

# Our Week as Redeemer Church

## 11-15-2023

Check out what's happening in our community.

### LAST SUNDAY

In the second week of our message series on Jesus' parables, we read [the parable of the growing seed](#). In it, Jesus draws a parallel between the renewal of God's kingdom and a seed quietly maturing beneath the surface before emerging prominently. Through this parable, Jesus teaches us to be patient with God's promised transformation within us and our surroundings, even if its visibility remains limited for now.

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, I ask for the strength to be patient as you continue to work on reshaping me into looking more like you. Help me to trust that the seed that was planted in me through baptism will produce the harvest you intend for me and this world. Amen.

### THIS SUNDAY

- 8:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:45am Sunday School for kids ages 2-11 in Meeting Room One (southwest corner of the downstairs hallway)
- 9:45am Youth Group for middle and high school kids in the Staff Office (door at southwest corner of the Gym)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: MONARCH THRIFT SHOP

Come be a part of a team helping [Monarch Thrift Shop](#) (2875 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago) to prepare for Christmas. We're looking for about 8-10 volunteers to serve at Monarch on November 18, between 10am and 2pm. Monarch is dedicated to helping homeless youth rebuild their lives and break the cycle of homelessness. If you would like to volunteer, contact [Deacon Karen](#).

### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: SEW FOR KIDS IN FOSTER CARE

Linda Gonzales would like to start a ministry to provide quilts and pillow cases to children in foster care. She is looking for people who would be interested in doing some easy sewing at home. Nothing fancy—just a simple straight stitch. Kits and instructions will be provided. If this would interest you, reach out to Linda at [cpd5137@yahoo.com](mailto:cpd5137@yahoo.com) or 773-680-0975.

### **THANKSGIVING POTLUCK: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 6-9PM AT THIRD PLACE CHICAGO**

Come to Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave) for a Thanksgiving potluck dinner. We will gather at 6pm to share a meal together. [Use this link to sign up to bring food or to help with either setup or cleanup.](#) To help organize this event, contact [Lynn Kurokawa](#).

### **MINISTRY FOR MOMS: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 9:30AM-12:00PM**

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. For more information, go to [thirdplacechicago.com/mops](http://thirdplacechicago.com/mops) or contact [Jade Schwich](#) or [Mandi Glowen](#).

### **REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 6:30PM**

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club! The next meeting will be on Monday, December 4, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer. We'll discuss [Watership Down, by Richard Adams](#). Please contact [Linda Gonzales](#) with any questions.

### **SENIOR LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**

For all of you who are seniors, or who just like hanging out with seniors, join us in the Sanctuary on Thursday, December 7, from 11am to 1pm, for a time of fellowship and discussion followed by a meal together. All are invited to bring a dessert to share. Questions? Contact [Pastor Dan](#).

### **PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

Everyone is invited to the Park Ridge Community Thanksgiving service, which will be held this year at Park Ridge Presbyterian Church (1300 W Crescent Ave), at 7pm on Tuesday, Nov 21.

### **THIRD PLACE CHICAGO UPDATE**

After prayerful deliberation and discussion around the sentiments shared at the September forum, the Vision and Strategy Team has decided that our most faithful course forward is to begin the closure of Redeemer's ministry center, Third Place Chicago. In the months ahead, there will be opportunities to assist with our moving out of the space. Prior to that, in celebration of the work that has been done there over the past five years, we will gather one last time as a community at Third Place Chicago for our third annual Thanksgiving potluck on November 18.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.)