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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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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: October 13, 2024 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	n below and place it in th	ne offering basket.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email

Address _____

Please contact me regarding:

- □ Learning more about Redeemer
- \Box 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: _____

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:

Go to redeemertyler.com and click "Give Online" in the upper right corner.
 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: global and local missions

• <u>Monday</u>

Richey and Keli Goodrich (India): for Richey's preaching and teaching; for all paperwork and citizenship issues to be worked out so they can return to the field; for the Spirit to draw to Christ many of the unreached Jat people living in India— only 0.02% of these 9 million people are Christian.

• <u>Tuesday</u>

Robert and Debbie Hale: translation work in French-speaking Africa.

• <u>Wednesday</u>

Nate Hill, John Tyler High School Young Life; Mentoring Alliance (includes Mentoring Alliance Summer Camps, Mentoring Alliance After School, & Mentor Connect)

• <u>Thursday</u>

Rev. Robbie Mills, currently serving with the MTW Western Hub (helping Texas churches with cross-cultural mission), as well as with Third Millennium Ministries (providing free Bible curriculum to immigrant churches and leaders).

• <u>Friday</u>

Promise Academy's financial and prayer support; Highway 80 Rescue Mission; PATH; Crisis Pregnancy Center.

• <u>Saturday</u>

Pray that unity will grow among the churches in our city so we may care for people, evangelize, and make disciples.

Announcements

Church Retreat:

Retreat Sign-ups are closed. Details for those who have signed up and a time of Q&A will follow the fellowship meal today. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us for worship on Sunday at Timberline. We will start at the usual time, please join us! This will be a unique opportunity for us to worship in God's creation and experience worship together outside of these walls.

Fellowship Meal:

Join us for a fellowship meal following the service!

Newcomer's Dinner:

Open to those that are new to the church, want to know more about Redeemer, and/or have an interest in membership. This will be a relaxed time around the table getting to know Ben and a few more members a little bit better. This will be a child-free event. November 2, 6pm at the Wheeler residence (3314 Pollard Dr). If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Chris Gilmore at chris_gilmore@zoho.com.

Sunday Morning and Mid-Week Prayer Meetings:

We now 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@redeemertyler.com.

Bible and Book Studies:

- Men's study meets 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying the Minor Prophets. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972) for information.
- The women's group is studying Galatians on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

Church Retreat Sign-up QR Code:



Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call To Worship

Leader: Praise the LORD!
People: For it is good to sing praises to our God;
Leader: For it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
People: The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
Leader: He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
People: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
Leader: He determines the number of the stars;
People: He gives to all of them their names.
Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
People: His understanding is beyond measure.
Leader: The LORD lifts up the humble;
People: He casts the wicked to the ground.

—Psalm 147 1-6

Opening Hymn | Come, Christians Join to Sing Words by Christian Bateman, 1843

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend; His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore, Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 | 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Words and music by Matt Redman, 2012

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, oh my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger. Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; Still my soul will sing Your praise unending: ten thousand years and then forevermore!

One More Hymn and the Offering | A Mighty Fortress is our God Words and music by Martin Luther, 1529

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; Were not the right Man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

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 | Dearly We're Bought

Words by Joseph Hart (1712-1768), music by Matthew S. Welch (2004)

Come raise your thankful voice, Ye souls redeemed with blood; Leave earth and all its toys, And mix no more with mud.

> Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed; Redeemed, with Jesus' blood redeemed Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed; Redeemed, with Jesus' blood redeemed.

With heart, and soul, and mind, Exalt redeeming love; Leave worldly cares behind, And set your minds above.

Lift up your ravished eyes, And view the glory given; All lower things despised, Ye citizens of heaven.

Be to this world as dead, Alive to that to come; Our life in Christ is hid, Who soon shall call us home.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

—Matthew 11.28-30

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 | Job 23.1-9, 16-17

[1] Then Job answered and said:

- [2] "Today also my complaint is bitter; my hand is heavy on account of my groaning.[3] Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat!
- [4] I would lay my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments.
- [5] I would know what he would answer me and understand what he would say to me.
 [6] Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; he would pay attention to me.
 [7] There an upright man could argue with him,
- and I would be acquitted forever by my judge.

[8] "Behold, I go forward, but he is not there, and backward, but I do not perceive him;
[9] on the left hand when he is working, I do not behold him; he turns to the right hand, but I do not see him.

[16] God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me;[17] yet I am not silenced because of the darkness, nor because thick darkness covers my face.

$Hymn \, of \, Worship \, | \, Whate'er \, My \, God \, Ordains \, is \, Right$

Words by Samuel Rodigast (1675), music by David Braud (1998)

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Holy his will abideth. I will be still whate'er He does, And follow where He guideth. He is my God, Though dark my road. He holds me that I shall not fall Wherefore to Him I leave it all

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me I take, content, What He hath sent His hand can turn my griefs away And patiently I wait His day

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Though now this cup in drinking May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking My God is true, Each morn anew Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart And pain and sorrow shall depart 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

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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.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Here shall my stand be taken Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, Yet I am not forsaken My Fathers care Is round me there He holds me that I shall not fall And so to Him I leave it all.

Psalm | Psalm 22.1-15

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?People: Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?Leader: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,People: And by night, but I find no rest.

Leader: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
People: In you our fathers trusted;
Leader: They trusted, and you delivered them.
People: To you they cried and were rescued;
Leader: In you they trusted and were not put to shame.

People: But I am a worm and not a man,
Leader: Scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
People: All who see me mock me;
Leader: They make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
People: "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
Leader: Let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
People: Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
Leader: You made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
People: On you was I cast from my birth,
Leader: And from my mother's womb you have been my God.
People: Be not far from me,
Leader: For trouble is near, and there is none to help.

People: Many bulls encompass me;
Leader: Strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
People: They open wide their mouths at me,
Leader: Like a ravening and roaring lion.
People: I am poured out like water,
Leader: And all my bones are out of joint;
People: My heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
Leader: My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
People: And my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

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

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | Revelation 2.12-17

[12] "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

[13] "'I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. [14] But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. [15] So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. [16] Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. [17] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'