

Our Week as Redeemer Church

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LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday we looked at John 1:35-51, in which the Gospel writer John tells us about the first events in Jesus' public ministry. Jesus is identified as God's chosen one by John the Baptist, and two of John's disciples choose to follow Jesus. By the end of these verses, we're told of five men who made the decision to follow Jesus, five men who were beginning to understand who Jesus is and who wanted to learn how to live as he lives.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Do you tend to think of yourself as someone who Jesus has called to be a part of his team? What does it mean for you to be Jesus' teammate in the work Jesus is doing in the world?

THIS SUNDAY: WORSHIP & LEARNING HOUR

- **8:30am Traditional Worship** in the Sanctuary
- **9:45am Sunday School** (preschool through 5th grade) in the Family Room
- **9:45am Youth Group** (6th-12th grade) in the Conference Room
- **9:45am Adult Discipleship** in the Gym
- **9:45am New Bible Study (see below)** in the Gym
- **11:00am Contemporary Worship** in the Sanctuary

THIS SUNDAY: COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Everything that takes place at Redeemer is made possible through our shared financial resources. This Sunday, January 22, each of us is invited to make a financial commitment to support our shared ministry in the coming year. Please bring your financial commitment form to worship or mail it to the church office. And thank you for generously supporting God's work through our congregation!

HOMELESS CARE KIT COLLECTION

This January, let's help out those who are experiencing homelessness by donating items for homeless care kits, which can then be taken to be given out as needed. Our goal is to assemble 60 kits. Please bring items to church by January 29. [Click here for a list of needed items.](#) Questions? [Email Deacon Karen.](#)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDCARE ATTENDANT

This Sunday, January 22, we will welcome a new childcare attendant, Christina Louie, to the team. Childcare attendants are an integral part of Redeemer as they provide assistance to parents during worship and help with Sunday School between services. Be sure to say hello when you see Christina next Sunday!

NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY STARTS JANUARY 22

We will kick off a new Bible study opportunity beginning this Sunday, January 22 at 9:45am, in the Gym. We will use a study guide from N. T. Wright to take a deeper dive into the books of Colossians and Philemon. This is open to anyone, and participants will be expected to read the material in advance of the discussion each week. The study will be about eight weeks long, including January 22, when we will hand out study guides and do introductions. Interested? Contact [Conni Brown by email](mailto:Conni.Brown@redeemer.org), phone, or text (847-204-7117).

HELP WITH THE FINANCE TEAM

The Finance Team is looking for new members! We're a team of people who meet about four times a year to dive into the details of the church's finances. We review contributions and expenses, and see how they compare to our budget. No prior financial experience is required! We'll have a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, January 31, at 7:30pm, but you're welcome to join the team even if you can't make that meeting. If you're interested, please contact our Treasurer, Dan Glowen, at dglowen@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION GROUP: JANUARY 26, 7PM (MEETS EVERY OTHER THURSDAY)

Our next meeting of the women's group will be on Thursday, January 26, at 7pm. Our group will be meeting every other Thursday on Zoom for the winter months. We are currently doing a study using the book *40-Day Journey with Parker J. Palmer*, by Henry F. French. Join us for the discussion even if you don't have time to read the book (notes will be provided). [Contact Deacon Karen](mailto:karen@redeemer.org) with any questions.

MEN'S GROUP ON BREAK UNTIL JANUARY 26

The Redeemer Men's Group will be on break until January 26, at 7pm. Contact [Joe Duea](mailto:joe.duea@redeemer.org) with any questions.

MINISTRY FOR MOMS: FEBRUARY 4, 9:30AM-12:00PM (FIRST SATURDAY EACH MONTH)

Join other moms at our MOPS/MOMSnex group at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave). All moms are welcome, no matter their age or the age of their children. We meet to share our hopes, fears, and insights. This year's theme is *We Go Together!* For more information, go to thirdplacechicago.com/mops or contact [Christin Anzalotti](mailto:Christin.Anzalotti@redeemer.org) or [Mandi Glowen](mailto:Mandi.Glowen@redeemer.org).

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

Everyone's welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club. The next meeting is Monday, February 6, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer. We'll discuss *Commonwealth*, by Ann Patchett. Please contact [Linda Gonzales](mailto:Linda.Gonzales@redeemer.org) with any questions.

MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY

Do you know of a member of our Redeemer community who would benefit from having a [Meal Train](#) set up for them (perhaps someone who is recuperating from surgery, lost a loved one, or just had a baby)? Check with the person to make sure they're interested and then email office@redeemerparkridge.com to get things started.

SHARE & UPDATE 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! It helps our team know how to continue praying.)

NEED FINANCIAL ADVICE?

Joe Duea, a member of Redeemer and a financial advisor with Western & Southern Life, is available on Friday afternoons at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave). [Contact Joe](#) if you need any financial guidance or have any financial questions.