



REDEEMER
ORANGE COUNTY

{ *order of worship* }



WELCOME

We are delighted to have you with us for worship!

We hope that today will be a day that you will meet with God. We want to invite you to join with us in experiencing joy, beauty, and awe as we encounter God in the reading & preaching of the Scriptures, the offering of prayers, the singing of his praises, the sacraments of baptism & the Lord's Supper, and the fellowship of the church community.

We want you to know that Redeemer is a safe place for you to be in process. You are free to explore, voice objections, be real, and find community. We have people from diverse backgrounds and recognize that everyone is in a different place in their Spiritual journey.

As you are leaving stop by our Welcome Table in the Narthex to pick up a complimentary coffee mug. There are also Connect Cards where you can leave your contact information and be included in our Friday email newsletter. We would also love to get to know you and there is box to check if you are interested in meeting for conversation over a coffee.

To our Families with Children

We want to be a good church to your family by helping your little ones learn to worship. A few things we do to serve families...

Nursery for ages 0-3 years old. Feel free to use the nursery as needed (if kids get too restless) or throughout the service.

Children's Bulletins to help young children in church. We know that this takes time and promise not be bothered by an occasional squeal, laugh, or tear.

Sermon Time Class is an age-appropriate lesson for children 3 years old to 5th grade (use at your discretion). Note: All children need to be checked in using our Children's Check-In system or on the Church Center APP prior to the service or at the children's dismissal. Nursery – kindergarten children need to be checked out directly with a nursery worker or their child's teacher following the sermon.

About our Worship Service

Our liturgy (i.e. worship service) follows the logic of the gospel and the historic pattern of God's people.

The main movements are as follows:

Calling - God takes the initiative, moves towards us with grace, and invites us to know and worship him.

Cleansing - God forgives us and reminds us of his great love in Christ.

Constitution - God builds us up and nourishes us through the Scriptures.

Communion - God draws near to us and invites us to partake of his grace in the sacrament.

Commission - God sends us out into his world empowered to be his ambassadors.

We realize that the flow and content of the service may be new so we've included a few notes in the margins that offer some explanations. Feel free to participate actively or to just listen and observe.

Again, we are glad that you have joined us today. Let us worship!

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Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost : NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023

Before the service, there is a time for prayer and reflection. Please remember to silence cell phones.

WELCOME

REFLECTION

If who I am in Christ does not shape the way I think about myself and the things I face, then I will live out some other identity.

— *Timothy Lane & Paul Tripp, How People Change*

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

— *The Apostle Paul, Galatians 3:27-28*

CALENDAR

ADVENT	The word 'Pentecost' comes from the Greek meaning simply 'fiftieth'. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of
CHRISTMAS	Easter and symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the
EPIPHANY	empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In remembering Pentecost and living in light
LENT	of this powerful turning point the church expresses gratitude to Christ for sending "another counselor" (John
EASTER	14:16), celebrates the work of the Spirit in the renewal of all creation, and professes its confidence and security
PENTECOST	in knowing the Spirit's power is available for its mission.

Calling

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP - ADAPTED FROM EPHESIANS 3:14-21

In the call to worship God begins the dialogue that occurs in worship and graciously invites his people to draw near to him.

Minister: For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being...

People: That Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith...

Minister: That you, would know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, and be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us...

People: To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

Bold text is read together by the congregation.
Plain text is read by the leader.

PASTORAL PRAYER OF ADORATION

Prayer concludes by praying 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.

OPENING SONG

O Worship The King

WORDS: ROBERT GRANT, MUSIC: JOHANN HAYDN

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and his love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old;
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to worship Thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall all sing Thy praise.

Cleansing

Please be seated.

CONFESSION OF SIN

In the prayer of
repentance we
speak honestly
with God about
ourselves by
confessing our
sins and
shortcomings
and seeking
forgiveness in
Christ.

Almighty God, you created us for life together, but we have turned from your will. We have not loved as you command. We have broken our promises to you and to one another. We have taken much and given little. Forgive our disobedience, O God, and strengthen us in love, that we may faithfully serve you as your people, and live together in your joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF COMFORT

By Thy Mercy

WORDS: JAMES J CUMMINS; MUSIC: GREG THOMPSON

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heav'n thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

Please stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - EPHESIANS 5:25-27

Having been
forgiven by
God, we greet
one another
with joy and
speak peace to
each other.

Minister: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish

PASSING THE PEACE & COLLECTION

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

Collection: In response to God's grace, we worship him and seek to honor him with our lives. One way that we do so is by giving financially to Christ and the work of his Church. We invite all who are a part of this church to continue their worship in this way (Philippians 4:18-19; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; Malachi 3:6-12; Matthew 6:24). If you are visiting with us today please do not feel any pressure to contribute.

You may leave offerings in the collection box located on the back glass wall of the worship area. You may also take the time to give electronically. To donate through our church APP, download the APP on your smartphone and set up a Subsplash account.

To donate online, scan the QR code.



SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY; MUSIC: GREG THOMPSON

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

Constitution

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM INTO THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

Caroline Mae Parsons

Baptismal vows

Do you believe your child is made in the image of God, created to worship, serve, and enjoy him in all of life?

Do you acknowledge her need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim and trust in God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

To the Congregation:

Do you undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

As Caroline is being committed to Christ, do you now remember and renew your own baptismal vows, believing and trusting in the cleansing work of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and rest in your union with Christ?

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL - DURING THE LAST STANZA OF THE SONG OF PREPARATION

(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 prior to the service or at this dismissal and checked out directly with their child's teacher following the sermon.)

Please stand

SONG OF PREPARATION

Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him

WORDS: ORA ROWAN (ALT. KEVIN TWIT), MUSIC: JOEL LITTLEPAGE (2010)

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him
Is not thine a captured heart
Chief among ten thousand own Him,
Joyful choose the better part.

Chorus

*Captivated by His beauty,
Worthy tribute haste to bring.
Let His peerless worth constrain thee,
Crown Him now unrivaled King.*

What can strip the seeming beauty,
From the idols of the earth
Not a sense of right or duty,
But the sight of peerless worth.

Chorus

'Tis that look that melted Peter,
'Tis that face that Stephen saw,
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary,
Can alone from idols draw.

Chorus

Prayer Requests? Let us know how we can pray for you. Fill out the Prayer Request form on our church app or website by scanning the QR Code.



Please be seated.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philemon

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. ²² At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you.

²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, ²⁴ and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.

²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Onesimus & the Grace of Christ

The Spirit uses the reading and preaching of God's Word to impart new Spiritual life as well as to nourish and comfort God's people in their faith.

Questions? After the service, our pastors and elders will be taking your questions and engaging in a fifteen-minute impromptu discussion on the previous week's Scripture readings. We'll give you a few minutes to grab a cup of coffee and join us in the front of the sanctuary.

SONG OF RESPONSE*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

WORDS: HENRY LYTE, MUSIC: BILL MOORE

Jesus I my cross have taken
 All to leave and follow thee
 Destitute, despised, forsaken
 Thou from hence my all shalt be
 Perish every fond ambition
 All I've sought or hoped or known
 Yet how rich is my condition
 God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me
 They have left my Savior too
 Human hearts and looks deceive me
 Thou art not like them untrue
 Oh while thou dost smile upon me
 God of wisdom, love and might
 Foes may hate and friends disown me
 Show thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me
 Twill but drive me to thy breast
 Life with trials hard may press me
 Heaven will bring me sweeter rest
 Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me
 While thy love is left to me
 Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me
 Were that joy unmixed with thee

Go then earthly fame and treasure
 Come disaster scorn and pain
 In thy service pain is pleasure
 With thy favor loss is gain
 I have called thee Abba Father
 I have stayed my heart on thee
 Storms may howl and clouds may gather
 All must work for good to me

Soul then know thy full salvation
 Rise o'er sin and fear and care
 Joy to find in every station
 Something still to do or bear
 Think what spirit dwells within thee
 Think what Father's smiles are thine
 Think that Jesus died to win thee
 Child of heaven, canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer
 Heaven's eternal days before thee
 God's own hand shall guide thee there
 Soon shall close thy earthly mission
 Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
 Hope shall change to glad fruition
 Faith to sight and prayer to praise

Communion

Our communion liturgy is adapted from Scripture as well as the earliest traditions of the church. The liturgy begins with *The Sursum Corda* which is Latin for “lift up your hearts,” and calls us to be heavenly minded in the Lord’s presence (cf. Psalm 25:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:16).

The Sanctus is a prayer that has been used by the church since the first century to respond to the mystery of Christ’s presence in the sacrament (cf. Psalm 118:26; Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8).

The Memorial Acclamation is a triumphant declaration of the gospel of Christ as portrayed in this holy meal (cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7, 11:26; 1 Timothy 3:16).

INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENT

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.

Minister: It is right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord God almighty. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name; saying together:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: 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.

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

Communion (i.e. the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist) is a holy meal in which we remember Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. In the sacrament, God comes near to his church and we experience his grace anew.

Who should participate? We invite all Christians—those who confess Christ and have been baptized into his church—to join with us in this sacred meal. If this does not describe you, instead of partaking, we encourage you to consider the things you have seen and heard today, including the love of God, as portrayed in this meal. You may come forward to receive prayer (simply cross your arms over your chest as you pass the servers) or, if you prefer, simply remain in your seat.

Parents: If your children are not yet participating, please instruct them to cross their arms over their chest. As soon as they understand the meaning of this meal in an age-appropriate way and are ready to confess their faith, our leaders would love to meet with them and admit them to the table.

How should I participate? Starting with the front rows, come forward. As you are served, partake of the bread and wine then return to your seat.

Note: We use bread and red wine, but gluten free wafers (containing organic brown and white rice flour only) and white grape juice are also available.

COMMUNION SONG

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

WORDS & MUSIC: SANDRA MCCRAKEN AND JOSHUA MOORE

Chorus

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

Chorus

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
my soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Chorus

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

Chorus

Please stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Commission

SONG OF DEPARTURE

Everlasting God

BRENTON BROWN & KEN RILEY

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
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Our God You reign forever
Our hope our strong deliv'rer
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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

BLESSING - NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face 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.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded by scanning the QR code.



Redeemer at a Glance

Our rhythm of our life together follows this pattern:

- WORSHIP } is the primary activity of our church. It is the rationale for creation and the goal of redemption. We believe that a day is coming when our present fallen world will be engulfed by the New Heavens and the New Earth, where shalom will abound, where all things will be to the praise of God's glory.
 - FORMATION } occurs as people are transformed by the gospel. It begins as we first believe and continues throughout our life of faith as we seek to love God with heart, soul, mind & strength as well as our neighbors as ourselves. Spiritual formation takes place in community where God is present and active through Scripture, prayer, sacraments, and fellowship of the church.
 - MISSION } is the story of Scripture in which God is at work to redeem the world. This story culminates in Jesus Christ, who was lovingly sent by God the Father to seek and to save the lost. In his life, death, and resurrection, God has been victorious. And now, the church is sent into the world—into Orange County & beyond—with the Spirit, to continue the work of redemption.
 - CULTURE } takes place as individual Christians are sent into the world to be faithful and present in their communities. Through their families, friendships, and ordinary vocations Christians love their neighbors by contributing to and celebrating truth, goodness, and beauty.
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Get involved in our regular ministries:



SMALL GROUPS – Prayer Groups, Study Groups, Community Groups and Interest Groups



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



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES – Whether it's a new baby or a house full of teenagers, Redeemer is a place for your family.



RUF - Reformed University Fellowship is our Ministry to the college campus.



LOCAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES - Love and serve Orange County.

Advent & Christmas

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

Advent Sundays | December 3, 10, 17 & 24 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.

Christmastide Sunday | December 31 at 10:00am

First Sunday after Epiphany (Three Kings Cake) | January 7 at 10:00am

EVENTS & PARTIES

Advent Wreath Making Event | Sunday December 3 - Directly after the worship service

Kick-off the season by creating your own Advent Wreath to use at home. The cost will be \$10 per wreath for the materials and payments can be made at the event. You may pay online, by check (please put Advent Wreath in the memo) or cash at the table. Please register for this event so we can purchase materials.

Children's Christmas Party | December 10 - Directly after the worship service

All children ages 2 years - 5th grade are invited to celebrate to prepare their hearts for the Christmas season. More details will be made available next week. Contact Nem Malabuyo, for details and if you are interested in volunteering.

Youth Ugly Sweater Christmas Parties

Junior High Saturday, December 9th & High School, Sunday December 10th

Youth are invited to come celebrate Christmas at our annual Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Gift Exchange. The Jr. High Party will be at the Pringle's home in Costa Mesa and the High School Party will be at the Maxwell home in Irvine. Contact Adam Feichtmann for more information.

Women's Ministry Ornament Exchange Christmas Party

Monday, December 11th | 7:00 - 9:00PM at the home of Dayna O'Neil in Costa Mesa

Join us for our Women's Ministry Ornament Exchange Christmas Party at the home of Dayna O'Neil in Costa Mesa. Please bring a wrapped ornament. For more information please contact Dayna O'Neil

Announcements & Events

(To see additional announcements & events please visit the Redeemer website, calendar and app)

Children's Christmas Party - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, December 10, 2023 after the service

Please join us for our annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10th following the service. All children ages 2 years - 5th grade are invited to celebrate with Christmas carols, stories, craft, games and cookie decorating to prepare their hearts for the Christmas season. For more details Contact Nem Malabuyo.



Advent Wreath Event

Sunday, December 3, 2023 after the service

Kick-off the Christmas season by creating your own Advent Wreath to use at home. This event will take place On Sunday, December 3rd directly after the worship service. The wreaths will be fresh Evergreen Garlands with options to add succulents and artificial berries to it. You will also receive the Advent candles to go into the wreath base that you design. The cost will be \$10 per wreath for the materials. This is a fun family activity! Please click on the QR code to register.



Redeemer 101

Saturday, December 16th from 9:00 - 11:30am | Redeemer Offices - 3700 Campus Drive, Suite 200, Newport Beach

This seminar is the first step in becoming a member of Redeemer. Whether you have attended Redeemer for 1 week or 1 year, this class is designed to teach you the basics about Redeemer and give you a forum to ask questions. The seminar will give you an overview of Redeemer's identity, membership, doctrine, history, and ministry opportunities. For more information please contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann. Click on the QR code to sign up.



Year-End Giving

It is our desire to be a generous community.

Everything we have in life we have received as a gift. The paradox of Christianity is that we are more blessed, satisfied, and fulfilled when we give, rather than when we receive. It was true of our Savior and it's true of us.

The end of the year is historically a season marked by generosity, both in our church and in our culture at large. As you reflect on 2023 and give thanks to God for his many blessings this year, may you consider how you might respond to God's graciousness in your life. Giving back to God a portion of what He has given us is one way we show our thankfulness to Him.

Your regular practice of generosity enables Redeemer's ministry not only to continue but to grow as we seek to exercise hospitality with those God brings through the church's doors and to be generous with our missions partners across the county and around the world.

Below are the different and creative ways you can give to Redeemer...

GIVE VIA CHECK

Write a check to Redeemer (dated December 31, 2023 or before) and either drop it off in the Collection Box at church on an upcoming Sunday or mail it to Redeemer Presbyterian Church of Orange County at PO Box 9708 Newport Beach, CA 92658

GIVE ONLINE

[Redeemeroc.org/give](https://redeemeroc.org/give)



GIVE VIA TEXT

Text the keyword "give2roc" to the giving text phone number, 206-859-9405.

GIVE STOCK & OTHER CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Donate stocks and mutual funds, which can often provide you with added tax benefits. Talk to a financial advisor about other creative long-term giving opportunities. Possibilities include making Redeemer the partial beneficiary of your life insurance policy/IRA/401k, including Redeemer in your will, establishing charitable trusts to benefit heirs and Redeemer, etc.

Thank you for your continued partnership in the ministry and mission of Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

Feel free to contact our Church Treasurer if you have any questions.

Andrew Evans

Bible in a Year Daily Scripture Readings

For the year of 2023, we are reading the entire Bible together as a church! The scripture readings below are this week's part of our reading plan.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” - *Colosians 3:16a*

Monday: 1 Timothy 4 - 6

Tuesday: 2 Timothy 1 - 4

Wednesday: Titus 1 - 3 / Psalm 148

Thursday: Mark 1 - 6:29

Friday: Mark 6:30 - 9:50

Saturday: FREE DAY

Scan the QR code to listen to audio readings, subscribe to our Daily Morning & Evening Word & Prayer emails, hear our Bible in a Year sermons, and download the whole 2023 reading plan and small group discussion questions and prayer guide.

