



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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*Third Sunday after the Epiphany:*  
**January 26, 2025**

*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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other questions or comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Instructions for Online Tithing:

We offer online and mobile giving options. Our desire is to make the giving process as simple as possible! Please follow the instructions below to get started:

### For Online Giving:

1. Go to [redeemert Tyler.com](http://redeemert Tyler.com) and click “Give Online” in the upper right corner.
2. This will take you to our Church Center page where you click “Give” in the upper right corner.
3. Fill out the amount you wish to give and other requested information.
4. You will have the option to create an account and set up recurring donations via their secure site.

### For Mobile Giving:

1. Download the “Church Center App” on your smart phone.
2. Open the app and create a user account.
3. Fill out the amount you wish to give and other requested information.
4. You will be able to set up recurring donations if you prefer.



## 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

## Men's Campout:

Mark your calendars! The Men's Campout is scheduled this year from April 10-12 at Bob Sandlin State Park. Please RSVP to Chris Gilmore (512-351-1427).

## Women's RUF Brunch:

Saturday, February 22 at 10 am at Patti Babin's home (321 Wilder Way). Join us for a morning of fellowship and learning about RUF's college ministry at UT Tyler. Guests are welcome! Please RSVP to Patti (361-215-0065) or Brenda (903-571-7692).

## Sunday Morning and Mid-Week Prayer Meetings:

We have two weekly opportunities for prayer: Sunday mornings before service at 9:30 am and every Wednesday from 11:00 am-11:30 am at Ben Wheeler's house (3314 Pollard Drive, Tyler, TX). Please join us!

## 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@redeemert Tyler.com.

## Bible and Book Studies:

- Men's study meets at 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying *A Summary of Christian Doctrine* by Louis Berkhof. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972) for information.
- The women's group is studying Romans on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** Let the nations be glad

**People:** *And sing for joy,*

**Leader:** For you judge the peoples with equity

**People:** *And guide the nations upon earth.*

**Leader:** Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**People:** *Let all the peoples praise you!*

—Psalm 67.4-5

## Opening Hymn | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Words by Joachim Neander, 1680*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!*

*O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!*

*All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,*

*Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!*

*Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been, granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!*

*Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;*

*Ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee!*

*Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,*

*Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.*

*How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!*

*All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.*

*Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**People:** *Amen.*

**All Singing:** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Leader:** Praise the Lord!

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

## Hymn of Worship | O God Beyond All Praising

*Words by Michael Perry (1982), music by Gustav Holst (1918)*

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of 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:** May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

—2 Peter 1.2

**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 & dairy-free bread is available on the serving tray.

## Communion Hymn | And Can It Be?

*Words by Charles Wesley (1738), music by Scott Foley (1994)*

*And can it be that I should gain, An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain! For me who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me?*

*Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

*He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For O my God, it found out me!*

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay, Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.*

*No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

## Concluding Prayer

## Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

**People:** *Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

**Leader:** But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

—Romans 6.17-18

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

## 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.

## Old Testament Reading | Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

[1] And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. [2] So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. [3] And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

[5] And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. [6] And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

[8] They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

[9] And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. [10] Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

## Hymn of Worship | His Mercy is More

*Matt Papa, Matt Boswell 2016*

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness; new every morn  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more*

*What love could remember no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more*

*What patience would wait as we constantly roam What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more*

*What riches of kindness He lavished on us His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more*

## 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.

## The Psalm | Psalm 19

**Leader:** The heavens declare the glory of God,  
**People:** And the sky above proclaims his handiwork.  
**Leader:** Day to day pours out speech,  
**People:** And night to night reveals knowledge.  
**Leader:** There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.  
**People:** Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
**Leader:** And their words to the end of the world.  
**People:** In them he has set a tent for the sun,  
**Leader:** Which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
**People:** And, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.  
**Leader:** Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
**People:** And its circuit to the end of them,  
**Leader:** And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

**People:** The law of the LORD is perfect,  
**Leader:** Reviving the soul;  
**People:** The testimony of the LORD is sure,  
**Leader:** Making wise the simple;  
**People:** The precepts of the LORD are right,  
**Leader:** Rejoicing the heart;  
**People:** The commandment of the LORD is pure,  
**Leader:** Enlightening the eyes;  
**People:** The fear of the LORD is clean,  
**Leader:** Enduring forever;  
**People:** The rules of the LORD are true,  
**Leader:** And righteous altogether.  
**People:** More to be desired are they than gold,  
**Leader:** Even much fine gold;  
**People:** Sweeter also than honey  
**Leader:** And drippings of the honeycomb.  
**People:** Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
**Leader:** In keeping them there is great reward.  
**People:** Who can discern his errors?  
**Leader:** Declare me innocent from hidden faults.  
**People:** Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
**Leader:** Let them not have dominion over me!  
**People:** Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.  
**Leader:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
**People:** Be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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

Sermon Text | Revelation 11

[1] Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, "Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, [2] but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months. [3] And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

[4] These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. [5] And if anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed. [6] They have the power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire. [7] And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, [8] and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. [9] For three and a half days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, [10] and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth. [11] But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. [12] Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them. [13] And at that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

[14] The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come.

[15] Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." [16] And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, [17] saying,

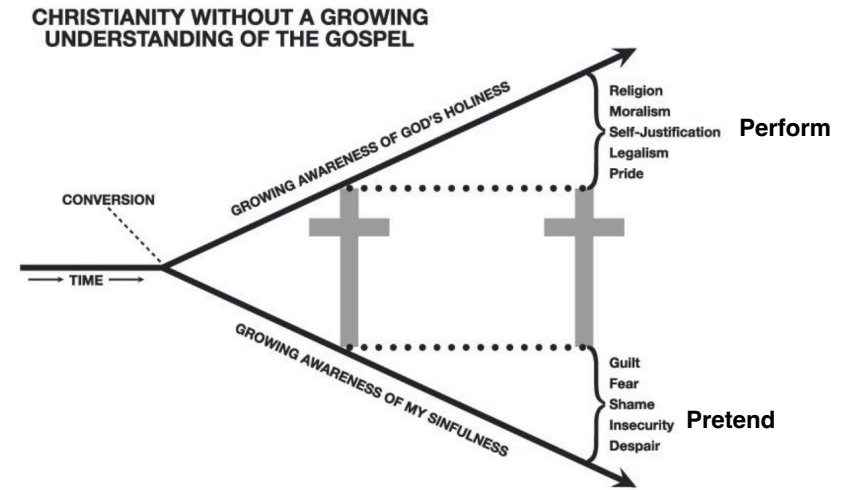
"We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,  
who is and who was,  
for you have taken your great power  
and begun to reign.

[18] The nations raged,  
but your wrath came,  
and the time for the dead to be judged,  
and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints,

and those who fear your name,  
both small and great,  
and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

[19] Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

Sermon Notes



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