

Redeemer
Presbyterian Church
exists to see our city
renewed by the gospel
of Jesus Christ.

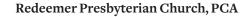
Love God
Love People
Love Tyler

The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

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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).

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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 pastor and elders (Ben, John, Robert, & Kent):

- Monday
 - Spiritual health and protection, relationships with spouse and children
- <u>Tuesday</u>
- Integrity, emotional strength, communication skill
- Wednesday
 - Faith, finances, friendships
- <u>Thursday</u>
 - For their spouses, vision, and unity
- <u>Friday</u>
 - Passion for ministry, Sabbath rest, discernment
- Saturday
 - Perspective, faith, contentment

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 Today:

We will be holding a business meeting immediately following the service to vote on the purchase of property.

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.

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Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call To Worship

Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

People: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;

People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

—Psalm 9.1-2

Opening Hymn | All Creatures of our God and King

Words by St. Francis of Assisi, 1225; Music from Jesuit hymnal, 1623

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him, alleluia! O rising morn in praise rejoice; ye lights of evening find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All you who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part; Sing praises, alleluia! All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care; O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 | 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.

One More Hymn and the Offering | Take My Life, and Let It Be Words by Francis Ridley Havergal (1874), music by Henri Malan (1787)

Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise, Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from thee, Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use, every power as thou shalt choose, Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne. It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour, at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, Ever, only, all for thee.

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

-Matthew 6.31-33

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 | Narrow Little Road

Words and music by Mo Leverett (1995)

I believe in the love of God It is an orphan's wildest dream It is a narrow little road It is an ever-widening desert stream

> Oh I, and I I will leave this road For the narrow

It is portrayed in the bread and wine Let it fortify my bones It is more than just a sign It is the fountain from that desert stone

It is the path where the humble go It is the narrow not the broad It is the pathway down the hill To the graveyard of the living God

The love of God is the hymn of hope Let the needy join the throng Let the widow hear and cope Let the crippled rise to sing this song

Concluding Prayer

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions—seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with you. From earth's fullest bliss we turn to you again, unfulfilled. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. In the name of him who refused to save himself we pray.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

-Luke 18.10-14

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 32.1-3a, 6-15

- [1] The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. [2] At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah. [3] For Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him...
- [6] Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me: [7] Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' [8] Then Hanamel my cousin came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

[9] "And I bought the field at Anathoth from Hanamel my cousin, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. [10] I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. [11] Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions and the open copy. [12] And I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel my cousin, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. [13] I charged Baruch in their presence, saying, [14] 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware vessel, that they may last for a long time. [15] For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.'

Hymn of Worship | Did Christ Over Sinners Weep?

Words by Henry Lyte, Music by Blake Mundell (2012)

Did Christ over sinners weep, And shall our cheeks be dry? Let floods of penitential grief Burst forth from every eye. Burst forth from every eye.

> Behold, the Son of God in tears, The angels wondering see. Hast thou no wonder, O my soul? He shed those tears for thee!

He wept that we might weep Might weep over sin and shame. He wept to show His love for us And bid us love the same. And bid us love the same.

Then tender be our hearts, Our eyes in sorrow dim. Til every tear from every eye, Be wiped away by Him. Be wiped away by Him.

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, 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 Psalm | Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Leader: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: Put not your trust in princes,

People: *In a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.* **Leader:** When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

People: On that very day his plans perish.

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

People: Whose hope is in the LORD his God, Leader: Who made heaven and earth, People: The sea, and all that is in them, Leader: Who keeps faith forever;

People: Who executes justice for the oppressed,

Leader: Who gives food to the hungry.

People: The LORD sets the prisoners free;

 $\textbf{Leader:} \ \ \textbf{The LORD opens the eyes of the blind}.$

People: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

Leader: The LORD loves the righteous.

People: The LORD watches over the sojourners; **Leader:** He upholds the widow and the fatherless, **People:** But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Leader: The LORD will reign forever,

People: Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

^{*}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.

⁻Parents may take children to Redeemer Kids at this time (nursery: up to 4; worship training: 5 to 2nd grade).

Ministry of the Word | As Beloved Children

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | 1 Corinthians 4

- [1] This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. [2] Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. [3] But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. [4] For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. [5] Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.
- [6] I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. [7] For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?
- [8] Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! [9] For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. [10] We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. [11] To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, [12] and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; [13] when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.
- [14] I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. [15] For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. [16] I urge you, then, be imitators of me. [17] That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. [18] Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. [19] But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. [20] For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. [21] What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

Sermon Notes