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Presbyterian Church
exists to see our city
renewed by the gospel
of Jesus Christ.

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Love People
Love Tyler

The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

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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).

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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 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.

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- 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, Pastor of New City Fellowship, a church working among immigrants in East Dallas. Rev. Jahaziel Cantu, Pastor of El Buen Pastor, a Hispanic church plant in Richardson. Rev. Caleb Dunn with Cristo Rey PCA, a Hispanic church in Dallas.

<u>Friday</u>

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**

# Fellowship Meal:

Our next fellowship meal will have a theme of "Souper Bowl" and will be February 11 following the church service. Last names starting with A-F please bring a dessert and letters G-Z please bring your favorite soup and/or salad.

# 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:** Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Leader: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**People:** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

-Psalm 146.1-2

### Opening Hymn | We Come, O Christ, to You

Words by E. Margaret Clarkson, 1957; music by John Darwall, 1770

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man, By whom all things consist, in whom all life began. In you alone we live and move and have our being in your love.

You are the way to God, your blood our ransom paid; In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid. Before the throne absolved we stand; your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living truth; all wisdom dwells in you, The source of every skill, the one eternal True! O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true life; to know you is to live The more abundant life that earth can never give. O risen Lord! we live in you: in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King; To you our youth and strength adoringly we bring: So fill our hearts that all may view your life in us and turn to you!

### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 | 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:** The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless

People: Amen!

-Psalm 146.7b-9a

**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 | 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:** 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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

**Leader:** And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him...

—Colossians 1.21-22

**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 1.29-39

[29] And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. [30] Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. [31] And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

[32] That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. [33] And the whole city was gathered together at the door. [34] And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

[35] And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. [36] And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, [37] and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." [38] And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." [39] And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

# Hymn of Worship | My Shepherd Will Provide My Every Need (Psalm 23)

Music: William Bradbury, 1863 Public Doesis

My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is his Name; In pastures fresh he makes me feed, Beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back When I forsake his ways, And leads me, for his mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay; One word of your supporting breath Drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my GodAttend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, And all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come; No more a stranger, nor a guest, But like a child at home.

### 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, 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.

### Psalm | Psalm 147.1-11, 20b

**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.

**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, and to the young ravens that cry.

**People:** His delight is not in the strength of the horse, **Leader:** Nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

**People:** But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

Leader: In those who hope in his steadfast love.

**People:** Praise the LORD!

<sup>\*</sup>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.

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

# Ministry of the Word | You Shall Be Holy

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

# Sermon Text | Leviticus 19.1-18, 33-37

- [1] And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [2] "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. [3] Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. [4] Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am the LORD your God.
- [5] "When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted. [6] It shall be eaten the same day you offer it or on the day after, and anything left over until the third day shall be burned up with fire. [7] If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is tainted; it will not be accepted, [8] and everyone who eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned what is holy to the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from his people.
- [9] "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. [10] And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.
- [11] "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. [12] You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.
- [13] "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. [14] You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.
- [15] "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. [16] You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.
- [17] "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. [18] You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.
- [33] "When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. [34] You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

[35] "You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measures of length or weight or quantity. [36] You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. [37] And you shall observe all my statutes and all my rules, and do them: I am the LORD."

#### Sermon Notes