



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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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany:
February 2, 2025

*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: global and local missions

- Monday
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.
- Tuesday
Robert and Debbie Hale: translation work in French-speaking Africa.
- Wednesday
Nate Hill, John Tyler High School Young Life; Mentoring Alliance (includes Mentoring Alliance Summer Camps, Mentoring Alliance After School, & Mentor Connect)
- Thursday
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).
- Friday
Promise Academy’s financial and prayer support; Highway 80 Rescue Mission; PATH; Crisis Pregnancy Center.
- Saturday
Pray that unity will grow among the churches in our city so we may care for people, evangelize, and make disciples.

Announcements

Men’s Campout:

Mark your calendars! The Men's Campout is scheduled this year from April 10-12 at Bob Sandlin State Park. Please RSVP to Chris Gilmore (512-351-1427).

Women’s RUF Brunch:

Saturday, February 22 at 10 am at Patti Babin's home (321 Wilder Way). All women are welcome for a morning of fellowship and learning about RUF's college ministry at UT Tyler. Female guests are welcome! Please RSVP to Patti (361-215-0065) or Brenda (903-571-7692).

NEW Women’s Evening Bible Study:

Ladies, please join us for a new bible study every Thursdays starting at 6 pm. Contact Abby Plott (205-530-4222) for location information and with any questions you may have!

Breakfast Fellowship Meal:

Our next fellowship meal will be Sunday, February 16 at 9 am. Please join us and bring a breakfast item to share.

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 *A Summary of Christian Doctrine* by Louis Berkhof. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972) for information.
- The women’s group is studying Romans on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call To Worship

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
People: *Lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;*
Leader: His name is the LORD; exult before him!
People: *Father of the fatherless and protector of widows*
Leader: Is God in his holy habitation.
People: *God settles the solitary in a home;*
Leader: He leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
People: *But the rebellious dwell in a parched land.*

—Psalm 68.4-6

Opening Hymn | Jesus, Cast a Look on Me

Words by John Berridge (1716-1793), Music by Matthew Perryman Jones

*Jesus cast a look on me, Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low, Seeking only Thee to know*

*All that feeds my busy pride, Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit, Lay me humbly at Thy feet*

*Make me like a little child, Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light, Walking only in Thy might*

*Leaning on Thy loving breast, Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God, Flowing from His precious blood*

*In this posture let me live, And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die, And hosannas ever cry!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 | Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

Words by Martin Luther (1523), music by Christopher Miner, 1997

*From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me, And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)*

*To wash away the crimson stain, Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)*

*Therefore my trust is in the Lord, And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word, Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)*

*What though I wait the livelong night, And til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might; It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)
And wait til God appeareth (Wait till God appeareth)*

*Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, Our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow. (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow. (All their sin and sorrow)*

One More Hymn and the Offering | May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Words by Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; music by A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925

*May the mind of Christ my Savior
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say.*

*May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through his pow'r.*

*May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.*

*May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing:
This is victory.*

*May his beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only him.*

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise 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 & dairy-free bread is available on the serving tray.

Communion Hymn | Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Words by Henry Lyte, 1824

*Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.*

*Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me, Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might.
Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face and all is bright.*

*Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me.
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.*

*Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, Come disaster, scorn and pain.
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, With Thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather, All must work for good to me.*

*Soul, then know thy full salvation, Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee! Think what Father's smiles are thine!
Think that Jesus died to win thee! Child of heaven, canst thou repine?*

*Haste thee on from grace to glory, Armed by faith, and winged in prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days!
Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise!*

Concluding Prayer

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life,

and precious is their blood in his sight.

—Psalm 72.12-14

People: *Thanks be to God!*

The Sign of God's Covenant in Baptism

God's Covenant Promises

For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your house.

—Acts 2:39; Gen. 17:7; Acts 16:31

Prayer

Parental Vows

-Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

-Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?

-Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vows

-Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

The Baptism

Adelie Johanna, Remi Joy, and Ellery Beth Long

Concluding Prayer

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 | Malachi 3.1-4

[1] “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. [2] But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. [3] He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. [4] Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hymn of Worship | Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words by Charles Wesley (1740), Music by Greg Thompson (2000)

*Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, ‘Til life’s storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; Receive my soul at last.*

*Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head, In the shadow of Thy wing.*

*Thou, O Christ, are all I want, Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.*

*Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; For all eternity.*

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.*

The Psalm | Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
People: *My soul longs, yes, faints*
Leader: For the courts of the LORD;
People: *My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home,
People: *And the swallow a nest for herself,*
Leader: Where she may lay her young,
People: *At your altars, O LORD of hosts,*
Leader: My King and my God.
People: *Blessed are those who dwell in your house,*
Leader: Ever singing your praise!

People: *Blessed are those whose strength is in you,*
Leader: In whose heart are the highways to Zion.
People: *As they go through the Valley of Baca*
Leader: They make it a place of springs;
People: *The early rain also covers it with pools.*
Leader: They go from strength to strength;
People: *Each one appears before God in Zion.*

Leader: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
People: *Give ear, O God of Jacob!*
Leader: Behold our shield, O God;
People: *Look on the face of your anointed!*

Leader: For a day in your courts is better
People: *Than a thousand elsewhere.*
Leader: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
People: *Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*
Leader: For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
People: *The LORD bestows favor and honor.*
Leader: No good thing does he withhold
People: *From those who walk uprightly.*
Leader: O LORD of hosts,
People: *Blessed is the one who trusts in you!*

—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 12

[1] And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. [2] She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. [3] And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. [4] His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. [5] She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, [6] and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

[7] Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, [8] but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. [9] And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. [10] And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. [11] And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. [12] Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

[13] And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. [14] But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. [15] The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. [16] But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. [17] Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.