

# Church of the Redeemer

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*Our current mission statement is "To do life together as an extended spiritual family and proclaim the truth, goodness, and beauty of Jesus in Cortland County." We do this through gospel generosity, gospel hospitality, and gospel community.*

Church of the Redeemer was founded in 1896 as Memorial Baptist Church. In 2007, the membership of the church voted to join the PCA. With more than 125 years spent serving the Cortland area, Church of the Redeemer has a membership that covers all generations. From new covenant children to senior saints, Church of the Redeemer has ministry opportunities for all ages.

Church of the Redeemer represents a community of believers that are not in church because of a cultural or geographical obligation. Our congregation is made up of people that desire to be in corporate worship and are committed to furthering His Kingdom.

Cortland is centrally located in Upstate New York. Like many northern cities, it has seen its highs and lows. Cortland is a blue-collar city, ringed by many small towns, villages, and rural areas.

In the past five years, we have continued to add members with the addition of new families and children. This growth has enabled us to support a stable budget, add missions, and maintain our buildings.

Missions support has been a hallmark of our church since its founding. In recent years, we have redoubled our efforts to continue that calling. We currently support five missionaries both here and abroad, including one of our current members as well as the church planting program of the NYS Presbytery.

One area that is flourishing is the unique youth group comprised of 18-22 teens of which only one is from a family that attends Redeemer. Cortland is also home to the State University of New York (SUNY) at Cortland, a state college known for its teaching and physical education programs. We partner with Cru at SUNY Cortland and open our church to them to host events and worship. As the closest church to the campus, we would love to explore more ways to involve that community here.

We support the work of Finger Lakes Pregnancy Care, a crisis pregnancy center with locations in Ithaca, NY and Cortland, NY. We have also opened our church to home school groups, home churches, musicians, and other community outreach efforts. Additionally, we see the significance of Christian youth education in the Church and through parachurch organizations like Cortland Bible Camp.

It is our hope to serve as a beacon of light in our community and beyond, and we are excited by the prospect of finding a pastor who will continue to proclaim a message of grace to our community.

If you would like more information, please send questions and/or resumes to: [redemerpulpitsearchcortland@gmail.com](mailto:redemerpulpitsearchcortland@gmail.com). The pastoral search committee will keep all information private to ensure complete confidentiality. Resumes should be accompanied by recordings of three of your sermons, and a cover letter answering the following questions:

- Tell us about your household and personal life?
- What do you consider your gifts and what areas do you need to improve in the role of pastor?
- Why are you pursuing a new position?
- How were you called to pastoral ministry, and how did you recognize the call?

Thank you for your time and interest.

*The Pastoral Search Committee*

