowed him to make connections through which people have come to know about Grace Harbor. Naoko's involvement with Parakaleo Japan helps provide a care-network for wives in ministry.

Prayer Requests

- For Seima's son Towa's continuous recovery through daily activity and rehab visit.
- For Seima's family to be dependent on the Lord more and more.
- For Grace Harbor Church as they are in the process of reformatting small groups.
- For new contacts through outreach events to develop friendships and introduce them to Jesus.
- For them to not only grow in number but also in maturity as followers of Christ
- For unity and focus in the leadership team, and for Seima to lead in a humble, godly manner.
- For more church planting happening in Tokyo, the world largest city yet with only 0.2% Christians!

Websites: www.redeemercitytocity.com, 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.

Daily Scripture Readings

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

Week 1 of Advent

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

Evening: Psalms 12, 13, 14 / Matthew 21:23-32

Thursday

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

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

Friday

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

Evening: Psalms 22 / Matthew 22:1-14

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 148, 149, 150 / Amos 6:1-14 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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.

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Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse Cell: _____

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Meeting with a Pastor

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