



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 of Advent*     NOVEMBER 27, 2016

**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

**WELCOME**

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.  
(Psalm 130:5-6)

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Come, Lord Jesus, come!  
Come in weakness and in power to reveal our sin and shame.  
Come, set us free to worship without fear and guide us on the road to peace.  
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.  
Come and make all things new in our lives, our labors, and our world.  
Come, save us now in life and in death, and in the great and final day.  
Come, Lord Jesus! Allelujah!

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 - ISAIAH 60

Bold text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read by the leader. Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

Minister: 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.**

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.

## HYMNS OF PRAISE

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
( MUSIC ON PAGE 3 )

## **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

O come O come great Lord of might  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe  
Rejoice, rejoice  
Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Key of David come  
And open wide our heavenly home  
Make safe the way that leads on high  
And close the path to misery  
Rejoice, rejoice  
Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come Desire of nations bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind  
O bid our sad divisions cease  
And be Thyself our King of peace  
Rejoice, rejoice  
Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

# Cleansing

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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**

Minister: 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**

**Lord, we have not kept watch for you.  
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

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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

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> 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

<sup>3</sup> 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

<sup>4</sup> 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. )

## READING GOD'S WORD

### Genesis 3:1-13

( Pages 2-3 in the red Bible. )

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.

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



*Wanting the Wrong Things*

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.

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Please stand

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Satisfied*  
( MUSIC ON PAGE 8 )

## **SATISFIED**

WORDS: CLARA T. WILLIAMS (1875), MUSIC: KARL DIGERNESS (1997)

All my life long I had panted  
For a drink from some cool spring,  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within.

### *Chorus*

*Hallelujah! He has found me  
The One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me,  
Till my strength was almost gone,  
Longed my soul for something better,  
Only still to hunger on.

### *Chorus*

Poor I was, and sought for riches,  
Something that would satisfy,  
But the dust I gathered round me  
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

### *Chorus*

Well of water, ever springing,  
Bread of life so rich and free,  
Untold wealth that never faileth,  
My Redeemer is to me.

### *Chorus*

Completed in 1647, the Westminster Shorter Catechism's question and answer format has been used for generations to train God's people in the rich biblical theology summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Please be seated for the offertory.

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.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH - WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM (1647)

Minister: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

**People: The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

Minister: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

**People: Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.**

## OFFERTORY - ACTS 20:35

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

*Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending*

WORDS: JOHN CENNICK (1752), ALT. CHARLES WESLEY (1758) AND MARTIN MADAN (1760)

MUSIC: ZAC HICKS (2008)

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

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

# Communion

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## 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.

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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

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Please stand.

## SONG OF DEPARTURE

*There Is A Redeemer*

WORDS AND MUSIC: MELODY GREEN

There is a Redeemer  
Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah  
Holy One

*Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done*

*Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done*

When I stand in glory  
I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place

Jesus my Redeemer  
Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah  
O for sinners slain

*Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done*

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

## BLESSING - 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.**

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## 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](http://www.redeemeroc.org/resources/sermons)



# Announcements & Events

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## **Prison Ministry Angel Tree**

*Sundays, November 27-December 18*

Look for our Angel Tree in the chapel hall today! Share the love of Christ with children of prisoners this Christmas by sponsoring a child or by helping with gift deliveries. Contact Lauri Fusco, 949-583-7817 or laurifusco@cox.net, with questions.

## **Children's Christmas Party**

*Sunday, December 4, Middle Hour*

Our annual Children's Christmas Party is on December 4th during the middle hour (10:05-10:50 am). Children will enjoy carols, crafts, and cookie-decorating to prepare their hearts for the Christmas season. Email invitations were sent last week, so please RSVP by today, November 27th. Please contact Amanda Knox, amandak@redeemeroc.org, if you did not receive an invitation, have questions, or would like to volunteer to help with the party.

## **Women's Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange**

*Thursday, December 15, 7:00-9:00 pm (Please note the date change!)*

Join us for a warm and festive evening where we'll celebrate our Savior's birth and the sweet gift of friendship together with our annual ornament exchange and some holiday treats. We will gather at the home of Sonya Hodson in Newport Beach. Please bring a wrapped ornament if you would like to participate in the exchange. Invitations were sent via email last week. Please RSVP by December 13th to be added to the guest list. Contact Ashley Moore, ashley.moore05@gmail.com, if you have questions or did not receive the invitation.

## **Christmas Eve Service**

*Saturday, December 24, 5:00 pm, Temple Bat Yahm Chapel*

Join us for our annual Lessons & Carols service on Christmas Eve. Nursery childcare will be available for children under 3 years.

## **Men's Ministry Campus by the Sea Workcrew**

*Friday-Sunday, December 2-4*

Men, join us for our work crew at Campus by the Sea on Catalina Island. We will get to know one another better as we serve side-by-side working on projects at this Christian camp and retreat center. Jr High and High School young men are also invited to serve with their fathers provided they are mature enough to perform about 8 hours of tasks with minimal supervision. Our purpose is to be a blessing to Campus by the Sea as we serve this ministry together. The cost is \$72 for your passage on the Catalina Flyer; food and accommodations are provided. Contact Bob Norling, bobnorling@sbcglobal.net, with questions or to sign up. You may also sign up online at: redeemeroc.org/mens-workcrew-registration/.

# Community Life

Parishes, Community Groups & Bible Studies

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## 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.

### Beach Cities

Contact: Clint Knox  
clint@komarinvestments.com  
949.903.4769

### Central County

Contact: Shawn Monterastelli  
smonterastelli@hotmail.com  
949.933.0085

### North County

Contact: Amber Fox  
mrsamberfox@me.com  
310.463.8177

### South County

Contact: Adam Feichtmann  
adamf@redeemeroc.org  
949.423.8692

*Community Groups and Men's and Women's Bible Studies will be on break for the holidays and resume in January. Most will break beginning Nov. 20th. Contact the group for exact dates they will break.*

## 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 times and locations are listed below.

### Newport-Mesa

Feichtmann Home  
Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm  
Contact: Adam Feichtmann  
adamf@redeemeroc.org  
949-423-8692

### Newport Beach

Port Street Homes  
Sundays, 7:00-9:00 pm  
Contact: Erik Rannala  
rannala.erik@gmail.com  
415-309-5109

### University Hills (UCI)

Lenz Home  
Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm  
Contact: Dan Lenz  
justlenz@gmail.com  
308-440-4359

### Irvine

Kornu & Moore Homes  
Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm  
Contact: Roger & Christine Kornu  
kornufamily@gmail.com  
949-559-5502

### Costa Mesa - South Coast

Erskine Home  
Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm  
Contact: Kem Erskine  
kemerskine@yahoo.com  
949-468-6227

### Costa Mesa - Mesa Verde

Pringle Home  
Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm  
Contact: Stephanie Handley  
srhandley@gmail.com  
619-665-7952

### Fullerton

Duncan Home  
Every other Sunday, 4:00-6:30 pm  
Contact: Drew & Stacey Duncan  
stacey.duncan@hotmail.com  
714-869-3077

### Junior High - Costa Mesa

Halecrest Back Clubhouse  
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Contact: Joey LeSuer  
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### High School - Costa Mesa

Cooper Home  
Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm  
Contact: Josh Cooper  
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## MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

During the week we offer bible studies for men and women to study scripture and pray together. The study this fall is on the book of Deuteronomy. See details below on our study times and locations:

### Men's Bible Study

Church Office, Newport Beach  
Thursdays, 6-7:15 am  
Contact: Adam Feichtmann  
adamf@redeemeroc.org

### Women's Evening Bible Study

Scanlon Home, Costa Mesa  
Every other Tuesday, 7:00 pm  
Contact: Stephanie Handley  
srhandley@gmail.com

### Women's Morning Bible Study

Hodson Home, Newport Beach  
Thursdays, 9:15 am  
(Childcare available)  
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# 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. 16.



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.16.



LECTURES & CLASSES – At 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, participate in engaging lectures and classes on subjects that matter. Middle Hour lectures and classes are on break and will resume in January.



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.

# Global Partnership

*Ethiopia*

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## **ETHIOPIA ACT**

Ethiopia ACT is an organization in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia that works to reconcile people to God through Jesus Christ, and to reconcile them to themselves, others and creation—all resulting in the planting, growing and maturing of churches that in turn transform lives and communities through faithful witnesses to the Gospel. They began as a ministry to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS on extremely poor families, but have grown to include other public health strategies that serve the wider community, as well as educational and psychological support for vulnerable children. Church planting and renewal is central to all their activities and a primary goal for their team.

Jason Polk, an ordained PCA minister, together with his wife Liz and their three children, is the family that we directly support, as he oversees the spiritual care for Ethiopia ACT and its work to grow a gospel-centered church planting movement among the poor communities of Addis Ababa.

## **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.

## **April 2017 Ethiopia Trip**

If interested in joining our 2017 Ethiopia team, contact Adam Feichtmann, [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org).

**Website:** [www.ethiopiaact.org](http://www.ethiopiaact.org)

# Global Partnership

*Japan*

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## **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 66 local people attending plus staff and missionaries for a weekly attendance of approximately 100. While this growth is good news, it also means that finding the space to accommodate their worship is becoming an issue which they hope to resolve in 2016.

Grace Harbor had 2 baptisms last year and is looking forward to a few more this year. Among them is Mr. Suzuki. He is about 60 years old, the owner of a local pub, who loves sports and manages a local baseball team. He spent his life without having any interaction with Christianity until he met a sports missionary from the U.S. Through this friendship his interest in becoming a Christian grew. One day Mr. Suzuki showed up at Grace Harbor and said that he wanted to get baptized. He has now been participating in a baptism class for the last six months learning Christian doctrine in answer to his many questions.

The Aoyagi family has seen God move them from one season to the next. Their oldest Senri graduated and will be going to Covenant College, Towa's recovery is still progressing but now more slowly, Satoki joined the school basketball team, and Akari promoted to elementary school. Seima's wife, Naoko is getting involved in Parakaleo Japan, an organization that serves wives of church-planters. Seima was elected as the chair for the PTA in the kids' local elementary school which is considered a public figure in Japan and will help gain his credibility and expand his connections with others in the community.

### **Prayer Requests**

- Pray for Rev. Makoto Fukuda, founding pastor of Grace City Church Tokyo (the leading church of our church planting network in Tokyo), as he recovers from a stroke.
- 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 God's guidance and provision for worship space that will accommodate their recent growth.
- 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!

# Daily Scripture Readings

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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 / Matthew 25:1-13

### **Monday**

Morning: Psalms 1, 2, 3 / Isaiah 1:10-20 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Evening: Psalms 4, 7 / Luke 20:1-8

### **Tuesday**

Morning: Psalms 5, 6 / Isaiah 1:21-31 / 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Evening: Psalms 10, 11 / Luke 20:9-18

### **Wednesday**

Morning: Psalms 119:1-24 / Isaiah 2:1-11 / 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Evening: Psalms 12, 13, 14 / Luke 20:19-26

### **Thursday**

Morning: Psalms 18:1-20 / Isaiah 2:12-22 / 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Evening: Psalms 18:21-50 / Luke 20:27-40

### **Friday**

Morning: Psalms 16, 17 / Isaiah 3:8-15 / 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Evening: Psalms 22 / Luke 20:41-21:4

### **Saturday**

Morning: Psalms 20, 21 / Isaiah 4:2-6 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Evening: Psalms 104 / Luke 21:5-19

### **Sunday**

Morning: Psalms 148, 149, 150 / Isaiah 5:1-7 / 2 Peter 3:11-18

*You can follow the daily readings online at [redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/](http://redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/)*

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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.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

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*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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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please add me to the church directory.

Please add me to the church email list.

*Please Let Us Know If You Are:*

First Time Visitor

Repeat Visitor

*Please Contact Me About:*

Joining a Community Group

Membership at Redeemer

Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

Getting Involved

Meeting with a Pastor

Use your smart phone to scan the QR code or use the url below if you prefer to complete this form online: [redeemeroc.org/response-card](http://redeemeroc.org/response-card)



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