



WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship
- 10:30AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:30AM Sunday school

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THE PROMISE OF HOPE

As we enter the season of Advent, we once again embrace its familiar themes—Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. This year, our worship will center especially on **Hope**: the hope delivered through God's enduring promises, made tangible in the coming of Jesus as Emmanuel—God with us.

Throughout the weeks of Advent, we will explore how hope in God's promises sustains us when life feels overwhelming, renews our vision for a future not yet revealed, and *transforms* our hearts as we prepare for the birth of Christ.

May this sacred season fill you with deep and abiding Hope as together we await the coming of the Christ child and the fulfillment of God's promises to be with us.

In Peace, Derek

DATES AND TIMES – ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Worship Services – Wednesday, December 24

4:00 pm – Contemporary Worship – Faith Center

6:00 pm & 8:00 pm – Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

Lessons & Carols – Sunday, December 28

10:00 am – ONE SERVICE ONLY - Sanctuary

Cantata 2025: "Shout the Good News!" - Sunday, December 21

9:00 am & 10:30 am – Sanctuary

Sunday, December 14

9:00am – Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

10:30 am – Faith Center - "Experiences of Hope"

"Experiences of Hope" is a contemplative worship experience celebrating the quiet joys of the Christmas season. This is a reminder to pause and reflect on the love, grace, and presence of Christ as we prepare for the holiday. We hope you will join us.



YOUTH NEWS

A Season of Wonder and Welcome

Thank you all for the warm welcome you've extended over the past few weeks. It has been a joy getting to know many of you, and I look forward to meeting even more of you in the days ahead. I truly love this time of year – its sense of joy, anticipation, and hope is unmistakable.

As we gather with family, friends, and all those dear to us, my prayer is that we keep close to our hearts the reason we celebrate with such hope. In Matthew 6:28, Jesus reminds us that God sees our needs, cares for us, and treasures us as valuable members of a much larger family. Of all the gifts we offer during this season, the greatest is the assurance we can give one another: *you are seen, you are cared for, you are valued.*

Amid the busyness and occasional chaos that this season can bring, may we pause to remember that peace has come – and that each of us has a place at God's table. C.S. Lewis captured this beautifully when he wrote that "the Son of God became a child to enable us to become children of God."

So let us become like children again – full of wonder, free of indifference, and open to seeing all that God is doing in and around us.

Merry Christmas! Sal

YOUTH NEWS – Dates to Remember:

December 7: Potluck Parent Meeting, Hopes for the Future, 12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

December 16: Youth and Family Christmas Party, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Faith Center

December 21: Nativity Scavenger Hunt, 10:00 am, Sunday School Rooms

CONFIRMATION - Continues each 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10:15

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Beginning in January, Sunday School will be held every Sunday for ALL AGES



DAYLIGHTERS

Tickets are still being sold for **Wednesday, December 10th**, our Daylighters Christmas catered lunch at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. PLEASE GET

YOUR RESERVATION IN EARLY! We will be notifying the caterer of our numbers. Look for ticket sales on Sunday mornings! Contact Grace at 916-276-2884

COUNCIL CORNER

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DAILY DEVOTIONS SHARING JOY AND FAITH

Purchase Pastor Ralph's Devotions Book!

Where: Church lobby following worship services

Cost: \$15.99, Cash, Check, or Venmo

Pre-purchased copies are available for pick up at the table as well.

Lookin' Up offers 365 bite-sized daily readings filled with humor, honesty, and heart. Each devotion pairs a unique Bible verse with a light-hearted reflection that makes you

smile before it makes you think. Whether you're starting your morning coffee or ending a long day, these pages remind you that faith can be both deep and delightfully human. No theological jargon. No guilt trips. Just joy, laughter, and a fresh reason to trust God every single day!

Keep lookin' up,
Ralph

CONSIDER YEAR-END GIVING WITH A TAX-ADVANTAGE GIFT

We know that many of you will carefully consider your charitable giving plans as we near the end of the calendar year. This is also an important time to meaningfully support congregations and ministries to equip them for future ministry. As you plan ways to give, we encourage you to consider opportunities that can help you make the most of tax policies and your assets.

Donating appreciated Assets - If you have appreciated assets (stocks/property) that you have owned more than one year you can donate the assets and avoid paying the capital gains on those assets. This is a much more tax effective way of giving than selling the asset and donating the proceeds on those assets.

Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) – These distributions are ones you must take each year from most traditional IRAs once you reach a certain age (73). These Required Minimum Distributions can be directed to a charity which can limit taxable income from your IRA. This can be a great tax-savings way to donate to your favorite charity. A RMD given to charity is called a [Qualified charitable distributions](#) (QCD), QCDs are limited to \$108,000. Most IRA custodians allow you to make regular QCDs to your favorite charity if you desire. You can start donating QCDs from your IRA at age 70 ½.

- Please discuss options with your financial advisor or CPA before deciding what makes the most sense for you.
- Consider adding an additional gift to the QCD that would go to one of our endowment Funds – Resurrection Life Fund or Legacy Ministry Fund. If you do this make sure you let Judy Moore, LCRs bookkeeper, how you would like your gift distributed.

This idea and many other ideas/strategies for charitable giving and gifting to family will be presented at the Giving smarter luncheon on Nov 9th. More information on this luncheon can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. **Questions?** Please feel free to contact John Wickeraad (916-316-6943) or john.wickeraad@gmail.com. He will help get you in contact with the right person if there is any information that he cannot answer himself.

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday School – Meets each Sunday (except Nov 2) at 10:15

Confirmation – Meets the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays in Room 13 at 10:15am and is open to anyone in grades 6 – 8. Please contact us for more information or simply join the class then.

CONNECT & GROW

LADIES' NIGHT OUT...

Tuesday, November 4

Ladies Night Out – Fellowship Hall! We will meet at Resurrection's Fellowship Hall with a charcuterie potluck. Please bring fruit, meat, cheese, crackers, nuts, etc. to place on the shared charcuterie board. We will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Larsh at 916-390-7655 or michelle@larshfamily.com.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 1

What a great group! Men of all ages meet monthly on the first Saturday of the month at the Oak Leaf Café, 5540 Douglas Blvd, Granite Bay from 8-9:30AM to share stories and get to know each other better. This group is open to all men and a great opportunity to meet new people. For more information contact Earl Cole at

916-474-0212 coleearle@outlook.com

MEN'S HAPPY HOUR w/Pastor Ralph

Monday, November 3

Men's Happy Hour meets monthly for bonding and fun on the first Monday of the month at University of Beer in Roseville from 5:30pm-7:30pm. We'd love to have you join us!

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Tuesday, November 11

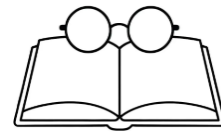
7:00PM – In Fellowship Hall. Second Tuesday of the month.

A game so easy you can eat, drink & visit while playing!

Contact Joyce Sager at 763-257-2820 with questions.

RESURRECTION READERS BOOK CLUB

Meetings - Book club meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Beryl Bakken at 916-791-1582 with questions.



What we'll be reading:

- Nov 18 - Hungry: The Inspiring Tale of Three Donner Survivors - B.E. Baker
- Dec 16 - No Meeting - A Most Blessed Christmas
- Jan 20 - Etheric Murders - Anne Merino (Author Visit)

MISSION MOVES: WORSHIP

We continue to explore our Mission Moves with a focus on **Worship**. Throughout the next two months we invite you to look around, observe, and appreciate the many elements and individuals that create our shared worship experience. You may notice someone new or encounter a part of the service that speaks to you in a fresh way.

The dictionary defines *worship* as “to regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion.” At Resurrection, we take this a step further — we define worship as the **heartbeat of our community**. It's where we come together to express our faith, respond to God's call, and connect deeply with one another.

Each week, our services invite us to take action — to participate, reflect, and grow. Worship is not something we passively attend, worship is something we do, something we actively engage in.

In fact, did you know that on some Sundays, more than 50 volunteers and staff members help bring our worship experience to life? From the visible roles such as pastor, choir member, lector, and ushers, to those behind-the-scenes members preparing communion, arranging flowers, creating slides, and more — each role is essential. Actively participating in these various roles during worship isn't just about helping out — it's an opportunity to deepen your connection to God and the community through meaningful action.

As the **heartbeat of our community**, our weekly worship service includes all of the Mission Moves. Throughout the service we can:

- **Connect** – through ice breakers and passing the peace
- **Grow** – through the Bible readings and sermon
- **Give** – through our offering
- **Serve** – through volunteer roles like choir, altar guild, lector, and more
- **Care** – through prayer and support for one another

If you're curious about how you can deepen your worship experience, stop by the Faith Center to explore opportunities, or contact the office — we'd love to help you get connected in a way that's meaningful for you.



NOVEMBER HELPING HANDS – TWO OPPORTUNITIES

It is time once again to start thinking about Christmas! You can make a great start on your Christmas gifts this Sunday, **Nov. 2nd** at Resurrection's annual **Good Gifts Fair!** Be sure to

check out the article elsewhere in the Newsletter for all the details. You don't want to miss out for sure!! Speaking of Christmas, **Resurrection's Annual Christmas Gift Program** begins soon! Once again, Resurrection will partner with Lutheran Social Services of Northern California (LSS) to collect Christmas gifts for those less fortunate. LSS has given us the names of 100 children ages 1-17 years old. We will also have families that contact the church directly.

You can sign up for one individual or several--no donation is too small! Sign-ups for the gifts will begin on **November 12th** and the unwrapped gifts will be due back to church by Sunday December 8th. **Watch for more details and the links for gift sign-ups in the Friday Ministry Reminders.**

OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO OCTOBER HELPING HANDS!

Once again, Resurrection members stepped up and surpassed expectations! Our goal, which was not shared, was to provide 50 new duffel bags to The Gathering Inn for their overnight guests to carry their sleeping bags and personal items. We blew past that goal with **86 duffel bags** purchased! This includes 10 that we purchased with money that was donated this month to Helping Hands. That is incredible – what a gift to them! No longer needing to carry black trash bags each night. The duffel bags give them integrity. Plans are in place to number the bags and attach a tag for their name. One Sunday in November the bags will be blessed.

COUNCIL CORNER



Our total income from giving and rental continues to be close to the budget level (98% YTD). The total expenses also have run close to budgeted level (98% YTD). We have spent about \$20,000 more on maintenance than budgeted due to HVAC and other deferred maintenance. Our campus continues to be utilized at a very high rate, which is great but will increase some maintenance costs.

The vision team continues to make progress, and the council should see a preliminary report before the November council meeting.



The needs of our neighbors in the Caribbean are growing as Hurricane Melissa brings devastation to communities already living in fragile conditions.

Our partners at Lutheran World Relief are already preparing a response to reach families affected by Hurricane Melissa with **urgently needed care like food, water, shelter and essential supplies.**

Right now, the number one need is financial gifts so that the team at Lutheran World Relief can reach our neighbors as quickly as possible.

HOW TO GIVE

You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org/melissa-relief, by scanning the QR code below or by mailing a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297.

