



#### 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

**November 12, 2023** 

### The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## In Preparation



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

PRELUDE Michael Phillips

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Soul, adorn thyself with gladness, leave behind all gloom and sadness; Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render Unto him whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous supper founded. High o'er all the heavens he reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Hasten as a bride to meet him, and with loving reverence greet him; For with words of life immortal now he knocketh at thy portal. Haste to ope the gates before him, saying, while thou dost adore him, Suffer, Lord, that I receive thee, and I nevermore will leave thee.

#### WORDS OF PREPARATION

Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why would you have the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, and not light,
as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth your Son to lead home his bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into his eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## The Service of Entrance

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#### CHORAL INTROIT

Lo, Round the Throne – Henry G. Ley (1887-1962)
Lo, round the throne, a glorious band,
The saints in countless myriad stand,
Of every tongue redeemed of God,
Arrayed in garments washed in blood.
Hallelujah! Amen!

#### HYMN OF ENTRANCE



Minister: Praise ye the LORD!

People: Sing to the LORD a new song

Minister: And his praise in the great congregation.

People: Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

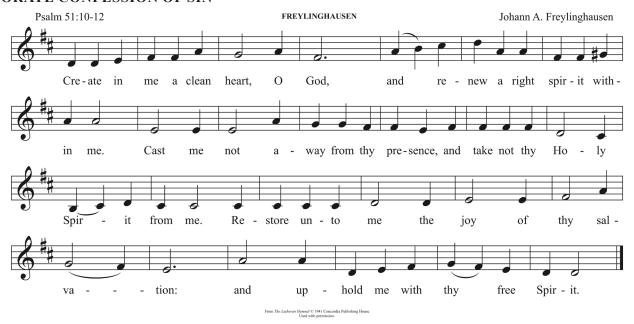
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Minister:

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, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;

> I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

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**

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

> 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.

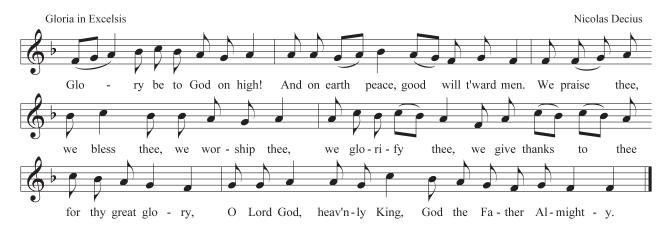
Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord, \*

the Maker of heaven and earth. People:

O Lord, open our lips. Minister:

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

#### **❖** THE GLORIA



# The Service of the Word

❖ THE PSALTER
Psalm 70



Choir: Hasten, O God, to de- | liver me; make haste to help me, | O Lord.

All: Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek af- | ter my life; let them be turned back and put to confusion who wish me | evil.

Choir: Let them be soon | brought to shame who cry over me, "A- | ha! Aha!"

All: But let all those who seek you be joyful and | glad in you; and let all who delight in your salvation say always, "The | Lord be praised."

Choir: As for me, I am poor and in | misery; hasten to | me, O God.

All: You are my helper and my de- | liverer; O Lord, do not | tarry.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;
As it was in the be- | ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!** 

#### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal – Alice Parker/Robert Shaw Emily Hunter, soprano

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore, As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Halellujah, praise the Lamb, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.

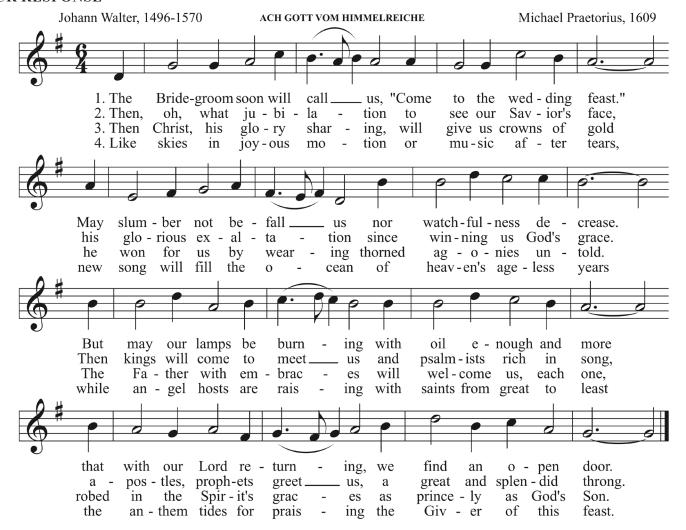
And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day, Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest; And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13

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

#### **❖** OUR RESPONSE



#### **WELCOME**

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

#### **INTERLUDE**

#### PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Landy Ligon

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 8:1-5

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

MORNING SERMON Rev. Eric Landry

"It's like déjà vu all over again."

1 Samuel 8:1-5

## The Service of the Table

#### **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

Unison: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

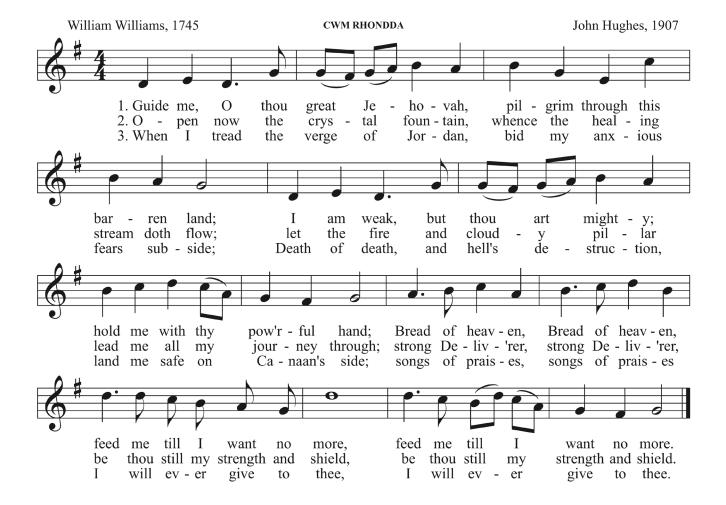
Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

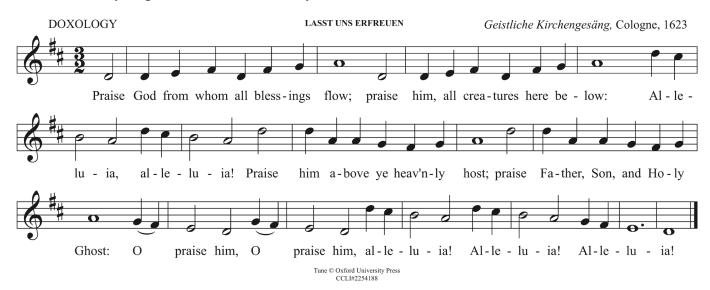
Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: the world, and they that dwell therein.

#### HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD



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



#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Minister: Blessed be your name, O Most High God, forever and ever. You have delivered us from the power of

darkness. You have brought us into your kingdom. All that we are and all that we have belongs to you. Prosper these gifts and bless the service we render to others through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose

name we pray.

People: Amen.

#### **❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you! **People:** And also with you!

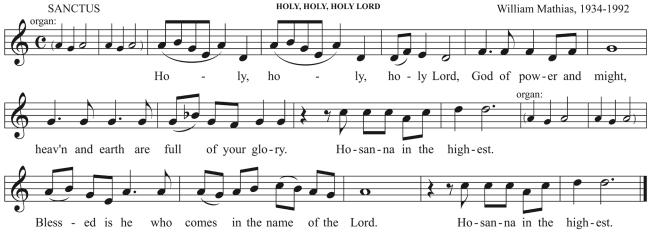
Minister: Lift up your hearts!

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 w

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, who in the multitude of your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

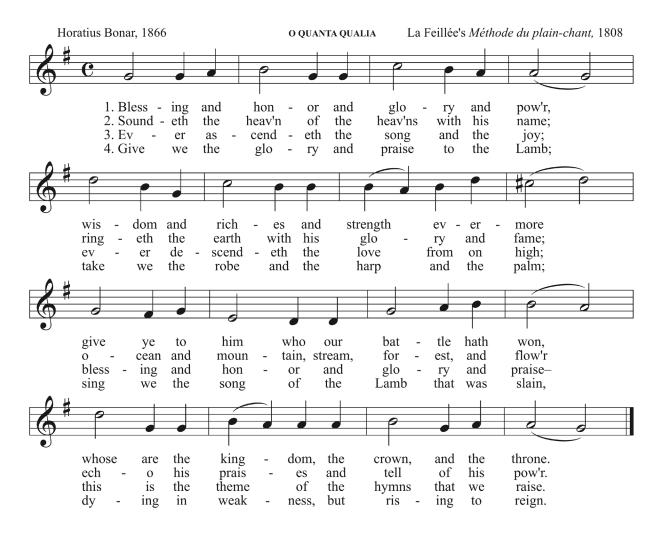


#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

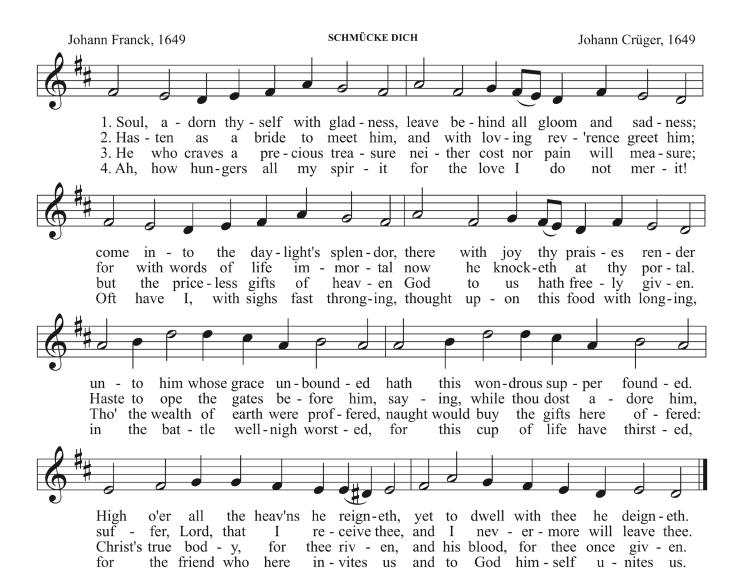
#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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." (2 Cor. 11:23-24)



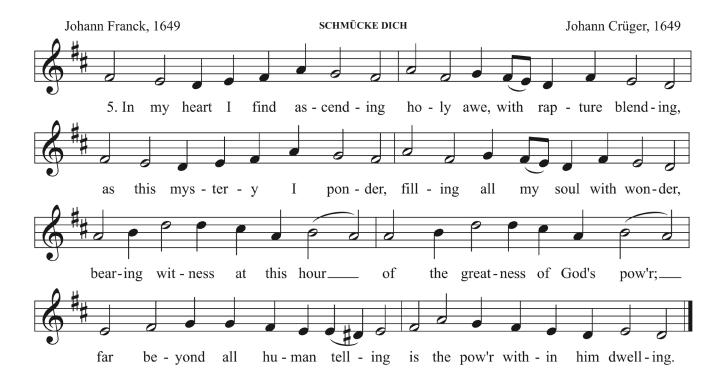
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In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (2 Cor.11:25)



#### **\*** BENEDICTION

#### **\* DEPARTING HYMN**



#### **LESSONS**

#### Psalm 70

Hasten, O God, to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O Lord.
Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek after my life;
let them be turned back and put to confusion who wish me evil.
Let them be soon brought to shame
who cry over me, "Aha! Aha!"
But let all those who seek you be joyful and glad in you;
and let all who delight in your salvation say always, "The Lord be praised."
As for me, I am poor and in misery;
hasten to me, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not tarry.

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

#### Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

#### Sermon Lesson—1 Samuel 8:1-5

<sup>1</sup>When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. <sup>2</sup>The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. <sup>3</sup>Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.

<sup>4</sup>Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah <sup>5</sup>and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations."

## Redeemer Calendar

		TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sun, Nov 12	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, Nov 13	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Romans, contact Tami White
Tue, Nov 14	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting, Library
Thu, Nov 16	9:30 a.m.	Theology Study Group, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood, Library, child care provided, contact Alaina Torrey
Sat, Nov 18	8:00 a.m.	Ladies Pray for One Another Breakfast, contact Rebecca Loomis
	9:00 a.m.	Festival Choir rehearsal, Covenant Hall
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#### Fun at the Feast!

Many thanks to all who pitched in to make our All Saints' Feast a splendid success! The food was delicious, the fellowship sweet, and the contests made it even more fun.

#### Congratulations to our winners!

#### Chili Cookoff:

1<sup>st</sup>-Carolyn Ahrens; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Jacob Holt; 3<sup>rd</sup>-Caroline Stanley

#### Pie Baking:

1<sup>st</sup>–Judy Belkacem; 2<sup>nd</sup>–Jaicee Morgan; 3<sup>rd</sup>–Danielle Rimann; Honorable mention–Robyn Rhinehart

#### Planning Ahead: A Home for the Holiday

Danny and Jaicee Morgan plan to host a gathering on Thanksgiving Day again this year. If you do not have plans for the holiday, you are welcome to join the Morgans and other Redeemer friends for dinner, watching football, and fellowship. Please contact Jaicee to let them know you are interested (jaicee.k.morgan@gmail.com).

#### **Congregational Meeting Rescheduled**

Please take note that the annual meeting scheduled for Nov. 12 has now been rescheduled for 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 10, in Covenant Hall. You'll hear an update on the church's financial condition and our 2023-2024 budget, about opportunities to serve on committees and in other ways, the ongoing work on our possible new sanctuary, and our other plans for the future.

#### Missions Spotlight: Matt Gallegos with StuMo

This month we are featuring and praying for the ministry of Redeemer member Matt Gallegos, who works with Student Mobilization (StuMo) at the University of Texas. Matt has recently been added to the list of RPC ministry partners, so please visit the web post or scan this code to learn more about StuMo and how you can pray for Matt in his work with students.



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