



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 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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*Fourth Sunday of Advent* ∴ DECEMBER 24TH, 2023  
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Before the service, there is a time for prayer and reflection. Please remember to silence cell phones.

**WELCOME**

**REFLECTION**

This little babe, so few days old,  
Is come to rifle Satan's fold;  
All hell doth at his presence quake.  
Though he himself for cold do shake,  
For in this weak unarmèd wise  
The gates of hell he will surprise.  
With tears he fights and wins the field;  
His naked breast stands for a shield;  
His battering shot are babish cries,  
His arrows looks of weeping eyes,  
His martial ensigns cold and need,  
And feeble flesh his warrior's steed.  
His camp is pitchèd in a stall,  
His bulwark but a broken wall,  
The crib his trench, hay stalks his stakes,  
Of shepherds he his muster makes;  
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,  
The angels' trumps alarum sound.  
My soul, with Christ join thou in fight;  
Stick to the tents that he hath pight;  
Within his crib is surest ward,  
This little babe will be thy guard.  
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,  
Then flit not from this heavenly boy.

— Robert Southwell, "New Heaven, New War"

CALENDAR

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

# Calling

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Please stand.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM JOHN 1:14 & PSALM 148**

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

Minister: Alleluia. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

**People: And we beheld his glory, full of grace and truth. Alleluia.**

Minister: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**People: Praise him, all his angels and all his hosts, sun and moon, and all you shining stars!**

Minister: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**People: Praise the name of the Lord!**

Minister: All his saints, praise the Lord!

**People: Amen.**

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

### *Angels We Have Heard On High*

EDWARD BARNES & JAMES CHADWICK

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
What may the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

See him in a manger laid  
Whom the choirs of angels praise  
Mary, Joseph lend your aid  
While our hearts in love we raise  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

# Cleansing

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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.**

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**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

*God Rest Ye, Merry Gentleman*  
WORDS AND MUSIC: TRADITIONAL ENGLISH

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem in Jewry, this blessed Babe was born  
And laid within a manger, upon this blessed morn  
The which his mother Mary did nothing take in scorn  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds, brought tidings of the same  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not," then said the angel; "Let nothing you affright  
This day is born a Savior of a pure Virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might."  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

The Shepherds at those tidings, rejoiced much in mind  
And left their flocks a feeding in tempest, storm and wind  
And went to Bethlehem straight way the blessed Babe to find  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

And when they came to Bethlehem where our dear Saviour lay  
They found Him in a manger where oxen feed on hay  
His mother Mary, kneeling down unto the Lord did pray  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

# Constitution

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Please be seated

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BAPTISM INTO THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

*Isaac Alexander Caballero*

#### **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 his 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 his 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 him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him 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 Issac 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**



## **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 full revelation of God’s unfailing love. God’s love is shown by this—while we were yet sinners, His Son Jesus died for us.

**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

*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*

15TH CENTURY GERMAN HYMN, TRANSLATED BY THEODORE BAKER (1864)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.  
Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to men a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.  
The shepherds heard the story  
Proclaimed by angels bright,  
How Christ, the Lord of glory  
Was born on earth this night.  
To Bethlehem they sped  
And in the manger found Him,  
As angel heralds said.

This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness everywhere;  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us,  
And lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, Child of Mary,  
Who felt our human woe,  
O Savior, King of Glory,  
Who dost our weakness know;  
Bring us at length we pray,  
To the bright courts of heaven,  
And to the endless day!

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

*John 1:1 - 5, 9-18*

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

*The Wonder of Christmas*

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.

Please stand.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

WORDS: AURELIUS C. PRUDENTIUS (413, CENTO); MUSIC: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the Source, the ending he,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see  
*Evermore and evermore.*

Blessed was the day forever  
When the Virgin full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the child, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed His sacred face  
*Evermore and evermore.*

This is he whom seers in old time  
Chanted of with one accord;  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word.  
Now he shines, the long-expected;  
Let creation praise the Lord,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him;  
Angel hosts, his praises sing;  
All dominions, bow before him  
And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
*Evermore and evermore.*

Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son  
Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
Persons three, yet God head one  
Glory be from all creation  
While eternal ages run,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

# Communion

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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

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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

**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

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## SONG OF DEPARTURE

### *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

WORDS BY: JOHN W. WORK JR.; MUSIC: TRADITIONAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

#### *Chorus*

*Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born*

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light

#### *Chorus*

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth

#### *Chorus*

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn

#### *Chorus*

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.**

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FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

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





# 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.
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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.

# Announcements & Events

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

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### **Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Service** | Tonight, 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!

### **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 questions 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



# Year-End Giving

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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

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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 59:15-21 / Matthew 1:18-25

**Monday:** Revelation 4 - 7

**Tuesday:** Revelation 8 - 11

**Wednesday:** Revelation 12 - 14

**Thursday:** Revelation 15 - 16 / Psalm 68

**Friday:** Revelation 17 - 19 / Psalm 24

**Saturday:** Revelation 20 - 22 / Psalm 150

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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.

