



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 in Lent:*  
**March 9, 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.

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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:

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](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

## Smoke Trails:

Our inaugural Smoke Trails trip will take place on Saturday, March 15 as we head to Heim BBQ on the River in Ft. Worth (5333 White Settlement Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76114). Heim BBQ is well known for their brisket and bacon burnt ends. Gather up a carload and plan to meet at the restaurant at noon for some tremendous BBQ!

## Women’s Gathering:

The next women's gathering will be on Wednesday, March 19 from 6 pm-8 pm. We will be having a pottery night at Piddlin' Pottery (323 E Loop 323, just east of Broadway in the mall behind the Cotton Patch restaurant). We have a reserved room but we will be needing those wishing to attend to RSVP ahead of time since we have a limited number of space available (15 people max). The average cost for a ceramic piece is about \$20. Please text Barbara Brown at 903-920-2516 to confirm that you are coming.

## Building Committee:

The Session has formed a Building Committee to begin preparing for when we eventually outgrow the Realtor Center. Committee members are John Orbaugh, Chris Gilmore, Stacey Priddy, Bennie and Patti Babin, Brenda Orbaugh, Tyler Forehand, and Bridgette Booth. Please remember that there is an established Building Fund that you can direct gifts to as preparation for the future. However, please keep in mind that Building Fund support should not take giving away from your regular tithes and offerings.

## Men’s Campout:

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

## 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.
- Women's evening Bible study every Thursday at 6 pm. Contact Abby Plott (205-530-4222) for meeting location information.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

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

—Psalm 84.3-4

## Opening Hymn | Jesus, I Come

*Words by William True Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000*

*Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.*

*Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.*

*Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.*

*Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 | Thy Mercy My God

Words by John Stocker (1776), music by Sandra McCracken (2001)

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.  
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Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

One More Hymn and the Offering | O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Words by George Matheson, 1882, Music by Christopher Miner, 1997

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that foll'west all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be. Life that shall endless be!

Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

—Romans 15.13

**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 | Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

*Words by Fanny J. Crosby (1868), music by William H. Doane (1870)*

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior,  
Hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by.*

*Savior, Savior,  
Hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by.*

*Let me at Thy throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition,  
Help my unbelief.*

*Trusting only in Thy merit,  
Would I seek Thy face;  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,  
Save me by Thy grace.*

*Thou the spring of all my comfort,  
More than life to me,  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?  
Whom in Heav'n but Thee?*

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 I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 8.38-39

**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 | Deuteronomy 26.1-11

[1] “When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, [2] you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. [3] And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ [4] Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

[5] “And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. [6] And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. [7] Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. [8] And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. [9] And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. [10] And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. [11] And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Hymn of Worship | Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Words by William Williams, 1745, and Jeremy Casella, 2002; music by Jeremy Casella, 2002*

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me ‘til I want no more; bread of heaven, feed me ‘til I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar, lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield. Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.*

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.*

The Psalm | Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16

**Leader:** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
**People:** *Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.*  
**Leader:** I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,  
**People:** *My God, in whom I trust.”*  
**Leader:** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
**People:** *The Most High, who is my refuge—*  
**Leader:** No evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
**People:** *No plague come near your tent.*

**Leader:** For he will command his angels concerning you  
**People:** *To guard you in all your ways.*  
**Leader:** On their hands they will bear you up,  
**People:** *Lest you strike your foot against a stone.*  
**Leader:** You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
**People:** *The young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.*

**Leader:** “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;  
**People:** *I will protect him, because he knows my name.*  
**Leader:** When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
**People:** *I will be with him in trouble;*  
**Leader:** I will rescue him and honor him.  
**People:** *With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”*

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

Sermon Text | Revelation 16

[1] Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, “Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.”

[2] So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and harmful and painful sores came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

[3] The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing died that was in the sea.

[4] The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood. [5] And I heard the angel in charge of the waters say,

“Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was,  
for you brought these judgments.  
[6] For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets,  
and you have given them blood to drink.  
It is what they deserve!”

[7] And I heard the altar saying,

“Yes, Lord God the Almighty,  
true and just are your judgments!”

[8] The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire. [9] They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory.

[10] The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish [11] and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.

[12] The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east. [13] And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. [14] For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. [15] (“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on,

that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”) [16] And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

[17] The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” [18] And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake. [19] The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath. [20] And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found. [21] And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.

Sermon Notes