



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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Third Sunday after Pentecost:
June 29, 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.

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: 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

New Nursery Coordinator:

Abby Plott has officially taken over the job of Nursery Coordinator. Please congratulate her on this new opportunity and support and pray for her as she learns the ropes.

No Worship Training This Summer:

Redeemer kids worship training (ages 5 through 2nd grade) will be taking a break for the summer. We will resume classes in August. Nursery for children 4 years old and under is still available.

Church Retreat 2025:

Time to plan ahead! Mark your calendars for our next church-wide retreat, October 17-19!

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: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
People: *Praise the name of the LORD!*

Leader: Blessed be the name of the LORD
People: *From this time forth and forevermore!*
Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
People: *The name of the LORD is to be praised!*

—Psalm 113.1-3

Opening Hymn | The Church’s One Foundation

Words by Samuel J. Stone (1866), music by Samuel S. Wesley (1864)

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.*

*Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.*

*Yet she on earth hath union, with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion, with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever 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 | God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)

Words by Scottish psalter, music by Christopher Miner (1997)

*God, be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.*

*My transgressions I confess; Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just; Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.*

*I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the snow.*

*Broken, humbled to the dust, By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.*

*Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.*

*Sinners then shall learn from me, And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.*

One More Hymn and the Offering | In the Hours

Words by Helen L. Parmelee alt by Kevin Twit, Music by Kevin Twit (2007)

*In the hours of pain and sorrow, When the world brings no relief,
When the eye is dim and heavy, And the heart oppressed with grief,
While blessings flee, Savior Lord we trust in Thee!
While blessings flee, Savior Lord we trust in Thee!*

*When the snares of death surround us, Pride, ambition, love of ease,
Mammon with her false allurements, Words that flatter, smiles that please.
Then ere we yield, Savior Lord be Thou our shield.
Then ere we yield, Savior Lord be Thou our shield.*

*When forsaken in distress, Poor despised and tempest-tossed,
With no anchor here to stay us, Drifting, sail and rudder lost,
Then save us Thou, who trod this earth with weary brow.
Then save us Thou, who trod this earth with weary brow.*

*Thou the hated and forsaken, Thou the bearer of the cross,
Crowned of thorns and mocked and smitten, Counting earthly gain but loss.
When scorned are we, we joy to be the more like Thee.
When scorned are we, we joy to be the more like Thee*

*Thou the Father's best beloved, Thou the throned and sceptered King,
Who but Thee should we adoring, All our prayers and praises bring?
So blessed are we, Savior Lord in loving Thee.
So blessed are we, Savior Lord in loving Thee.
So blessed are we, So blessed are we
So blessed are we, So blessed are we*

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

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 | Satisfied
Words by Clara T. Williams, 1875; Music by Karl Digerness, 1997

*All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved.*

*Feeding on the filth around me, ‘till my strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved.*

*Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered ‘round me only mocked my soul’s sad cry
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved.*

*Well of water ever springing, Bread of Life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved.*

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: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 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.

—John3.16-17

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 | 2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14

[1] Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. [2] And Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

[6] Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. [7] Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. [8] Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

[9] When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” [10] And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” [11] And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. [12] And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. [13] And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. [14] Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

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.
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.*

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.*

The Psalm | Psalm 16

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
People: *I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;*
Leader: *I have no good apart from you.”*

People: *As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.*

Leader: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
People: *Their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out*
Leader: Or take their names on my lips.

People: *The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;*
Leader: You hold my lot.
People: *The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;*
Leader: Indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

People: *I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;*
Leader: In the night also my heart instructs me.
People: *I have set the LORD always before me;*
Leader: Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

People: *Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;*
Leader: My flesh also dwells secure.
People: *For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,*
Leader: Or let your holy one see corruption.

People: *You make known to me the path of life;*
Leader: In your presence there is fullness of joy;
People: *At your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

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Sermon Text | Luke 9,51-62

[51] When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. [52] And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. [53] But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. [54] And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” [55] But he turned and rebuked them. [56] And they went on to another village.

[57] As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” [58] And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” [59] To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” [60] And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” [61] Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” [62] Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to You, O Christ.*