



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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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:
July 13, 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: 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

Congregational Meeting:

The Session is calling a congregational meeting for July 27 following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is twofold. First, to elect Trustees to represent the church in legal matters. The Session recommends three communicant members be selected for the role of Trustee. Second, to approve the application to the PCA's Five Million Fund Loan Program to provide our church with a \$100,000 interest free loan for a future property purchase. The Session urges all communicant members to attend the meeting as we consider these important matters.

Upcoming Fellowship Meal:

Our next fellowship meal will be July 20 and the theme is main dish salads. Last names A-J please bring sides, K-S main dishes, and T-Z dessert. See you there!

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: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
People: *That I may enter through them 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;
People: *It is marvelous in our eyes.*
Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;
People: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

—Psalm 118.19-24

Opening Hymn | Dearly We're Bought

Words by Joseph Hart (1712-1768), music by Matthew S. Welch (2004)

*Come raise your thankful voice, Ye souls redeemed with blood;
Leave earth and all its toys, And mix no more with mud.*

*Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;
Redeemed, with Jesus' blood redeemed
Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;
Redeemed, with Jesus' blood redeemed.*

*With heart, and soul, and mind, Exalt redeeming love;
Leave worldly cares behind, And set your minds above.*

*Lift up your ravished eyes, And view the glory given;
All lower things despised, Ye citizens of heaven.*

*Be to this world as dead, Alive to that to come;
Our life in Christ is hid, Who soon shall call us home.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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 | How Long
Words and music by Isaac Wardell (2016)

*How long? Will You turn Your face away?
How long? Do You hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way — How long?*

*How long 'til Your children find their rest?
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?
We go on holding to Your promises — How long?*

*'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain?
Jesus, give us hope again!*

*How long 'til Your word will still the storm?
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns — How long?*

*How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on — great that cloud of witnesses! How long?*

One More Hymn and the Offering | The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)

Words and music by Bryan Fowler, Jacob Sooter, Matt Maher (2022)

*Father let your kingdom come
Father let your will be done
On earth as in heaven, right here in my heart
Father let your kingdom come
Father let your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven, right here in my heart*

*Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned
Against us, forgive them
And lead us not into temptation
But de-liv-er us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come*

*It’s Yours, It’s Yours
All Yours, All Yours
The kingdom, the power
The glory are Yours
It’s Yours, It’s Yours
All Yours, All Yours
Forever and ever
The Kingdom is Yours*

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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 | In the Valley
Tim Charlie's, Johnny Robinson, & Rich Thompson

*When the path that I feared Is the way He has set
And I long to give in and retreat Still to Jesus I hold
As I face every step For the Lord He will give me His peace*

*Bless the Lord! He will give me His peace
Bless the Lord! He will give me His peace
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord, He will give me His peace*

*When the road that I tread Fills my heart with despair
And it seems that my grief has no end Still to Jesus I hold
Who will walk with me there And the Lord He will give me His strength*

*Bless the Lord! He will give me his strength
Bless the Lord! He will give me his strength
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord, He will give me His strength*

*On the road that You walked With the weight of the cross
All my pain and my sorrow You held So to you I shall hold
You redeem every loss For my Lord, you have given yourself*

*Bless the Lord! For he gives me Himself
Bless the Lord! For he gives me Himself
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord! For He gives me Himself
Bless the Lord! For He gives me Himself*

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: Blessed be the LORD!
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.

—Psalm 28.6-7

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 | Deuteronomy 30.8-14

[8] And you shall again obey the voice of the LORD and keep all his commandments that I command you today. [9] The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, [10] when you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

[11] “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. [12] It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ [13] Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ [14] But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

Hymn of Worship | Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Words by Edward Hopper, 1871; music by Isaac Wardell and Joseph Pensak

*Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life’s tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee;
Savior, pilot me.*

*Though the sea be smooth and bright, Sparkling with the stars of night,
And my ship’s path be ablaze With the light of halcyon days,
Still I know my need of Thee;
Savior, pilot me.*

*As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Thy will, When Thou sayest to them, “Be still!”
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Savior, pilot me.*

*When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar
’Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
“I will pilot 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 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 82

Leader: God has taken his place in the divine council;
People: *In the midst of the gods he holds judgment:*
Leader: “How long will you judge unjustly
People: *And show partiality to the wicked?*
Leader: Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;
People: *Maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.*
Leader: Rescue the weak and the needy;
People: *Deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”*

Leader: They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
People: *They walk about in darkness;*
Leader: All the foundations of the earth are shaken.

People: *I said, “You are gods,*
Leader: *Sons of the Most High, all of you;*
People: *Nevertheless, like men you shall die,*
Leader: *And fall like any prince.”*

People: *Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!*

Rev. John Gordy

Sermon Text | Genesis 11.27-12.9

[27] Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. [28] Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans. [29] And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram’s wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor’s wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. [30] Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.

[31] Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram’s wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. [32] The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.

[1] Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. [2] And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. [3] I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

[4] So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. [5] And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, [6] Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. [7] Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. [8] From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. [9] And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.