



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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*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:*  
**July 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](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: 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

## Men’s Pub Night:

This month's pub night will be Thursday, July 31 from 7-9 pm at ETX Brewery. Join us!

## Congregational Meeting:

Please join us for a congregational meeting following the church service.

## 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 the name of the LORD,

**People:** *Give praise, O servants of the LORD,*

**Leader:** Who stand in the house of the LORD,

**People:** *In the courts of the house of our God!*

**Leader:** Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

**People:** *Sing to his name, for it is pleasant!*

**Leader:** For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,

**People:** *Israel as his own possession.*

—Psalm 135:1-4

## Opening Hymn | O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

*Words by George Matheson, 1882, Music by Christopher Miner, 1997*

*O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.*

*O Light that foll’west all my way, I yield my flick’ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.*

*O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be. Life that shall endless be!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 | 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 Sands of Time are Sinking  
*Words by Anne Cousin (1857), based on Letters of Samuel Rutherford. Traditional Folk Tune, Arranged by Philip Palmertree (2001)*

*The sands of time are sinking, The dawn of heaven breaks;  
The summer morn I've sighed for— The fair, sweet morn awakes:  
Dark, dark had been the midnight, But dayspring is at hand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth In Emmanuel's land.*

*The king there in His beauty, Without a veil is seen:  
It were a well-spent journey, Though seven deaths lay between:  
The Lamb with His fair army, Doth on Mount Zion stand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth In Emmanuel's land*

*O Christ, He is the fountain, The deep, sweet well of love!  
The streams on earth I've tasted, More deep I'll drink above:  
There to an ocean fullness, His mercy doth expand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth In Emmanuel's land.*

*The bride eyes not her garment, But her dear Bridegroom's face;  
I will not gaze at glory, But on my King of grace.  
Not at the crown He giveth, But on His pierced hand;  
The Lamb is all the glory Of Emmanuel's land.*

*O, I am my Beloved's, And my Beloved is mine!  
He brings a poor vile sinner, Into His house of wine  
I stand upon His merit— I know no other stand,  
Not e'en where glory dwelleth In Emmanuel's land.*

Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**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 | We Will Feast in the House of Zion**

*Words and Music by Sandra McCracken, 2015*

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more!*

*We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up.*

*In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.*

*Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom.*

**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:** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”  
“O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—1 Corinthians 15.52-57

**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 | Genesis 18.20-32

[20] Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, [21] I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

[22] So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. [23] Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? [24] Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? [25] Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” [26] And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

[27] Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. [28] Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” [29] Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” [30] Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” [31] He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” [32] Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

Hymn of Worship | Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)

Words by Sandra McCracken; Music by Kevin Twit, 2005

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long from this labor and this heartache, I have come.  
The skies will wear out, but you remain the same, Rock of Ages, I praise your name.  
Rock of Ages, you have brought me near, You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears,  
To make this stone heart come alive again, Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.

Rock of Ages, Rock of Ages!  
Bind your children until the kingdom comes.  
Rock of Ages, your will be done.

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest, my desperate need for such a Savior I confess;  
Pull these idols out from my heart’s embrace. Rock of Ages, I need your grace.  
Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me. Who am I that you would die to make me free?  
To give me glory, you took the death and pain. Rock of Ages, my Offering.

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.

Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried. The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied.  
Now write your mercy, on my heart and hands. Rock of ages, in faith I stand.  
Rock of Ages, my great hope secure. Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul.  
Bind your children with cords of love and grace. Rock of Ages, we give you praise.

The Psalm | Psalm 85

**Leader:** LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
**People:** You restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
**Leader:** You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
**People:** You covered all their sin.  
**Leader:** You withdrew all your wrath;  
**People:** You turned from your hot anger.

**Leader:** Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
**People:** And put away your indignation toward us!  
**Leader:** Will you be angry with us forever?  
**People:** Will you prolong your anger to all generations?  
**Leader:** Will you not revive us again,  
**People:** That your people may rejoice in you?  
**Leader:** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
**People:** And grant us your salvation.

**Leader:** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
**People:** For he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
**Leader:** But let them not turn back to folly.  
**People:** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
**Leader:** That glory may dwell in our land.

**People:** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
**Leader:** Righteousness and peace kiss each other.  
**People:** Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
**Leader:** And righteousness looks down from the sky.  
**People:** Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
**Leader:** And our land will yield its increase.  
**People:** Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

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Sermon Text | Luke 11.1-13

[1] Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” [2] And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
[3] Give us each day our daily bread,  
[4] and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.  
And lead us not into temptation.”

[5] And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, [6] for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; [7] and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? [8] I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. [9] And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. [10] For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. [11] What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; [12] or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? [13] If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

**Leader:** The gospel of the Lord.

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