



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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*Christmas Day*  
**December 25, 2022**

*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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other questions or comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Prayer Topic: needs of our city.
- Monday  
That God’s kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in our schools.
  - Tuesday  
That God’s kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in city, state, and local government, and justice systems.
  - Wednesday  
That God’s kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in local law enforcement, emergency response personnel, and hospitals.
  - Thursday  
That God’s kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically amongst our immigrant, economically disadvantaged, and minority populations. (See Deuteronomy 10.17-19.)
  - Friday  
That God’s kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically for a unity within our churches and between our churches in the cause of Christ.
  - Saturday  
That God’s kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically that the gospel would be proclaimed throughout our city’s churches.

# Announcements

## 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 at [ben@redeemertyler.com](mailto: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 Acts on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem,

**People:** *For the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.*

**Leader:** The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

**People:** *And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

—Isaiah 52.9-10

## Opening Hymn | O Come All Ye Faithful

*By John Francis Wade (1751)*

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!*

*O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!*

*Come and behold him, born the King of angels;*

*O come, let us adore him,*

*O come, let us adore him,*

*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,*

*sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:*

*“Glory to God, all glory in the highest!”*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;*

*Jesus, to thee be all glory given;*

*Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**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 | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Words by Charles Wesley (1739); Music by Felix Mendelssohn (1840)

*Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”*

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild, he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.*

One More Hymn and the Offering | Joy to the World

Words by Isaac Watts, 1719, Music by Lowell Mason, 1848

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!*

*Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love!*

Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

**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 | Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning**

*Words by Reginald Heber (1811), music by William Walker (1820)*

*Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

*Hail the blest morn, see the great mediator, Down from the regions of glory descend.  
Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger, Lo, for His guard the bright angels attend*

*Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining, Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch, and Saviour of all.*

*Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion, Odors of Edom and off'rings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls the ocean, Myrrh from the forests or gold from the mine?*

*Vainly we offer each ample oblation, Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration, Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.*

*Low at his feet we in humble prostration, Lose all our sorrow and trouble and strife;  
There we receive his divine consolation, Flowing afresh from the fountain of life.*

*He is our friend in the midst of temptation, Faithful supporter, whose love cannot fail;  
Rock of our refuge, and hope of salvation, Light to direct us through death's gloomy vail.*

**Concluding Prayer**

**Hymn of Worship | Good Christian Men, Rejoice**

*Medieval Latin carol, German melody, 14th century*

*Good Christian men, rejoice,  
With heart, and soul, and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
Earth and heav'n before him bow,  
And he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!*

*Good Christian men, rejoice,  
With heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
And man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!*

*Good Christian men, rejoice,  
With heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!*

Sermon Text | John 16.25-33

[25] “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. [26] In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; [27] for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. [28] I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

[29] His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! [30] Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” [31] Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? [32] Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. [33] I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Sermon Notes

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.*

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