



# REDEEMER

PCA

# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**MISSION:** *To glorify God through Christ-centered Sunday worship, where the Gospel is preached and Sacraments observed in a distinctly Reformed, Covenantal, and Confessional way.*

**VISION:** *Calling all people to faith and repentance; to be a praying church family where believers grow in and are held accountable to their faith, resulting in fellowship, service, and outreach.*

## HISTORY

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**Redeemer Presbyterian Church**, originally known as the First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown, was organized on February 7, 1896, in the area of Peoria, Illinois, historically known as Pottstown.

The church became part of the **Presbyterian Church in America** on May 21, 1989, and is a member church of the Presbytery of Northern Illinois (PNI).



In 1993, the **church acquired 54 acres of land** from the Peoria Park District that was once used for skiing and sledding. Construction on the new property started on September 13, 2001. The church changed its name to Redeemer Presbyterian Church on June 9, 2002, and began meeting in its current building on August 18, 2002. The building can seat 200. In 2023, we paid off our church mortgage!

## CHURCH LIFE

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Redeemer PCA calls the church to a **regulated morning worship service every Sunday at 10:45 a.m.** with the Lord's Supper every other week. **Non-regulated services** have traditionally been held on Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve. Both services follow a liturgy and emphasize traditional music, including hymns and psalms from the **Trinity Hymnal**. **Sunday evenings** we have offered either a regulated Sunday evening worship service or what we call our "Spiritual Stimulus Plan" on various topics or doctrines.

**Christian Education on Sundays** is provided throughout the year prior to morning worship for:

- **Toddler (2-3 yr. olds)**
- **Preschool (4-5 yr. olds)**
- **1st & 2nd Grade**
- **3rd & 4th Grade**
- **5th & 6th Grade**
- **Middle School**
- **High School**
- **Adult & College Students**

**Great Commission Publications** curriculum is used until High School, where we teach **inductive Bible study skills**, introduce the Lord's Supper, and discuss various doctrines or topics. The adult class has in recent years used resources from **Ligonier Ministries**. New members classes are held as needed.

**During the week**, the individual spiritual growth of members has been encouraged through book or Bible studies and most recently by providing every communicant member with access to Ligonier Connect.

The church body also enjoys **monthly fellowship meals**, as well as **annual events** including an Easter Egg Hunt, a Fish Fry, and a Bonfire Night in the Fall.

## PEORIA AREA COMMUNITY

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The estimated 2023 population within a **12-mile radius of the church** is 255,925.



**Peoria is the oldest European settlement in Illinois**, as explorers first ventured up the Illinois River from the Mississippi. The lands that eventually would become Peoria were first settled by Europeans in 1680, by French explorers.

**A port on the Illinois River**, Peoria is a trading and shipping center surrounded by a large agricultural region that produces corn, soybeans, and livestock. The area's traditional manufacturing industries remain important and produce earthmoving equipment, metal products, lawn-care equipment, labels, steel towers, farm equipment, building materials, steel, wire, and chemicals. Peoria is also home to Bradley University, Illinois Central College, a USDA Agriculture Lab, and a United States Courthouse.

**The Peoria Riverfront** area hosts the Peoria Riverfront Museum and The Caterpillar Visitor Center. The Peoria Civic Center houses a convention center, banquet facilities, theater, and Carver Arena, where Bradley Braves basketball and Peoria Rivermen hockey compete. The Peoria Chiefs are a minor league baseball team playing at Dozer Park.

**The Peoria Symphony Orchestra** is the 14th oldest in the nation. Peoria is also home to the Peoria Municipal Band, the Peoria Area Civic Chorale, Youth Music Illinois, Central Illinois Ballet, and the Peoria Ballet. Several community and professional theaters have their home in and around Peoria, including the Peoria Players, which is the fourth-oldest community theater in the nation and the oldest in Illinois.

Glen Oak Park hosts **The Peoria Zoo. Wild Life Prairie Park** is within 10-miles from downtown Peoria with 1,800 acres of land and over 150 animals of 60 different species that are native to Illinois.

## MISSIONS & EVANGELISM: HOME & ABROAD

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Redeemer's involvement in missions and evangelism is demonstrated through:

- **Seasonal donations** to local community missions providing food and shelter to those in need.
- **Taking responsibility to clean litter** from the stretch of Kickapoo Creek Road, near the church.
- **Sponsoring an outdoor public Reformation Worship Service** at a Park District festival.
- **Delivering New Baby Packets** to women at our local Crisis Pregnancy Center.
- **Supporting our Presbytery's church planting work** in our State's capital.
- **Supporting Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)** ministry at the Univ. of Illinois-Champaign.
- **PCA Mission to the World** support of 3 missionary couples serving in France & the Middle East.
- **Posting to SermonAudio.com** our Sunday Sermons for the world to hear the Gospel.



**Express Interest** for the position of Senior Pastor with:

- A Cover Letter or Email,
- PCA Ministerial Data Form ("MDF") or OPC MIF,
- Link to sermon(s), if available, or other resource.

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