



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 after Pentecost:*  
*Trinity Sunday*  
**May 126, 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: 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:

Join the guys at True Vine on the Square May 29 at 7:00 pm. Bring a friend!

## 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 sing to the LORD a new song;

**People:** *Sing to the LORD, all the earth!*

**Leader:** Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

**People:** *Tell of his salvation from day to day.*

**Leader:** Declare his glory among the nations,

**People:** *His marvelous works among all the peoples!*

**Leader:** For great is the LORD,

**People:** *And greatly to be praised;*

—Psalm 96.1-4a

## Opening Hymn | All Creatures of our God and King

*Words by St. Francis of Assisi, 1225; Music from Jesuit hymnal, 1623*

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*O rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him, alleluia!  
O rising morn in praise rejoice; ye lights of evening find a voice:  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*All you who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part; Sing praises, alleluia!  
All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care;  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, 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 | Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton (1774), music by Laura Taylor (2001)

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name:  
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame!  
He has washed us with His blood (3X), He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with His blood (3x), He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down,  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu’ror’s crown.  
He, Who washed us with His blood (3X), soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy’s store!  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more.  
He who washed us with His blood (3X), has secured our way to God!

Let us praise and join the chorus, of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky!  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3X), Thou art worthy Lamb of God!

One More Hymn and the Offering | Father, Long Before Creation

Words from a Chinese Hymn, translated by Francis Johnson; Music by Andrew Osenga (2005)

Father, long before creation  
Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e’er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain.  
God’s own children, God’s own children  
Must forever praise His name.

God’s compassion is my story,  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
’Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb;  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb.

Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

**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 | Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

*Music and Lyrics by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa (2019)*

*Christ, the sure and steady Anchor In the fury of the storm  
When the winds of doubt blow through me And my sails have all been torn  
In the suffering, in the sorrow When my sinking hopes are few  
I will hold fast to the Anchor It shall never be removed*

*Christ, the sure and steady Anchor While the tempest rages on  
When temptation claims the battle And it seems the night has won  
Deeper still then goes the Anchor Though I justly stand accused  
I will hold fast to the Anchor It shall never be removed*

*Christ, the sure and steady Anchor Through the floods of unbelief  
Hopeless somehow, O my soul Now lift your eyes to Calvary  
This my ballast of assurance See His love forever proved  
I will hold fast to the Anchor It shall never be removed*

*Christ, the sure and steady Anchor As we face the wave of death  
When these trials give way to glory As we draw our final breath  
We will cross that great horizon Clouds behind and life secure  
And the calm will be the better For the storms that we endure*

*Christ, the shore of our salvation Ever faithful, ever true  
We will hold fast to the Anchor It shall never be removed*

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:** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

—Hebrews 10.19-25

**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 and New Testament Readings | Isaiah 6.1-8 & Romans 8.12-17

[1] In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. [2] Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. [3] And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

[4] And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. [5] And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

[6] Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. [7] And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

[8] And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

[12] So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. [13] For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. [14] For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. [15] For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” [16] The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Hymn of Worship | 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?*

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.*

Psalm | Psalm 29

**Leader:** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
**People:** *Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*  
**Leader:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
**People:** *Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

**Leader:** The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
**People:** *The God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.*  
**Leader:** The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
**People:** *The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.*

**Leader:** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
**People:** *The LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.*  
**Leader:** He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
**People:** *And Sirion like a young wild ox.*

**Leader:** The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.  
**People:** *The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;*  
**Leader:** The LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**People:** *The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth*  
**Leader:** And strips the forests bare,  
**People:** *And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”*

**Leader:** The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
**People:** *The LORD sits enthroned as king forever.*  
**Leader:** May the LORD give strength to his people!  
**People:** *May the LORD bless his people with peace!*

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

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | John 3.1-17

[1] Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. [2] This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” [3] Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” [4] Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” [5] Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7] Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ [8] The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

[9] Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” [10] Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? [11] Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. [12] If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? [13] No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. [14] And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15] that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

[16] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.