



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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First Sunday after Christmas:
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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.

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:

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 redeemertyler.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 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

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@redeemertyler.com.

Bible and Book Studies:

- Men’s study meets at 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying Ecclesiastes. Contact Robert Hale (305-562-5502) for information.
- The women’s group is studying the devotional *You Were Never Meant to Do It All Alone* by Kelly C. Kapic on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call To Worship

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,
People: *The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.*
Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
People: *Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*
Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;
People: *Sing praises with a psalm!*

—Psalm 47.5-7

Opening Hymn | 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!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 | Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Words by Charles Wesley (1744), music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard (1855)

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories, knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

One More Hymn and the Offering | Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Written by: Johnny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Warren

*What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace*

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing
all is mine Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed*

*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave*

*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing
I am free Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne*

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me
Yet not I, but through Christ in me
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

—Numbers 6.24-25

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 | God Rest You Merry Gentlemen
English carol, 18th century

*God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;*

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name.*

*"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might."*

*The shepherds at these tidings, rejoiced in heart and mind,
And on the darkened hillside they left their flocks behind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway this holy child to find:*

*And when to Bethlehem they came where Christ the infant lay;
they found him in a manger where oxen fed on hay,
and there beside her newborn child his mother knelt to pray:*

*Now to the Lord sing praises, all people in this place!
With Christian love and fellowship each other now embrace,
and let this Christmas festival all bitterness displace:*

Concluding Prayer

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

—Psalms 51:14-17

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 | Isaiah 61.10-62.3

[10] I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
[11] For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

[1] For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
[2] The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
[3] You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Hymn of Worship | It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Words by Edmund H. Sears (1849); Music by Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1874)

*It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats O’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains, They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.*

*And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow,
Look now, for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing!*

*For lo! the days are hastening on, By prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing!*

Psalm | Psalm 147

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*
Leader: And binds up their wounds.

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.

People: *He determines the number of the stars;*
Leader: He gives to all of them their names.
People: *Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;*
Leader: His understanding is beyond measure.
People: *The LORD lifts up the humble;*
Leader: He casts the wicked to the ground.

People: *Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;*
Leader: Make melody to our God on the lyre!
People: *He covers the heavens with clouds;*
Leader: He prepares rain for the earth;
People: *He makes grass grow on the hills.*
Leader: He gives to the beasts their food,
People: *And to the young ravens that cry.*
Leader: His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
People: *Nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,*
Leader: But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
People: *In those who hope in his steadfast love.*

Leader: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
People: *Praise your God, O Zion!*
Leader: For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
People: *He blesses your children within you.*
Leader: He makes peace in your borders;
People: *He fills you with the finest of the wheat.*
Leader: He sends out his command to the earth;
People: *His word runs swiftly.*
Leader: He gives snow like wool;
People: *He scatters frost like ashes.*
Leader: He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs;
People: *Who can stand before his cold?*
Leader: He sends out his word, and melts them;
People: *He makes his wind blow and the waters flow.*
Leader: He declares his word to Jacob,
People: *His statutes and rules to Israel.*
Leader: He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
People: *They do not know his rules. Praise the LORD!*

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

Rev. Justin Pillsbury

Sermon Text | Psalm 24

[1] The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

[2] for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

[3] Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

[4] He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.

[5] He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

[6] Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah

[7] Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

[8] Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!

[9] Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

[10] Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory! Selah