



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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*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:  
September 21, 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

## 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.



## Business Meeting Next Week:

We will be holding a business meeting immediately following the service on September 28 to vote on the purchase of property. If you have any questions or concerns about moving forward with this purchase, we would love to hear from you before the meeting. Please come and talk to one of the elders so we can answer your questions or hear your concerns.

## 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 Ecclesiastes. 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.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,  
**People:** *Will enter your house.*  
**Leader:** I will bow down toward your holy temple  
**People:** *In the fear of you.*  
**Leader:** Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;  
**People:** *Make your way straight before me.*

—Psalm 5.7-8

## Opening Hymn | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Words by Joachim Neander, 1680*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been, granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee!*

*Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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 | O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Words by Samuel Trevor Francis; Music by Thomas John Williams, 1890

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;  
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:  
Tis an ocean vast of blessing, tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.*

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:** There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?  
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”  
You have put more joy in my heart  
than they have when their grain and wine abound.  
In peace I will both lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

**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 | 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?*

**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:** But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;  
let them ever sing for joy,  
and spread your protection over them,  
that those who love your name may exult in you.  
For you bless the righteous, O LORD;  
you cover him with favor as with a shield.

—Psalm 5.11-12

**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 8.18-9.1

[18] My joy is gone; grief is upon me;  
my heart is sick within me.  
[19] Behold, the cry of the daughter of my people  
from the length and breadth of the land:  
“Is the LORD not in Zion?  
Is her King not in her?”  
“Why have they provoked me to anger with their carved images  
and with their foreign idols?”  
[20] “The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
and we are not saved.”  
[21] For the wound of the daughter of my people is my heart wounded;  
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold on me.

[22] Is there no balm in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?  
Why then has the health of the daughter of my people  
not been restored?

[1] Oh that my head were waters,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Hymn of Worship | In the Valley

Tim Challies, 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

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 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.

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

The Psalm | Psalm 79.1-9

**Leader:** O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;  
**People:** They have defiled your holy temple;  
**Leader:** They have laid Jerusalem in ruins.  
**People:** They have given the bodies of your servants  
**Leader:** To the birds of the heavens for food,  
**People:** The flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the earth.  
**Leader:** They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem,  
**People:** And there was no one to bury them.  
**Leader:** We have become a taunt to our neighbors,  
**People:** Mocked and derided by those around us.

**Leader:** How long, O LORD?  
**People:** Will you be angry forever?  
**Leader:** Will your jealousy burn like fire?  
**People:** Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you,  
**Leader:** And on the kingdoms that do not call upon your name!  
**People:** For they have devoured Jacob  
**Leader:** And laid waste his habitation.

**People:** Do not remember against us our former iniquities;  
**Leader:** Let your compassion come speedily to meet us,  
**People:** For we are brought very low.  
**Leader:** Help us, O God of our salvation,  
**People:** For the glory of your name;  
**Leader:** Deliver us, and atone for our sins,  
**People:** For your name’s sake!

—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 3

[1] But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. [2] I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, [3] for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? [4] For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

[5] What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. [6] I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. [7] So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. [8] He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. [9] For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.

[10] According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. [11] For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. [12] Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—[13] each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. [14] If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. [15] If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

[16] Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? [17] If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

[18] Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. [19] For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” [20] and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” [21] So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, [22] whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, [23] and you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.