



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 Rooms for ages 0 to 3 years old. (Baby Room - 0 to 24 months, Toddler Room - 2 to 3 years) Both rooms are available before service until after service ends. Children need to be checked-in using Check-Ins before drop off and must be picked up by an authorized adult. Feel free to use them as needed (if kids get too restless) or throughout the service.

Children's Bulletins are available at the Kid's Check-In table to help young children in church. We know that this takes time and promise not to be bothered by an occasional squeal, laugh, or tear.

Sermon Time Class is an age-appropriate lesson for children 4 years old to 5th grade (use at your discretion). Our classes are broken up into three age groups: Preschool/Kindergarten, 1st-3rd Grade and 4th-5th Grade. Note: All children need to be checked in using Check-Ins prior to the service or at the children's dismissal.

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!

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

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Third Sunday of Advent : DECEMBER 17TH, 2023

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

WELCOME

REFLECTION

Christ's resurrection spells hope for us not just because he lives, but because, by God's mercy, we live. By the resurrection of Christ, God has given life, not only to him, but to us.

Edmund Clowney

God is the agent of new birth, and the means or instrument of new birth is the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Darian Lockett

New birth through Christ's resurrection results in personal hope which redefines one's status both in society (in terms of alienation) and in the kingdom (in terms of a share in eternal inheritance).

Karen Jobes

The biblical word elpida, translated as the weaker English word hope, means profound certainty.

— Tim Keller

CALENDAR

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY

EASTER

LENT

PENTECOST

Hopeful waiting. Expectancy. Longing. Things are not right within us nor in the world around us, so we wait. We wait for the arrival of King Jesus. The word "advent" comes from the Latin word adventus, meaning "coming" or "arrival." During Advent we remember the first coming of Jesus and we long for his second coming. Robert Webber explains Advent as, "a corporate spiritual journey that calls for expectant waiting and readiness for the coming of the Christ. When the Church travels this journey and treats it as a discipline of life and prayer, the joy of Christmas is immeasurably intensified."

Calling

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 62

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 God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Minister: How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence? They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.

People: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

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

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY & MARK E. HUNT: MUSIC: ROWLAND PRICHARD

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of ev'ry nation
Joy of ev'ry longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee Day-spring from on high appear Come thou promised Rod of Jesse Of Thy 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 Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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.

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

SONG OF COMFORT

Agnus Dei
MUSIC: DAVID HLEBO

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us
Grant us peace

Please stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - ZEPHANIAH 3:15, 17

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

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.

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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
WORDS BY: CHARLES WESLEY: MUSIC BY: FELIX MENDELSSOHN-BARTHOLDY

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

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

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

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

Constitution

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We light this candle to remember this truth: Jesus is the Light of the World and the source of all joy. In him is life and his life is the light of all people. If we receive his light, our joy is made complete.

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

Please stand

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.)

SONG OF PREPARATION

Once In Royal David's City
WORDS: CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER; MUSIC: HENRY J. GAUNTLETT

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed. Mary was that mother mild Jesus Christ her little child

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable
And His cradle was a stall
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy

And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden
In whose gentle arms He lay
Christian children all should be
Kind, obedient, good as He

For He is our childhood's pattern
Day by day, like us He grew
He was little, weak and helpless
Tears and smiles like us He knew
And He feels for all our sadness
And He shares in all our gladness

And our eyes at last shall see Him Through His own redeeming love For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heav'n above And He leads his children on To the place where He has gone

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

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON REV. ADAM FEICHTMANN

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.

Норе

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.

Please stand. **SONG OF RESPONSE**

Joy To The World WORDS: ISAAC WATTS; MUSIC: GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL

Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

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 repeat the sounding joy

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

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

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

COMMUNION SONG

What Wondrous Love Is This
WORDS AND MUSIC: AMERICAN FOLK HYMN

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great "I Am";
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, O God, that through Word and sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Commission

SONG OF DEPARTURE

We Three Kings
WORDS AND MUSIC BY JOHN H. HOPKINS JR.

We three kings of Orient are Bearing gifts we traverse afar Field and fountain, moor and mountain Following yonder star

O star of wonder star of night Star with royal beauty bright Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to thy perfect light

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

BLESSING - ROMANS 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors.

People: Thanks be to God.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE



Redeemer at a Glance

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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.

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.

Announcements & Events

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

Angel Tree

Sunday, November 26th - Sunday, December 17th - LAST DAY TO DONATE

This year Redeemer has set up an Angel Tree online webpage for people to donate directly to buy gifts for a child(ren) of an incarcerated parent. You can donate today by scanning the QR code next to the Christmas Tree at church or you can click on the QR code below to access the website. The last Sunday to donate will be today, December 17th. For more information, please contact Chris Stratton



Tween Prep Sunday

Sunday, December 31st

We are inviting our 4th and 5th grade students to remain in the service with their families. We will provide opportunities for them to do this 4 times throughout the year with the intention of preparing them to smoothly transition into consistently remaining in the service at the completion of their 5th grade year. We call these 'Tween Prep Sundays, and hope they are a blessing to you and your families! If you have any guestions please contact Nem Malabuyo

Balboa Island Coffee and Walk

Monday, January 1st, 2024 - 10AM

Ladies of Redeemer, come join us on Monday, January 1st to start the new year off with a leisurely stroll around Balboa Island. We'll gather at the charming Huskins coffee shop on the island at 10:00 AM to grab a coffee before embarking on a 1.5-mile flat walk. The event is free but, please RSVP, so we know to expect you! If you have any questions please reach out to Beckie White. Please click on the QR code to RSVP.



High School RYM 2024 Summer Conference

Pepperdine University in Malibu | July 26 - 30, 2024

We are excited to announce that RYM is hosting their first West Coast High School Summer Conference at Pepperdine University in Malibu! We can expect the same caliber of a camp as our previous years with RYM in Colorado. Rising 9th graders through recently graduated seniors are welcome to attend. The cost is \$550 and a \$100 deposit is due by January 7, 2024 to secure a spot for your student. Click on the QR code for more information and to pay the deposit. Questions: Danielle Smith



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 | January 7 at 10:00am

Epiphany falls on January 6th. To celebrate Epiphany we will be serving Three Kings Cake after our worship service. Plan to stick around and join us for this special celebration!

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

GIVE VIA TEXT

Redeemeroc.org/give

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

Sunday: Isaiah 11:2 - 3

Monday: John 10 - 12 / Psalm 23 / Isaiah 11:3 - 5

Tuesday: John 13 - 17 / Isaiah 11:1, 10

Wednesday: John 18 - 21 / Isaiah 9:6-7

Thursday: 1 John 1 - 5 / Isaiah 9:1-2

Friday: 2 John / 3 John / Jude / Isaiah 28:16-17

Saturday: Revelation 1 - 3 / Psalm 47 / Isaiah 7:14

