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Immerse Yourself

From the Pastor's Purple Pen



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Redeemer,

Brrrr. It's starting to get cold. I can't believe that we are in the last month of the church year. Before we begin the hectic time of preparing for Advent and Christmas, I wanted to take a minute to stop and be thankful.

I am thankful for many of you who take the time to give me positive feedback. I appreciate the texts, emails, hugs and kind words. I am thankful for those of you who pray for me and for my family. Moving up here has been an adjustment for all of us and I appreciate the prayers for my boys as they navigate this new life as a pastor's kid.

I am thankful for those who give of their time and talent for the church. I cannot do everything nor can I be in more than one place at a time. I am thankful for the people who step in and help to make Redeemer a safe place to grow spiritually and to serve in the community. I am thankful to do ministry with you. Let's do more of that.

I am thankful for my new office staff. They are working so hard to make Redeemer an organized and positive place to be a part of. They support me in doing the everyday tasks and the bigger projects. I'm so glad they are here.

I am thankful for my worship staff. They are dedicated to making worship on both Sundays and Wednesdays an inspiring worship experience for everyone. Their creative spirit is such a joy to work with.

I am thankful for the people who show up to worship, to events, to serve in the community, to learn, to study, to plan. Your presence and participation is what continues the ministry of what two churches set out to do fifty years ago. And it is you who will continue to do ministry in the next fifty. Your attendance matters.

I am thankful for the people who show up on Fridays to my community office hours. I have been doing them since I started at Redeemer and they are still well attended. Thank you for your time and conversation. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another.

I challenge you to live this month in thankfulness. Please join us at 5:30 on Wednesday evenings in November to join in Thanksliving. Let's make changes in our lives to live a more Christ centered life together. May we support one another, may we raise our children together, and may we reprioritize what it means to live a fulfilling life.

In Thanksgiving,

Pastor Julie

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