

Our Week as Redeemer Church

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Our Week as Redeemer Church: News, Updates, & Resources

LAST SUNDAY

Last Sunday, we continued our message series, *Why did Jesus die?* The New Testament tells us that “the Messiah died for our sins in accordance with the Bible.” Jesus came to liberate humanity from the hold that idols had on us. These enslaving forces swirled around Jesus and ultimately sought to destroy him. But Jesus believed that the victory over evil, sin, and death would be won by self-giving love, so he went to the cross taking on the full consequence of our idolatrous, violent, self-willed lives, thus setting his beloved ones free.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Where is Jesus inviting you to embrace his way of faithful obedience and peace?

THIS SUNDAY: IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We’re continuing to hold both our 8:30am and 11am worship services in person. We’ll be holding worship inside the Redeemer building. Masks will be required for people over two years old, and our music will be sung by the music leaders (we ask the congregation to sing quietly or hum along).

CHANGE TO LEARNING HOUR SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

10:30am Youth Group (6th-12th grade) will meet in the kitchen for a hot chocolate bar, snacks, and some time to hang out.

Sunday School, Adult Bible Discussion, and the *Unbelievable* book discussion are taking November 28 off. They will all resume on December 5.

NO CENTERING PRAYER THIS WEEK

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no centering prayer this week (Wednesday, November 24). We’ll pick back up next week at 7pm in the sanctuary.

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come to church on Saturday, December 11, from 4:30-6:00pm for an outdoor Christmas party! We’ll spend time outside in fellowship with hot coffee and a hot cocoa bar, time for singing Christmas carols, and fire pits to stay warm and make s’mores.

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

Come celebrate the birth of our Savior this Christmas season through these special worship services:

Sunday, December 19, 10am (ONE SERVICE) - Children's Christmas Program

Friday, December 24, 4pm & 10pm - Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 25 - NO WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, December 26, 10am (ONE SERVICE) - A Service of Lessons & Carols

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

This Christmas we are helping to provide presents for [Kids Above All](#). Gifts cards (\$30) are still needed for Target, Walmart, Amazon, or similar stores. If you'd like to bless a kid this Christmas, please bring a gift card to church on November 28, and Deacon Karen will deliver them to Kids Above All. If you previously signed up to buy a gift for a specific kid, please make sure to bring it to church by December 1. Questions? Email karen@redeemerparkridge.com.

TORN BOOK DISCUSSION, STARTING JANUARY 23

Between worship services on January 23, January 30, and February 6, we'll take some time to discuss the book *Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays-vs.-Christians Debate*, by Justin Lee. Lee founded a nonprofit, interdenominational organization called the Gay Christian Network, and he writes about creating constructive conversations on controversial issues. *Torn* is an accessible, thoughtful, and generous memoir that helps faithful Christians approach questions that have often been painful and divisive within the Church. If you're interested in being a part of these discussions, there are [links to buy the book here](#). Order a book and start reading! (We'll be discussing the book as a whole at each discussion, so have the whole book read by January 23 if you'd like to participate.) Questions? Email [Pastor Peter](#) or [Pastor Dan](#).

ONGOING GROUPS, RESOURCES, & OPPORTUNITIES

BIBLE STUDY: EVERY OTHER THURSDAY, 7:30PM

Connect with others and study God's word, every other Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm, on Zoom (next meeting December 9). We're working our way through the book of Matthew. No preparation is needed; just join when you can. If you're interested in joining, please contact Pastor Peter (peter@redeemerparkridge.com).

WOMEN'S GROUP ADVENT STUDY: EVERY OTHER THURSDAY, 7PM

Our women's connection group meets every other Thursday, from 7-8pm, on Zoom. Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 2. During November and December we will be doing an Advent study based on the video series *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, by Adam Hamilton. Drop-ins are welcome, and no preparation is required. All women are invited to participate. For more information, contact Karen Katamay (karen@redeemerparkridge.com).

MEN'S GROUP: EVERY OTHER THURSDAY, 7PM

The Redeemer men's group meets every other Thursday, from 7-8:30pm. We gather in a hybrid format in person in the church sanctuary along with those participating via Zoom. Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 2. Contact Joe Duea (duea1rep@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6:30PM

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club. The next meeting will be Monday, December 6, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer Church. We'll discuss [*The Awakening, Kate Chopin*](#). Please contact [Linda Gonzales](#) with any questions.

SHARE YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS WITH REDEEMER'S PRAYER TEAM

We have a faithful team continually praying for our congregation. To share your prayer requests or to be added to the team, please email redeemerprayerteam@gmail.com. (Do you have updates on your recent prayer requests? Please send a quick email to let our team know!)