



Redeemer
Presbyterian Church
exists to see our city
renewed by the gospel
of Jesus Christ.

Love God
Love People
Love Tyler

The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

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*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all
who struggle and desire victory; to all who
sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst
after righteousness; and to all who will
come—this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

Welcome to Redeemer!

We are thankful you are with us today and pray you will find this church a place of vibrant worship, authentic community, and love for God and neighbor.

Our gatherings focus on the Triune God— Father, Son, and Spirit— and his redeeming work in our world. We will pray to him, sing his praises, hear his word taught, and participate in Holy Communion.

Our worship is a blend of ancient and modern, seeking to benefit from the Lord’s work in his Church throughout time. We invite you to join right in, even if this is new to you, and walk these well-worn paths with us!

We love when whole families are able to participate, but we do have trained and screened volunteers available in Redeemer Kids for those who need it (ages 5 and under).

If you wish to connect with us, please fill out the section below and place it in the offering basket.

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Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Address _____

- Please contact me regarding:
- ☐ Learning more about Redeemer
 - ☐ Receiving email updates from the church
 - ☐ Exploring Christianity and questions about faith
 - ☐ Getting involved with a community group

I would like prayer about: _____

Other questions or comments: _____

Prayer Suggestions:

Topic: our church and mission, deacons

- Monday
That God would prepare us to be his ambassadors, welcoming to those who visit and reaching out to friends and neighbors and those in need; for healthy marriages and families.
- Tuesday
For our deacons: Chris, Jeff and Jeremy. Wisdom for them as they get set up and seek to help us use our gifts in service to our church and community.
- Wednesday
For authentic community, healthy small groups, deep friendships.
- Thursday
Physical and material needs of the body; that we would see opportunities to love and serve the destitute, ill, imprisoned, orphaned, and widowed.
- Friday
That we would grow in prayer; for God to bless our corporate worship.
- Saturday
Sabbath rest. Discernment, perspective, faith, and contentment.

Announcements

New Members Class:

Mark your calendars if you are interested in joining Redeemer or learning more about what it means to be a member of Redeemer. We will be meeting before church on 8/20, 8/27, and 9/10 for these classes in which we talk about what it means to be a member of Christ’s church in general, and Redeemer in particular. This is great for people new to the Reformed faith as well. This is a required class for anyone wishing to join Redeemer. Please email Lindsay (Lindsay@redeemertyler.com) if you plan to attend.

Back to School Swim Gathering:

Join us August 5 at the Travis home (19078 Pinedale Cir, Flint, TX) at 4 pm for a pizza and swim party! Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share and swim gear if you plan on swimming.

Newcomers Meal September 9:

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for further details!

Small Group Meetings:

Small groups are an important part of our ministry at Redeemer. They offer opportunities to deepen relationships and to love, serve, and pray for one another and our city. If you are interested in joining a group, please email Ben Wheeler: ben@redeemertyler.com.

Bible and Book Studies:

- Men’s study meets over breakfast, 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying 1 Corinthians. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972).
- The women’s group is studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call To Worship

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

People: *Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

People: *Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

—Psalm 29 1-2

Opening Hymn | The Sands of Time are Sinking

Words by Anne Cousin (1857), based on Letters of Samuel Rutherford. Traditional Folk Tune, Arranged by Philip Palmertree (2001)

*The sands of time are sinking, The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I’ve sighed for— The fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight, But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth In Emmanuel’s land.*

*The king there in His beauty, Without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey, Though seven deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army, Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth In Emmanuel’s land*

*O Christ, He is the fountain, The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I’ve tasted, More deep I’ll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness, His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth In Emmanuel’s land.*

*The bride eyes not her garment, But her dear Bridegroom’s face;
I will not gaze at glory, But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth, But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory Of Emmanuel’s land.*

*O, I am my Beloved’s, And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner, Into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit— I know no other stand,
Not e’en where glory dwelleth In Emmanuel’s land*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People: Amen.

All Singing: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: *The Name of the Lord be praised!*

Hymn of Worship | Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)

Words by Sandra McCracken; Music by Kevin Twit, 2005

*Rock of Ages, when the day seems long from this labor and this heartache, I have come.
The skies will wear out, but you remain the same, Rock of Ages, I praise your name.
Rock of Ages, you have brought me near, You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears,
To make this stone heart come alive again, Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.*

*Rock of Ages, Rock of Ages!
Bind your children until the kingdom comes.
Rock of Ages, your will be done.*

*Rock of Ages, when in want or rest, my desperate need for such a Savior I confess;
Pull these idols out from my heart's embrace. Rock of Ages, I need your grace.
Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me. Who am I that you would die to make me free?
To give me glory, you took the death and pain. Rock of Ages, my Offering.*

*Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried. The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied.
Now write your mercy, on my heart and hands. Rock of ages, in faith I stand.
Rock of Ages, my great hope secure. Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul.
Bind your children with cords of love and grace. Rock of Ages, we give you praise.*

One More Hymn and the Offering | Pearly Gates

Words by Fredrick A. Blom (1917), Music by Clint Wells and Brian T. Murphy (2004)

*Love divine so great and wondrous, Deep and mighty, pure, sublime,
Coming from the heart of Jesus. Just the same through tests of time!*

*He the pearly gates will open,
So that I may enter in;
For he purchased my redemption
And forgave me all my sin.*

*Like a dove when hunted, frightened, As a wounded fawn was I;
Brokenhearted, yet He healed me.He will heed the sinner's cry.*

*Love divine so great and wondrous! All my sins he then forgave!
I will sing his praise forever,For His blood, His power to save.*

*In life's eventide, at twilight, At His door I'll knock and wait;
By the precious love of Jesus,I shall enter heaven's gate.*

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when the plowman shall overtake the reaper
and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it.
I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.
I will plant them on their land,
and they shall never again be uprooted
out of the land that I have given them,”
says the LORD your God.

People: Amen!

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*
Leader: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.
People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast.*
Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Feast

We serve both red wine and white grape juice.
Gluten free bread is available on the serving tray.

Communion Hymn | There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Words by William Cowper (1771), music by Lowell Mason (1830)

*There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.*

*The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.*

*E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.*

*Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.*

*Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.*

Concluding Prayer

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Come, let us return to the LORD;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

—Hosea 6.1-3

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

New Testament Reading | Romans 8.12-25

[12] So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. [13] For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. [14] For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. [15] For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” [16] The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

[18] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. [19] For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. [20] For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope [21] that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. [22] For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. [23] And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24] For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25] But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Hymn of Worship | Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Music and Lyrics by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa (2019)

Christ, the sure and steady Anchor
In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow
When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ, the sure and steady Anchor
While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the Anchor
Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

The Holy Communion

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*
Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*
Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: *We lift them up to the Lord!*
Leader: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God!
People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise!*
Leader: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:
People: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!*

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Confession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic* and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

—The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Concluded with the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

—This is a great time for parents to go pick up their children from Redeemer Kids for communion.

*The term “catholic” here means “universal”, not the Roman Catholic church. It refers to all believers, everywhere and at all times— the whole company of God’s redeemed people through the ages.

Christ, the sure and steady Anchor
Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow, O my soul
Now lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance
See His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ, the sure and steady Anchor
As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory
As we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon
Clouds behind and life secure
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endure

Christ, the shore of our salvation
Ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

Responsive Reading | Isaiah 44.6-8

Leader: Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
People: And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
Leader: “I am the first and I am the last;
People: Besides me there is no god.
Leader: Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
People: Let him declare and set it before me,
Leader: Since I appointed an ancient people.
People: Let them declare what is to come,
Leader: And what will happen.
People: Fear not, nor be afraid;
Leader: Have I not told you from of old and declared it?
People: And you are my witnesses!
Leader: Is there a God besides me?
People: There is no Rock; I know not any.”

—Parents may take children to Redeemer Kids at this time (nursery: up to 4; worship training: 5 to 2nd grade).

Mr. Jay Dent

Sermon Text | Matthew 13.24-31, 36-43

[24] He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25] but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26] So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27] And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ [28] He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ [29] But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30] Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

[31] He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field.

[36] Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” [37] He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38] The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39] and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40] Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. [41] The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42] and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43] Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.