



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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Easter Sunday:
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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.

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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: 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

Next Smoke Trails Trip:

On Saturday, April 26 we’re trekking down to Jacksonville, TX to visit JW’s BBQ. The Session has made it a bit of a tradition to stop here on the way to our annual leadership retreat. Excellent ribs, both sweet and spicy, and tender brisket are on the menu. Grab some friends and we’ll meet at JW’s (1015 E. Rusk St in Jacksonville) at noon!

Mandatory Childcare Training:

On Sunday, April 27 at 9 am we will be having a mandatory training session for current and new nursery and childcare volunteers. Current volunteers unable to attend should contact Brenda Orbaugh to schedule a makeup training (903-571-7692)

New Members Class:

We will be offering a new members class in May. We will meet at 9:15 May 5, 12, and 19. Please email Ben if you are interested in attending. Whether ready to join or just want to learn more about our church, all are welcome to attend.

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: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: *He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*
Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
People: *He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.*
Leader: God has claimed us as his own.
People: *He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.*
Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: *He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Opening Hymn | Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Words by Charles Wesley, 1739

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!*

*Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!*

*Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: *O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; 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 | Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

By Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker, 2013

*Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven’s praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.*

*Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.*

*Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father’s plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.*

*Come behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e’er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.*

One More Hymn and the Offering | The Lamb Has Overcome

Words and music by Luke Morton, 2011

*The Lamb has overcome, the Lamb has overcome,
The battle’s done and the victory is won, For the Lamb has overcome!*

*No grave could hold him down, no grave could hold him down,
Up from the ground, “He is risen!” was the sound, No grave could hold him down.*

*At God’s right hand is he, at God’s right hand is he,
Our Perfect Plea as he lives to intercede, At God’s right hand is he.*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Glory be unto his name! (2x)*

*The table now is spread, the table now is spread,
This wine and bread, broken body and blood shed, The table now is spread.*

*The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near,
He shall appear and will wipe away each tear, The day is drawing near.*

*The Lamb has overcome, the Lamb has overcome,
The battle’s done and the victory is won, For the Lamb has overcome!*

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: *He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”*

People: *Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!*

Leader: *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.*

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 and Man
Words and Music by Robert Stamps, 1972

*O, welcome all ye noble saints of old, as now before your very eyes unfold
The wonders all so long ago foretold. God and man at table are sat down.*

*Elders, martyrs, all are falling down; prophets, patriarchs are gathering 'round.
What angels longed to see now man has found: God and man at table are sat down.*

*Who is this who spreads the victory feast? Who is this who makes our warring cease?
Jesus, Risen Savior, Prince of Peace. God and man at table are sat down.*

*Beggars, lame, and harlots also here; repentant publicans are drawing near.
Wayward sons come home without a fear. God and man at table are sat down.*

*Worship in the presence of the Lord with joyful songs and hearts in one accord.
And let our Host at table be adored. God and man at table are sat down.*

*When at last this earth shall pass away, when Jesus and his Bride are one to stay,
The feast of love is just begun that day. God and man at table are sat down.*

*Here He gives Himself to us as bread. Here as wine we drink the blood He shed.
Born to die, we eat and live instead, God and man at table are sat down;
God and man at table are sat down.*

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.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

—1 Peter 1:18-21

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 65.17-25

[17] “For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
[18] But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
[19] I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
[20] No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
[21] They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
[22] They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
[23] They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.
[24] Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
[25] The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent’s food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

Hymn of Worship | Cling to the Crucified

Words by Horatius Bonar, 1845; music by Kevin Twit, 2007

Cling to the Mighty One, Cling in thy grief.
Cling to the Holy One, He gives relief.
Cling to the Gracious One, Cling in thy pain.
Cling to the Faithful One, He will sustain!

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.

Cling to the crucified, Jesus the Lamb who died.
Cling to the crucified, Jesus the King.
Cling to the crucified, Jesus the Lamb who died.
Cling to the crucified, Jesus the King!

Cling to the Living One, Cling in thy woe.
Cling to the Loving One, Through all below.
Cling to the Pardoning One, He speaketh peace.
Cling to the Healing One, Anguish will cease.

Cling to the Bleeding One, Cling to His side.
Cling to the Rising One, In Him abide.
Cling to the Coming One, Hope shall arise.
Cling to the Reigning One, Joy lights thine eyes!

The Psalm | Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24
Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
People: For his steadfast love endures forever!
Leader: Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”
People: The LORD is my strength and my song;
Leader: He has become my salvation.
People: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:
Leader: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
People: The right hand of the LORD exalts,
Leader: The right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”
People: I shall not die, but I shall live,
Leader: And recount the deeds of the LORD.
People: The LORD has disciplined me severely,
Leader: But he has not given me over to death.
People: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
Leader: That I may enter through them
People: And give thanks to the LORD.
Leader: This is the gate of the LORD;
People: The righteous shall enter through it.
Leader: I thank you that you have answered me
People: And have become my salvation.
Leader: The stone that the builders rejected
People: Has become the cornerstone.
Leader: This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
People: This is the day that the LORD has made;
Leader: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

Sermon Text | Revelation 21

[1] Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. [2] And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. [3] And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. [4] He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

[5] And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” [6] And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. [7] The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. [8] But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

[9] Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” [10] And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, [11] having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. [12] It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—[13] on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. [14] And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

[15] And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. [16] The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. [17] He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel’s measurement. [18] The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. [19] The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, [20] the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. [21] And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

[22] And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. [23] And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. [24] By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, [25] and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. [26] They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. [27] But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Sermon Notes