

# Redemption Presbyterian Church



Experiencing and extending the life-changing  
love of Jesus Christ - in our homes, our  
workplaces, and our communities.

## **Senior Pastor Position**

A mature, intergenerational congregation seeks an experienced teaching elder, skilled in preaching the scriptures, and acquainted with the work of church life in a diverse, suburban context. Our warmhearted worshipping community makes space for believers from many backgrounds while affirming historically Reformed teaching. Our liturgy gives voice to vibrant hymns accessibly arranged, creeds and catechisms, deeply felt prayers, and thoughtful preaching.

To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Craig Mattson at [craig.mattson@trnty.edu](mailto:craig.mattson@trnty.edu).

# The Story of Redemption

The story of Redemption began in the fall of 2013, when Trinity Presbyterian Church sought to plant a second site in Chicago's Southland. The driving hope was to expand the reach of one congregation into two, further extending the life-changing love of Christ. Eventually choosing Palos Heights as the location, we have been blessed to rent from a local Lutheran church for the last six years.

Over time, our congregation has taken on an identity of its own, reflecting the social, economic, and ethnic diversity of our local contexts in Alsip, Palos Heights, Orland Park, Crestwood, Midlothian, and Oak Lawn. The best way to get a feel for our church community is to experience it immersively, joining us for worship, for men's and women's ministry, or for our monthly communal meals.

Redemption Presbyterian continues to enjoy a strong relationship with our sister church, working together for the advance of the gospel. The church is seeking to particularize as a distinct congregation in the near future.

We have elders, a women's shepherding team, a diaconate, and a worship team. As leaders of this church we believe that we are well-positioned for God to do an amazing work of growing our church into a thriving place of gospel ministry.



# Community Profile

Redemption Presbyterian is located in a suburban community within Cook County. The surrounding suburban region is culturally and socioeconomically diverse.

## **Demographics Immediately Surrounding Redemption**

From: Palos Heights, Alsip, Worth, Crestwood, Midlothian, Blue Island, Orland Park, Tinley Park, and Oak Lawn

### **Households by Income**

38.3% Under \$50,000 Yearly  
37.3% Between \$50,000 and \$100,000 Yearly  
24.4% Over \$100,000 Yearly

### **Occupation Type**

64.5% White Collar  
35.5% Blue Collar

The Chicago southwest suburbs replay some of the cultural and socioeconomic segregation that marks the city itself. Driving through the southland, you will see neighborhoods populated by families of Irish, Hispanic, Polish, Middle Eastern / Mediterranean, and Dutch descent. Although some of the smaller towns, such as Alsip and Blue Island have higher percentages of ethnic diversity, the larger suburbs such as Orland Park are actually less diverse than the national average. Although some townships have a foreign-born resident population below the Illinois average, towns such as Palos Hills and Bridgeview feature plenty of immigrant families.

# Ministries at Redemption

At Redemption we strive to work out the gospel in our lives by intentionally living in community with one another. The following ministries have helped Redemption become a closely-knit group that values fellowship as a means of extending gospel grace.

## Redemptions Stories

In Sunday school or other forums, our congregation has made space for sharing testimonies.

## Community Groups

We have three community groups that meet biweekly and are our primary means of working through our faith in community.

## Christian Education & Discipleship

We have emphasized ministry to our children through programs like Sunday School (before the service) and Children in Worship (during the service). We also have men's, women's, and coed discipleship groups, and have done traditional Bible book studies as well as followed church curriculum studies like Tim Keller's *Gospel Christianity*.

## Partnership with Haitian Churches

We have participated in teams serving in partnership with El Shaddai Ministries International – an indigenously administrated network of schools, businesses, and churches.

As a church we desire to become more missional, and we look forward to how God will use us to impact our neighborhoods and communities.

# Church Overview

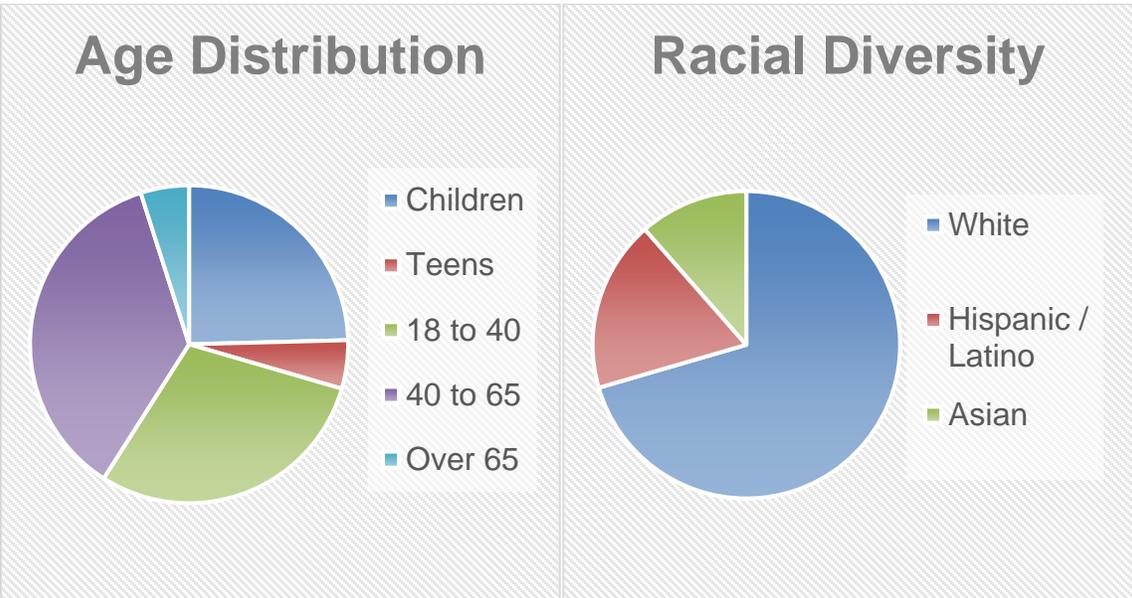
Redemption meets at Faith Lutheran Church  
12642 Massasoit Drive, Palos Heights IL 60463  
(708) 381-0866

Our current membership is 41.

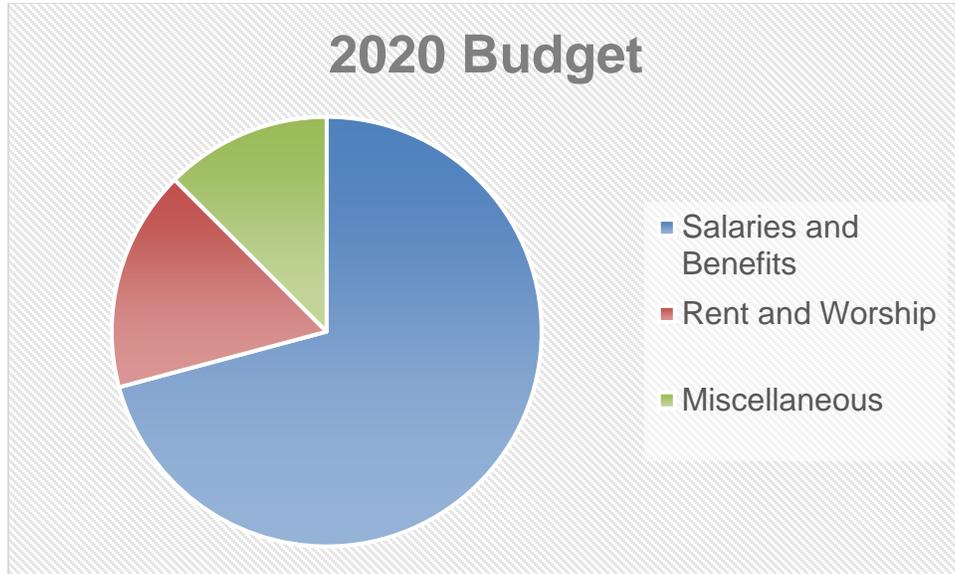
Our average attendance ranges from high 40s to low 60s.

Every Sunday we seek to help people walk through the story of the gospel with our liturgy. We include creeds and hymns but do so in an informal, contemporary way. Our worship has a blue-grass feel and people are encouraged to dress comfortably.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gender</b> Men: 45% Women: 55%</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marital Status</b> Married: 88% Single: 12%</p>
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# Finance



## FINANCIAL DATA

	Budget	Giving
2019	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00 (actual)
2020	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00 (projected)