



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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*Second Sunday of Easter:  
April 27, 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 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 Pub Night:

Come hang out with some fellas from church Wednesday, April 30 from 7-9 pm at True Vine on the Square (110 N College Ave #102). Bring a friend!

## New Members Class:

We will be offering a new members class in May. We will meet at 9:15 on May 5, 12, and 19. Please email Ben if you are interested in attending. Whether you are 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:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

**People:** *And his courts with praise!*

**Leader:** Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**People:** *For the LORD is good;*

**Leader:** His steadfast love endures forever,

**People:** *And his faithfulness to all generations.*

—Psalm 100.4-5

## Opening Hymn | Arise, My Soul, Arise

*Words by John Newton (1742), Music by Kevin Twit (1996)*

*Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;*

*The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;*

*Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands,*

*My name is written on His hands.*

*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise*

*Arise, my soul, arise.*

*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise*

*Arise, my soul, arise.*

*Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

*He ever lives above, for me to intercede;*

*His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;*

*His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,*

*And sprinkles now the throne of grace.*

*Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;*

*They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:*

*"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,*

*"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"*

*The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One;*

*He cannot turn away the presence of His Son;*

*The Spirit answers to the blood, The Spirit answers to the blood*

*And tells me I am born of God.*

*My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;*

*He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear*

*With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh,*

*And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**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 | Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Words by Matthew Bridges, 1851; music by George J. Elvey, 1868*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife, for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

One More Hymn and the Offering | His Mercy is More

*Matt Papa, Matt Boswell 2016*

Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness; new every morn  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

**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 | Mumblin’ Word**

*Southern Spiritual*

*They led Him to Pilate’s bar, not a word, not a word, not a word*  
*They led Him to Pilate’s bar, not a word, not a word, not a word*  
*They led Him to Pilate’s bar, but He never said a mumblin' word*  
*Not a word, not a word, not a word.*

*They all cried “Crucify!”, not a word, not a word, not a word*  
*They all cried “Crucify!”, not a word, not a word, not a word*  
*They all cried “Crucify!”, but He never said a mumblin' word*  
*Not a word, not a word, not a word.*

*We nailed Him onto a tree, not a word, not a word, not a word*  
*We nailed Him onto a tree, not a word, not a word, not a word*  
*We nailed Him onto a tree, but He never said a mumblin' word*  
*Not a word, not a word, not a word.*

*They pierced Him in the side, Not a word, not a word, not a word*  
*They pierced Him in the side, Not a word, not a word, not a word*  
*They pierced Him in the side, But He never said a mumblin' word*  
*Not a word, not a word, not a word*

*He hung his head and died, Not a word, not a word, not a word*  
*He hung his head and died, Not a word, not a word, not a word*  
*He hung his head and died, But He never said a mumblin' word*  
*Not a word, not a word, not a word*

*The third day he did arise, Have you heard? Have you heard? Have you heard?*  
*The third day he did arise, Have you heard? Have you heard? Have you heard?*  
*The third day he did arise, Have you heard? Have you heard? Have you heard?*  
*Have you heard? Have you heard?*

**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:** Nevertheless, he looked upon their distress,  
when he heard their cry.  
For their sake he remembered his covenant,  
and relented according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

—Psalm 106.44-45

**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 | John 20.19-31

[19] On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” [20] When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” [22] And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

[24] Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

[26] Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” [27] Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” [28] Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” [29] Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

[30] Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Hymn of Worship | Beautiful, Scandalous Night

Steve Hindalong, Derry Dougherty

Go on up to the mountain of mercy  
To the crimson perpetual tide  
Kneel down on the shore  
Be thirsty no more  
Go under and be purified

Follow Christ to the holy mountain  
Sinner sorry and wrecked by the fall  
Cleanse your heart and your soul  
In the fountain that flowed  
For you and for me and for all

At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree  
On that beautiful scandalous night you and me  
Were atoned by His blood and forever washed white  
On that beautiful, scandalous night

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.

On the hillside, you will be delivered  
At the foot of the cross justified  
And Your spirit restored  
By the river that poured  
From our blessed Savior’s side

The Psalm | Psalm 150

**Leader:** Praise the LORD!  
**People:** Praise God in his sanctuary;  
**Leader:** Praise him in his mighty heavens!  
**People:** Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
**Leader:** Praise him according to his excellent greatness!

**People:** Praise him with trumpet sound;  
**Leader:** Praise him with lute and harp!  
**People:** Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
**Leader:** Praise him with strings and pipe!  
**People:** Praise him with sounding cymbals;  
**Leader:** Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!  
**People:** Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!  
**Leader:** Praise the LORD!

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

\*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.

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | Revelation 21:9–27

[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.