



# Welcome

Welcome to Redeemer Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you have joined with us to worship God. Please stay after the service and get to know others in our community who are calling Redeemer Presbyterian Church "home." If you have any questions about our church, feel free to contact us using the information on the back of the bulletin.

When you arrive for worship, please observe silence as you prepare to enter into God's Divine Service. Silence your cell phone, listen to the prelude, read the Words of Preparation and the Scripture lessons in the back of the bulletin, and join others in prayer and meditation.

# **Our Worship**

Our service is intentionally structured to reflect our belief that worship is God's service to us, his people. By design, there are three parts to our worship: the Service of Entrance, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Table.

The **Service of Entrance** begins when the choir sings the Introit, followed by our Hymn of Invocation, Call to Worship, and Prayer of Adoration. We will then join in a Corporate Confession of Sin, hear God's Declaration of Absolution, and respond with the Gloria and Hymn of Gratitude or Psalm.

The Service of the Word will include readings from the Lectionary (a calendar-based system for reading through the Bible) along with corporate responses of song and prayer. The sermon is God's Word to us and we ask that you listen attentively, asking the Holy Spirit to apply his Word to you in a particular way.

The Service of the Table begins with a Corporate Confession of Faith, followed by the Passing of the Peace, and the Collection of Tithes and Offerings. Our service concludes with the Lord's Supper and Benediction. Our church partakes of the Lord's Supper every week. We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, have made public profession of their faith, and are part of a local church. We offer both wine and grape juice (located in the center rings) in the communion tray. If you have any questions, please speak with a pastor.

# Your Children

We love kids! And we try to make them feel welcome during our worship service. You can help your children profit from the service by working through the bulletin with them. If your child needs a break from the service, please feel free to sit in the Narthex where you can still hear the service. You can also take young children to the Nursery. A private space is provided in the Nursery for nursing mothers.

# **Between Services**

Please join us in the courtyard for a time of fellowship with coffee and breakfast snacks. At 10:15 a.m., we offer School of Discipleship classes for all ages in Calvin Hall, with nursery through kindergarten downstairs, and first grade through adults meeting on the second floor.

Liturgical Color: Green – symbolizes our growth in Christ

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# THE DIVINE SERVICE

January 28, 2024

# The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

# In Preparation

Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE Michael Phillips

*Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist,* from *Clavierbung III,* BWV 671 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Holy Lord, God the Holy Ghost! Who of life and light the fountain art, With faith sustain our heart, That at the last we hence in peace depart. Have mercy, Lord.

# WORDS OF PREPARATION

Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

# **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, one God, now and forevermore.

# The Service of Entrance



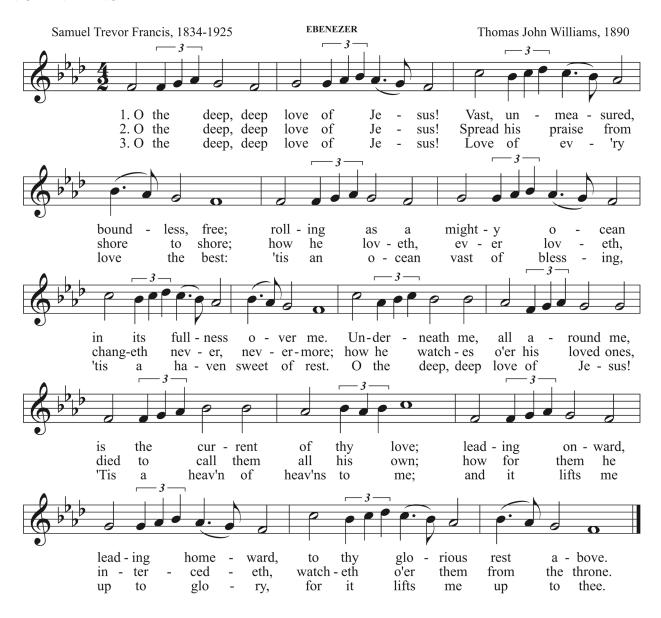
#### **CHORAL INTROIT**

*Hail, Gladdening Light* – Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured; Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest, Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(3<sup>rd</sup> century Greek hymn)

#### HYMN OF ENTRANCE



Minister: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

People: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; **People:** Bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

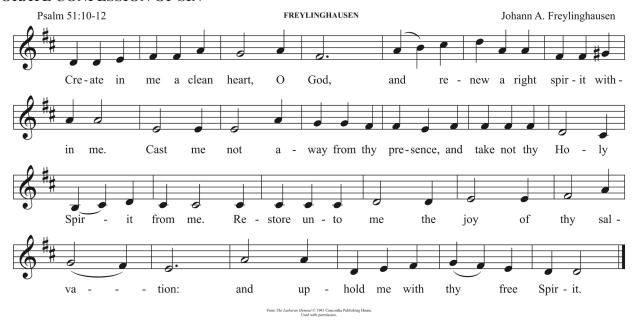
**People:** Amen.

Minister: Let us pray.

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. Amen.

# **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**



Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Whoever has

my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me

does not keep my words."

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what

we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and

walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### **DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION**

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: "Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification." All you

who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy

Spirit.

People: Amen.

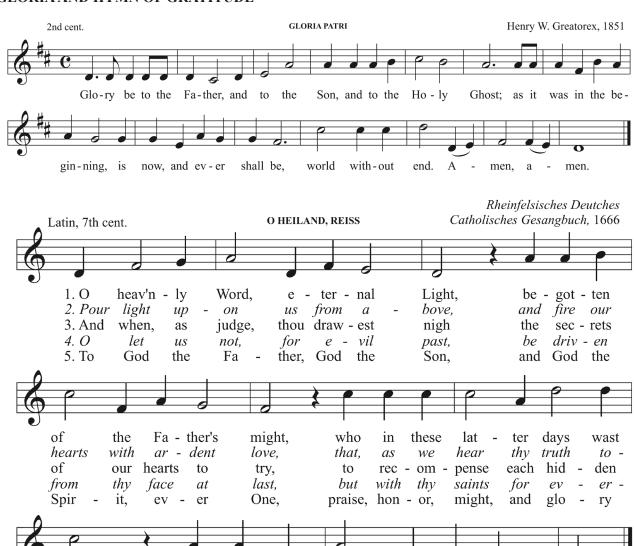
Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

# THE GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE



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# The Service of the Word 31tm

THE PSALTER Psalm 62:1-8

> Minister: For God alone my soul in silence waits:

All: from him comes my salvation.

He truly is my strength and my salvation;

he is my defense, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

How long will you assail a man to crush him, all of you together,

as if you were a tottering wall or a broken fence?

Their plan is only to bring down the one whom God has exalted;

their delight is in lies; they bless with their mouth, but curse with their heart.

Nevertheless, for God alone my soul in silence waits,

for my hope is in him.

He truly is my strength and my salvation; he is my defense, so that I shall not fall.

In God is my help and my glory;

he is the rock of my might, and in him is my trust.

O put your trust in him always, you people;

pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jonah 3

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

# THE CHORAL ANTHEM

O Nata Lux – Morten Lauridsen (1943-)

O nata lux de lumine, O born light of light, Jesu redemptor saeculi, Jesus, redeemer of the world, Dignare clemens supplicum mercifully deem worthy and accept Laudes preces que sumere. the praises and prayers of your supplicants. Qui carne quondam contegi Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh Dignatus es pro perditis, for the sake of the lost ones, Nos membra confer effici, Grant us to be made members Tui beati corporis. of your holy body.

Please wait until the choir is finished before turning the page

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 7:29-35

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

# **OUR RESPONSE**



#### **WELCOME**

At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.

# **INTERLUDE**

# PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Randy Scott

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 GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 13:44-46

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise be to you, O Christ!** 

# **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Adam Radcliff

Assistant Pastor, Church Planting; All Saints Presbyterian, Austin

Encountering and Embracing Christ
Matthew 13:44-46

# The Service of the Table

# **\*** CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

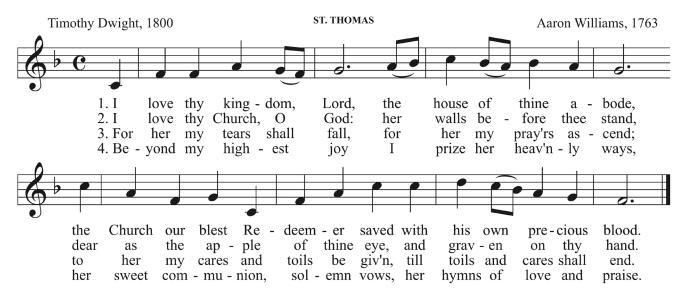
Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

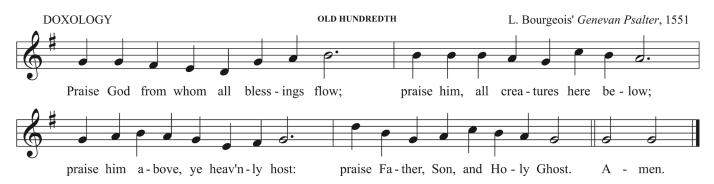
People: the world, and they that dwell therein.

# HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD



- 5. Jesus, thou friend divine, Our Savior and our King, Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe Shall great deliv'rance bring.
- 6. Sure as thy truth shall last,
  To Zion shall be giv'n
  The brightest glories earth can yield,
  And brighter bliss of heav'n.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; **❖** Minister: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.



#### **❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Minister: We love you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. We present you with these gifts, which came first from

your hand, as part of our sacrifice of praise. Use them, O God, for your glory and our good. In the name

of Jesus, we pray.

People: Amen.

# **❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

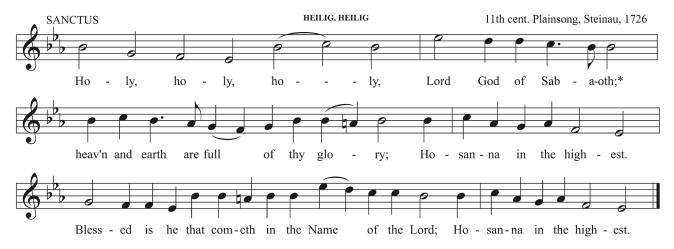
Minister: The Lord be with you! People: And also with you! Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord! Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God! People: It is good and right to do so!

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord,

Father Almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we do praise you who sent your only begotten Son, and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, you did reveal the fullness of your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and

magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:



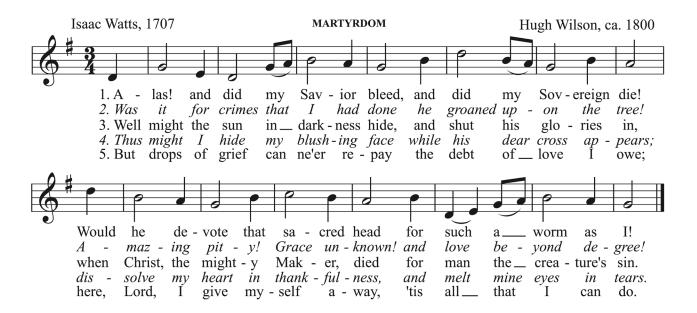
<sup>\*</sup> One of the many biblical names for God; in this case the Lord God of hosts or angelic armies. Pronounced "Sah-bah-oat"

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

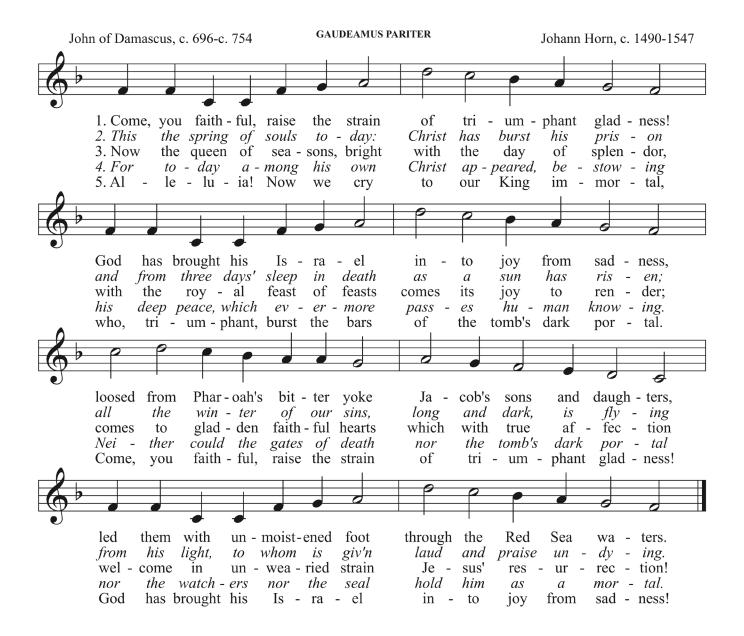
# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)



#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:25)



# **\*** BENEDICTION

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

Nunc Dimittis



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# LESSONS

#### Psalm 62:1-8

For God alone my soul in silence waits;

from him comes my salvation.

He truly is my strength and my salvation;

he is my defense, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

How long will you assail a man to crush him, all of you together,

as if you were a tottering wall or a broken fence?

Their plan is only to bring down the one whom God has exalted;

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he is the rock of my might, and in him is my trust.

O put your trust in him always, you people;

pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.

#### Jonah 3

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

# 1 Corinthians 7:29-35

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

# Sermon Lesson—Matthew 13:44-46

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

# **Sermon Supporting Texts**

#### Isaiah 52:7-10

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup> The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. <sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

# Philippians 3:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

<sup>2</sup>Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. <sup>3</sup>For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup>though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

# Redeemer Calendar

#### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sun, Jan 28	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Adam Radcliff preaching
·	10:15 a.m.	School of Discipleship, classes for all ages in Calvin Hall
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Evening at Redeemer,</b> Adult Study, Youth Group, Children's Choirs, nursery care
Mon, Jan 29	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Hebrews, contact Tami White
Thu, Feb 1	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
Fri, Feb 2	7:00 p.m.	Choir Dinner, Brisola home
Feb 2 & 3		Faith and Work Conference, see registration link below
		FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Sun, Feb 4	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
	10:15 a.m.	School of Discipleship, classes for all ages in Calvin Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Evening at Redeemer, Adult Study, Youth Group, Children's Choirs, nursery care
Mon, Feb 5	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Hebrews, contact Tami White
Thu, Feb 8	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood, Library, child care provided, contact Alaina Torrey
Feb 9 & 10	7:30 p.m.	AoA Presents: Philharmonie Austin, visit artsonalexander.org for info
Sat, Feb 10	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Jim's Restaurant at the Y, contact Steven Loomis
Wed, Feb 14	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service, Covenant Hall
Feb 14-Mar	24 —	Forty Days for Life, visit centraltexascoalition.com for information
Feb 23-25	_	Ranchopalooza, high school youth retreat, contact Nate Esbenshade
Sun, Mar 3		Congregational Meeting, after each service, election of new officers (details below)

# **Congregational Meeting: March 3**

The session has announced that four men have gone through the process of nomination, training, and examination, and have been approved to stand for election as officers of Redeemer Presbyterian Church. There are two candidates for deacon: Kelly Baker and Aaron Rhinehart; and two candidates for elder: Rick Mealer and Andrew Waller. On Sunday, March 3, we will hold a brief congregational meeting after each service, when members will vote on these men to serve as officers. Watch for information on these candidates to come soon so you can learn more about them before you vote.

#### Faith + Work Conference

On February 2 and 3, Redeemer will host "Faithful Leadership in a Polarized Age," the inaugural city-wide conference of the Austin Faith and Work Center. See their website for more information: <a href="mailto:austinfaithwork.com">austinfaithwork.com</a>. Then invite your colleagues and register using this code:



# **RPC Financial Report**

[Fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2023]

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# Missions Spotlight: Heart of Texas PRC

In January, we are featuring Heart of Texas Pregnancy Resource Center, which provides a wide array of free services for women and their children in two locations in the Central Texas area. Scan the code to learn more about their ministry.



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