



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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*Day of Pentecost*  
**May 19, 2024**

*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: 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 get set up and 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

## Church Retreat:

Save the date! October 25-27 will be our church-wide retreat. Join us!

## 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 2 Corinthians on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
**People:** *Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*  
**Leader:** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
**People:** *Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*  
**Leader:** For the LORD is a great God,  
**People:** *And a great King above all gods.*  
**Leader:** In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
**People:** *The heights of the mountains are his also.*  
**Leader:** The sea is his, for he made it,  
**People:** *And his hands formed the dry land.*  
**Leader:** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
**People:** *Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

—Psalm 95.1-6

## Opening Hymn | Come, Holy Spirit, Come

*Words and music by Arthur J. Hart (1759), music by Hiram Ring (2011)*

*Come, Holy Spirit, come; Let thy bright beams arise;  
Dispel the darkness from our minds, And open all our eyes.*

*Cheer our desponding hearts, Thou heavenly Paraclete;  
Give us to lie with humble hope At our Redeemer’s feet.*

*Revive our drooping faith; Our doubts and fears remove;  
And kindle in our breasts the flames Of never-dying love.*

*Convince us of our sin; Then lead to Jesus' blood,  
And to our wond'ring view reveal The secret love of God.*

*'Tis thine to cleanse the heart, To sanctify the soul,  
To pour fresh life in ev'ry part, And new create the whole.*

*Dwell, therefore, in our hearts; Our minds from bondage free;  
Then we shall know and praise and love The Father, Son, and Thee.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**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 | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Words by Charles Wesley (1747), music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard (1855)*

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

One More Hymn and the Offering | Hallelujah! Thine the Glory

*Words by William MacKay, 1863; music by John Husband, 1863*

*We praise thee, O God! For the Son of thy love,  
For Jesus who died, and is now gone above.*

*Hallelujah! thine the glory, hallelujah we sing;  
Hallelujah! thine the glory, our praise now we bring.*

*We praise thee, O God! For thy Spirit of light,  
Who has shown us our Saviour, and scattered our night.*

*All glory and praise, to the Lamb that was slain,  
Who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev'ry stain!*

*Revive us again— Fill each heart with thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled With fire from above.*

Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to the gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ!

**People:** Amen!

—Romans 16.25-27

**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 | Have Mercy**

*Words and Music by Sandra McCracken, 2015*

*Have mercy on me,  
Have mercy on me.  
Oh God, have mercy  
Oh God, have mercy!*

*Oh help my unbelief,  
Oh help my unbelief.  
Oh God, have mercy  
Oh God, have mercy!*

**Spirit of the Living God**

*Words by Henry Hallam Tweedy (1935), music by Audrey Assad (2013)*

*Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me,  
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me,  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me.*

**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. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

**Leader:** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us...  
My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

—1 John 1.9-10, 2.1-2

**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 | Acts 2.1-21

[1] When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. [2] And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. [3] And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. [4] And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. [5] Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. [6] And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. [7] And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? [8] And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? [9] Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, [10] Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, [11] both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” [12] And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” [13] But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” [14] But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. [15] For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. [16] But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: [17] “‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; [18] even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. [19] And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; [20] the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. [21] And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Hymn of Worship | Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Words and Music by Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse (1989)

Wonderful, merciful Savior Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb Could rescue the souls of men  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have Hopelessly lost our way  
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

You are the One that we praise You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

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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.

Almighty, infinite Father Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us Falling before Your throne  
Oh, we’re falling before Your throne

Psalm | Psalm 104.24-33, 35b

**Leader:** O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
**People:** *In wisdom have you made them all;*  
**Leader:** The earth is full of your creatures.  
**People:** *Here is the sea, great and wide,*  
**Leader:** Which teems with creatures innumerable,  
**People:** *Living things both small and great.*  
**Leader:** There go the ships, and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

**People:** *These all look to you,*  
**Leader:** To give them their food in due season.  
**People:** *When you give it to them, they gather it up;*  
**Leader:** When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
**People:** *When you hide your face, they are dismayed;*  
**Leader:** When you take away their breath, they die  
**People:** *And return to their dust.*  
**Leader:** When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
**People:** *And you renew the face of the ground.*

**Leader:** May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
**People:** *May the LORD rejoice in his works,*  
**Leader:** Who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
**People:** *Who touches the mountains and they smoke!*  
**Leader:** I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
**People:** *I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*  
**Leader:** May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
**People:** *For I rejoice in the LORD.*  
**Leader:** Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
**People:** *Praise the LORD!*

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

Sermon Text | Ezekiel 37.1-14, Romans 8.21-27

[1] The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. [2] And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. [3] And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” [4] Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. [5] Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. [6] And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

[7] So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. [8] And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. [9] Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” [10] So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

[11] Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ [12] Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. [13] And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. [14] And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

Romans 8.21-27

[21] that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. [22] For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. [23] And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24] For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25] But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

[26] Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [27] And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Sermon Notes