



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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*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost:  
September 14, 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: 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

## Church Retreat 2025:

Time to sign up! Our next church-wide retreat is October 17-19. This is a great opportunity to deepen relationships and enjoy God’s creation together. Use the QR code to sign up and reserve your spot at this special event. There are multiple room options and scholarships are available, so please do not let financial reasons keep you from joining us. Contact Abby Plot with any questions or for assistance in signing up.



## Upcoming Breakfast Fellowship Meal:

Our next fellowship meal will be before the service next week, September 21 at 9:30 am. Please join us and bring your favorite breakfast item to share!

## 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 Colossians 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 God in his sanctuary;

**People:** *Praise him in his mighty heavens!*

**Leader:** Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**People:** *Praise him according to his excellent greatness!*

**Leader:** Praise him with trumpet sound;

**People:** *Praise him with lute and harp!*

**Leader:** Praise him with tambourine and dance;

**People:** *Praise him with strings and pipe!*

**Leader:** Praise him with sounding cymbals;

**People:** *Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!*

**Leader:** Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

**People:** *Praise the LORD!*

—Psalm 150

## Opening Hymn | O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Words by Charles Wesley (1739), music by Carl Glaser (1784-1829)*

*O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.*

*Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
’tis music in the sinner’s ears, ’tis life and health and peace.*

*He breaks the pow’r of reigning sin, he sets the pris’ner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.*

*He speaks and, list’ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen’d tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 | In Christ Alone

*Words and music by Keith and Krystin Getty, 2001*

*In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fulness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied—  
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

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:** Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**People:** Amen!

—1 Peter 5.6-11

**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 | Our Great God**  
*Words and music by Fernando Ortega (2002)*

*Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown,  
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown,  
Bright Seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne,  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.*

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
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*Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm,  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.*

*Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe,  
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word!*

**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 if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

—Romans 5.10-11

**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 | Jeremiah 4.11-12, 23-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem, “A hot wind from the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, [12] a wind too full for this comes for me. Now it is I who speak in judgment upon them.”

[23] I looked on the earth, and behold, it was without form and void;  
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

[24] I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were quaking,  
and all the hills moved to and fro.

[25] I looked, and behold, there was no man,  
and all the birds of the air had fled.

[26] I looked, and behold, the fruitful land was a desert,  
and all its cities were laid in ruins  
before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

[27] For thus says the LORD, “The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

[28] “For this the earth shall mourn,  
and the heavens above be dark;  
for I have spoken; I have purposed;  
I have not relented, nor will I turn back.”

Hymn of Worship | There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

*Words by William Cowper (1771), music by Lowell Mason (1830)*

*There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.*

*The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:  
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.*

*E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.*

*Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:  
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;  
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.*

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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 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.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:  
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

The Psalm | Psalm 14

**Leader:** The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”  
**People:** They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;  
**Leader:** There is none who does good.

**People:** The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,  
**Leader:** To see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

**People:** They have all turned aside;  
**Leader:** Together they have become corrupt;  
**People:** There is none who does good, not even one.

**Leader:** Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers  
**People:** Who eat up my people as they eat bread  
**Leader:** And do not call upon the LORD?

**People:** There they are in great terror,  
**Leader:** For God is with the generation of the righteous.  
**People:** You would shame the plans of the poor,  
**Leader:** But the LORD is his refuge.

**People:** Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!  
**Leader:** When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
**People:** Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

—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 | 1 Corinthians 2

[1] And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. [2] For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. [3] And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, [4] and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, [5] so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

[6] Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. [7] But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. [8] None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. [9] But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

[10] these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. [11] For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. [12] Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. [13] And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

[14] The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. [15] The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. [16] “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.