



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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*Christ the King Sunday*  
**November 26, 2023**

*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:

- Topic: our pastor and elders (Ben, John, Robert & Kent):
- Monday  
Spiritual health and protection, relationships with spouse and children
  - Tuesday  
Integrity, emotional strength, communication skill
  - Wednesday  
Faith, finances, friendships
  - Thursday  
For their spouses, vision, and unity
  - Friday  
Passion for ministry, Sabbath rest, discernment
  - Saturday  
Perspective, faith, contentment

# Announcements

## Newcomers Dinner:

This meal is open to those that are new to the church, want to know more about Redeemer, and/or are interested in joining. It 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 on January 27 at 6:00 pm at the Gilmore's (3537 Wynnwood Dr, Tyler). If you'd like to attend, email Chris Gilmore (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!

## Men's Pub Night:

Come hang out with some fellas from church Wednesday, November 29 from 7-9 pm at True Vine on the Square (110 N College Ave #102). Bring a friend!

## Advent Party:

Please join us December 2 at the Priddys' (17950 Timothy Court Tyler, TX) at 6:00 pm for a chili cook-off! Get ready to show off your best chili recipe and earn the title of top chef! If you would not like to participate in the cook-off, please bring soup, salad, or dessert. Hope to see you there!

## 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 Esther.
- The women's group is studying 1 Corinthians on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**People:** *Serve the LORD with gladness!*

**Leader:** Come into his presence with singing!

**People:** *Know that the LORD, he is God!*

**Leader:** It is he who made us, and we are his;

**People:** *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

—Psalm 100.1-3

## Opening Hymn | King of Saints

*Taken from Gadsby Hymnal #857; Words by Joseph Hart (1712-1768), music by Clint Wells (2004)*

*Jesus Christ, God's holy lamb,  
We will laud thy lovely name;  
We were saved by God's decree,  
And all our debt was paid by thee.*

*Thou has washed us in thy blood,  
Made us kings and priests to God;  
Take this tribute of the poor;  
Less we can't, we can't give more.*

*Souls redeemed, your voices raise,  
Sing your dear Redeemer's praise;  
Worthy thou of love and laud,  
King of saints, incarnate God.*

*Righteous are thy ways and true;  
Endless honors are thy due;  
Grace and glory in thee shine;  
Matchless mercy, love divine.*

*We for whom thou once was slain,  
We thy ransomed sinner train,  
In this one request agree,  
"Spirit make us more like thee."*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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 | Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Words by Matthew Bridges, 1851; music by George J. Elvey, 1868*

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife, for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

One More Hymn and the Offering | He Came Down

*A traditional song from Cameroon, transcribed by John L. Bell (1986)*

*He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have light;  
He came down that we may have light;  
He came down that we may have light;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have peace;  
He came down that we may have peace;  
He came down that we may have peace;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have joy;  
He came down that we may have joy;  
He came down that we may have joy;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have life;  
He came down that we may have life;  
He came down that we may have life;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**People:** *Amen!*

—Galatians 1.3-5

**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 | Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

*Words by George Weissel (1642), Music: TRURO, from Psalmodia Evangelica (1789)*

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
Behold, the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here!*

*A helper just He comes to thee,  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, kindness in distress.*

*O blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!*

*Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple, set apart  
From earthly use for heaven’s employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.*

*So come, my Lord, and enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,  
Until thy glorious victory’s won.*

**Concluding Prayer**

**Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

*Father, you tell us in your Word that whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. We confess that we have frequently relaxed our faith. We have allowed ourselves to become cynical, and our cynicism has boiled over with slander, criticism, prayerlessness, and pessimism. How easily we’ve allowed ourselves to crumple under the stresses of our lives. Forgive us for our smallness of faith. In your mercy, hear us, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

**Leader:** But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

—Galatians 4.4-7

**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.

Gospel Reading | Matthew 25:31-46

[31] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. [32] Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33] And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. [34] Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. [35] For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ [37] Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? [38] And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? [39] And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ [40] And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

[41] “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42] For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ [44] Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ [45] Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Hymn of Worship | Rejoice the Lord is King

*Words by Charles Wesley (1744), music by John Darwall (1770)*

*Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When He has purged our stains, He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell, are to our Jesus giv'n:  
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come  
And take His servants up to their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

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 God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

—The Apostle’s 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.*

Psalm | Psalm 100

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
**People:** *Serve the LORD with gladness!*  
**Leader:** Come into his presence with singing!

**People:** *Know that the LORD, he is God!*  
**Leader:** It is he who made us, and we are his;  
**People:** *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

**Leader:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
**People:** *And his courts with praise!*  
**Leader:** Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**People:** *For the LORD is good;*  
**Leader:** His steadfast love endures forever,  
**People:** *And his faithfulness to all generations.*

—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 | Leviticus 16.29-34

[29] “And it shall be a statute to you forever that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict yourselves and shall do no work, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you. [30] For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the LORD from all your sins. [31] It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever. [32] And the priest who is anointed and consecrated as priest in his father’s place shall make atonement, wearing the holy linen garments. [33] He shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. [34] And this shall be a statute forever for you, that atonement may be made for the people of Israel once in the year because of all their sins.” And Aaron did as the LORD commanded Moses.