



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Redeemer North Avenue**  
**November 12, 2017**

**UPCOMING MESSAGES:** Today we prepare for the launch of a new series to accompany our reading through the whole story of the Bible using a narrative version called *The Story*. This morning, a look at the sweeping story of Scripture, a story that includes each of us.

<i>Today</i>	The Big Story in the Bible
Nov. 19	Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It
Nov. 26	God Builds a Nation
Dec. 3	Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh

**CONGREGATIONAL FORUM THIS MORNING:** We're hoping for maximum participation at a congregational forum after worship on TODAY. Come to hear encouraging updates on some congregational ministries and to join in a discussion about the downward trend in worship participation we've been seeing in recent months at both of our established campuses. This is important and needs your input, so please plan to come and participate. In order to allow all adults to attend the forum, there is no Sunday School today. Childcare attendants will be on hand to be with the children.

**GROW IN FAITH AND UNDERSTANDING:** Join us Sunday mornings for discipleship opportunities for all ages. This is a time of intentional learning and growth, no matter where you're at on your faith journey. At 11:30am, adults gather in the sanctuary for study and conversation, youth group (grades 6-12) meets downstairs in the small-group room, and children gather downstairs for Sunday School. Come and join the conversation as we grow together!

**3RD ANNUAL TASTE OF REDEEMER:** Coming up on Saturday, November 18, 6:00-9:00pm, is the 3rd annual Taste of Redeemer. We have been blessed to be a community comprised of many different cultural backgrounds. Let's celebrate this gift by bringing a dish or drink to share from a country or region we feel connected to. Please see the signup sheet in the back of the church to let others know what you'll be bringing. This is also a great opportunity to invite a friend!

**LOVED VBS?** Families, mark your calendars now for *A Night in Bethlehem* on Saturday, December 9, 2-4pm at Redeemer Park Ridge. During this open house event, families wander through the Bethlehem marketplace and discover what life was like when Jesus was born. Everyone will create unique keepsakes as they interact with local shopkeepers who share the Christmas story of the miracle of Jesus' birth. This event is also ideal for inviting friends and neighbors. Interested in being on the Night in Bethlehem team? We're counting on the variety of gifts everyone can bring to this special day. Whether you love to plan, build, create, imagine, act, communicate, assist, organize, welcome, or prepare – we have a job for you. Please contact Rachel Quest ([rachel@redeemerchicago.com](mailto:rachel@redeemerchicago.com)) with questions or to volunteer to help.

**CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING BY SERVING OTHERS:** Join us at Redeemer North Avenue this Thanksgiving as we once again partner with St. Giles Catholic Church to celebrate Thanksgiving by serving our local community. Through our collective efforts, we'll have the opportunity to serve Thanksgiving dinner to a few-hundred people who otherwise have nowhere to go on Thanksgiving. We'll both be hosting a meal at Redeemer and delivering meals to people who are unable to leave their homes. We have three service opportunities leading up to Thanksgiving, plus the opportunities on Thanksgiving Day, as well as the wrap-up on Friday. On Monday, November 21, we'll be covering the floors and setting up tables at Redeemer. On Tuesday, we'll be decorating the walls and tables. On Wednesday, we'll set up the kitchen and the service area. On Thanksgiving Day, we'll pack meals for the homebound, and then we'll open our doors as we host a meal. On Friday, we'll make sure that everything is put back just as we found it. We're also in need of volunteers who are able to cook a turkey, sides, and/or a dessert at home and deliver it to the church. Between our two churches, we'll need about 30 turkeys to pull this off. Sign-up sheets for all the various opportunities are available at church. If you have any questions about the event, feel free to speak with Pastor Matt ([matt@redeemerchicago.com](mailto:matt@redeemerchicago.com)).

**ADULTING SUPPORT GROUP:** Our adulting support group will be meeting again on Saturday, November 11, at 1 p.m., at Fannie's Café (5040 W Montrose Ave). Wherever you are on your adulting journey, drop in to join a group that will help you take the next step. No advanced reading is required, just a willingness to share your embarrassing missteps, small victories, and big goals. We tackle one topic each time we gather, starting with practical stuff like caring for your living space and working towards deep stuff like caring for your friends. Questions? Email [hannah.muther@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.muther@gmail.com).

**REVEAL SURVEY DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING:** Help our church provide ever-more-fertile soil for growing disciples of Jesus Christ by completing the Reveal survey. Follow the info in the email you received and complete the survey by midnight of next Sunday, November 19. It takes only 15 minutes or so from sign-in to finish. If you have any questions or if you didn't receive an email with instructions, please be sure to talk to Pastor Carol after worship today or email Pastor Fred at [fred@redeemerparkridge.com](mailto:fred@redeemerparkridge.com).

**THE STORY:** Pick up your copy of *The Story* this morning! *The Story* for adults is available on the display table in the back of the sanctuary. Special versions of *The Story* for children in different age-groups and for youth will be available next week. Check your copy to see if you're one of the lucky few to find a golden ticket you can redeem for a special prize!

**GAME NIGHT:** Come out to Old Irving Brewing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, for a game night. Bring a friend, a board game, a deck of cards, and/or yourself, and have some fun while making some new friends!

**NEED A HAND?** The Redeemer Help Squad might be just the thing! The Thursday evening men's group has decided to band together to show Christ's love in some practical ways for folks in our congregation. Whether you need help with small projects, errands, fixing a lamp, moving furniture, trouble-shooting your computer, or any of a thousand other things, we'd love to be able

to help. Find a green help request sheet on the table in by the coffee bar and follow the directions. We look forward to helping you! Questions? Contact Pastor Fred (fred@redeemerparkridge.com or 847-323-3774).

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK Please note: Locations are given for your planning purposes. Everyone is welcome at everything anywhere!		
<i>Today</i>	8:30am 9:45am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am 11:30am	Traditional Worship (PR) Sunday School (PR, Family Room) Youth Group & Adult Classes (PR, gym) Contemporary Worship (North Ave) Contemporary Worship (PR) Congregational Forum (North Ave)
Wednesday	Noon 6:30pm	Park Ridge Ministerial Association Lunch (PR) Alpha (PR)
Thursday	6:00pm 7:00pm	Youth Group (PR) Men's Group (PR)
Saturday	6:00pm	Taste of Redeemer (North Ave.)
Next Sunday	8:30am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am 11:30am	Traditional Worship (PR) Congregational Forum (PR, gym) Contemporary Worship (North Ave) Contemporary Worship (PR) Sunday School, Youth Group, Adult Classes (North Ave)