



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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*Last Sunday After the Epiphany*  
**February 11, 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 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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## 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](http://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: 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

## Fellowship Meal:

Join us after the service for a fellowship meal!

## Ash Wednesday:

We will have our annual Service of Ashes at the RealtorCenter, February 14 at 6:00 pm. If you have any questions about this service, Ben would be happy to answer them. You don't want to miss!

## Men's Camp Out:

Mark your calendars! The Men's Campout is scheduled this year from April 18-20 at Bob Sandlin State Park. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the lobby or talk to Chris Gilmore (512-351-1427) for more information.

## Galentine's Day Party:

Ladies, there is a Galentine's Day party at the Travis home on Friday, February 16 at 6:00 pm. Join us for a night of fun, food and flowers! The cost is \$30. To RSVP give cash to or Venmo Natalie Travis.

## Children's Ministry Volunteer Training:

If you are interested in serving in our children's ministry, we will be having a training class in the upcoming weeks that is required for all volunteers. Be on the lookout for dates and times, and thank you for your heart of service!

## 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 1 Corinthians on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

# 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.*

—Psalm 147:1-5

## Opening Hymn | When Morning Gilds the Skies

*Translated from German by Edward Caswall (1853), Music by Joseph Barby (1868)*

*When morning gilds the skies,*

*My heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Alike at work and prayer*

*To Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Does sadness fill my mind?*

*A solace here I find, may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Or fades my earthly bliss?*

*My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*In heav'n's eternal bliss*

*The loveliest strain is this: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*The pow'rs of darkness fear,*

*When this sweet chant they hear: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Let earth's wide circle round*

*In joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Let air and sea and sky,*

*From depth to height, reply, may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Be this, while life is mine,*

*My canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Be this th'eternal song,*

*Through all the ages on: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
**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 | Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Words by Robert Robinson, 1758; Music is traditional American melody*

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.*

*O, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

One More Hymn and the Offering | On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand

*Words by Samuel Sennett, 1787; music by Christopher Miner, 1997*

*On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan’s fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.*

*All o’er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.*

*I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land;  
I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land.*

*No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.*

*When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father’s face, and in His bosom rest?*

Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** May you, being rooted and grounded in love, have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

**People:** Amen!

—Based on Ephesians 3.14-21

**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 | ‘Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus**

*Words by Louisa M. R. Stead (1882), music by William J. Kirkpatrick (1882)*

*‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take him at his word;  
Just to rest upon his promise;  
Just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!*

*O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to trust his cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
‘Neath the healing, cleansing flood!*

*Yes, ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace.*

*I’m so glad I learned to trust thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that thou art with me,  
Wilt be with me to the end.*

**Concluding Prayer**

**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:** Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?  
He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.  
He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.  
You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.

—Micah 7.18-19

**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 | Mark 9.2-9

[2] And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, [3] and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. [4] And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. [5] And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” [6] For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. [7] And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” [8] And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

[9] And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Hymn of Worship | Be Thou My Vision

*Words by Dallan Forgaill, 8th Century*

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word  
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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.*

Psalm | Psalm 50.1-6

**Leader:** The Mighty One, God the LORD,  
**People:** *Speaks and summons the earth*  
**Leader:** From the rising of the sun to its setting.  
**People:** *Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,*  
**Leader:** God shines forth.

**People:** *Our God comes; he does not keep silence;*  
**Leader:** Before him is a devouring fire,  
**People:** *Around him a mighty tempest.*  
**Leader:** He calls to the heavens above  
**People:** *And to the earth, that he may judge his people:*  
**Leader:** “Gather to me my faithful ones,  
**People:** *Who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”*  
**Leader:** The heavens declare his righteousness,  
**People:** *For God himself is judge!*

—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 20.1-9, 22-26

[1] The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [2] “Say to the people of Israel, Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. [3] I myself will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given one of his children to Molech, to make my sanctuary unclean and to profane my holy name. [4] And if the people of the land do at all close their eyes to that man when he gives one of his children to Molech, and do not put him to death, [5] then I will set my face against that man and against his clan and will cut them off from among their people, him and all who follow him in whoring after Molech.

[6] “If a person turns to mediums and necromancers, whoring after them, I will set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people. [7] Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. [8] Keep my statutes and do them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you. [9] For anyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother; his blood is upon him.

[22] “You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. [23] And you shall not walk in the customs of the nation that I am driving out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I detested them. [24] But I have said to you, ‘You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey.’ I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples. [25] You shall therefore separate the clean beast from the unclean, and the unclean bird from the clean. You shall not make yourselves detestable by beast or by bird or by anything with which the ground crawls, which I have set apart for you to hold unclean. [26] You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.