

# **Redeemer Priest-in-Charge**

## **Intro**

Church of the Redeemer is located in Kenmore, WA and serves the communities of Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Bothell, Brier, Inglemoor, and Finn Hill. As most drive to church, there are many alternative worshipping communities around us including St. Alban's Edmonds, St. David Emmanuel Shoreline, Holy Cross Redmond, St. John's Kirkland, St. John's Snohomish, Northlake Lutheran, and St. Brendan Catholic.

## **Demographics**

Redeemer follows the trends of many Episcopal and mainline churches in the Pacific Northwest in that we skew white and over 50. Our average Sunday attendance is about 60. There are about a dozen youth under 18. We have seen small year-over-year growth since the pandemic.

## **Identity Work**

Our work with Relèven (noted below) had us work on our identity. Our tagline is, "Worshipping God, Living in Community, Reaching Out to the World." While this is likely true of all the worshipping communities listed above, we believe what makes Redeemer different in each area is:

### **Worshipping God**

While we are open to everybody, you will probably feel more comfortable as an existing Christian in coming to Redeemer. Our Sunday liturgy (Rite II both 8:00 & 10:30) and Wednesday noon liturgy is a sign of our strong focus on the sacraments. Our large space (local joke: the barn/longhouse/big black box) works very well with our art, music, and liturgical style (mid to high church).

### **Living in Community**

Our community gatherings are like many in that those who are socially inclined are going to find a safe third place where God is acknowledged, present, but not the primary focus of the event. We have a Anglican milieu in our socially progressive culture. Our diversity is primary in economics and life experience.

### **Reaching Out to the World**

Redeemer throughout its brief history has included outreach a part of its mission. Redeemer's approach to outreach provides positive options, is not coercive or overwhelming, and often involves donating money or items instead of in-person volunteering.

## **Finances**

Redeemer's 2024 income was about \$270,000 with over \$300,000 in expenses with deferred maintenance and upgrades to the space. We have roughly 50 pledging units. Our endowment is around \$200,000.

## **Relèven**

Redeemer has engaged a consulting firm about how best to use the property entrusted to us. This work has been going on for about a year. We are nearing completion of the first phase with the presentation of options. Relèven's specialty is using church property for multi-use housing and community space.

## **Ministry Goals**

We desire a priest to continue the work we have started with our post-pandemic growth and work with Relèven. We look to revive a strong music program that can use the assets we have. We are also open to what the Spirit may have us do.