



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).

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: _____

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

Financial Update:

Fiscal year-to-date

	Actual	Budget
Giving	\$61,618	\$73,530
Expenses	\$63,854	\$71,370

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 over breakfast, 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying 1 Corinthians. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972).
- The women's group is studying Acts on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call To Worship

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: *Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!*

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: *Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!*

—Psalm 24.7-10

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: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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 | King of Saints

Taken from Gadsby Hymnal #857; Words by Joseph Hart (1712-1768), music by Clint Wells (2004)

*Jesus Christ, God's holy lamb,
We will laud thy lovely name;
We were saved by God's decree,
And all our debt was paid by thee.*

*Thou has washed us in thy blood,
Made us kings and priests to God;
Take this tribute of the poor;
Less we can't, we can't give more.*

*Souls redeemed, your voices raise,
Sing your dear Redeemer's praise;
Worthy thou of love and laud,
King of saints, incarnate God.*

*Righteous are thy ways and true;
Endless honors are thy due;
Grace and glory in thee shine;
Matchless mercy, love divine.*

*We for whom thou once was slain,
We thy ransomed sinner train,
In this one request agree,
"Spirit make us more like thee."*

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: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion 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 free bread is available on the serving tray.

Communion 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.*

Concluding Prayer

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *Lord, we have sinned without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

—Psalm 28.6-7

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 | Isaiah 9.1-4

[1] But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

[2] The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
[3] You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
[4] For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Hymn of Worship | Abide With Me

Words by Henry Lyte, 1847; Music by Justin Smith

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide,
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide,
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.*

*I need Thy presence every passing hour,
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness;
Where is thy sting, death? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, abide with me.*

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

We believe that God—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—sent the Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death. So God made known his justice toward his Son, who was charged with our sin, and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnation, giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life

—from Belgic Confession, Art. 20, 21

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

This is a great time for parents to go pick up their children for communion.

Psalm | Psalm 27.1, 4-9

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: *The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

Leader: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

People: *That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,*

Leader: To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD

People: *And to inquire in his temple.*

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

People: *He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.*

Leader: And now my head shall be lifted up

People: *Above my enemies all around me,*

Leader: And I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

People: *I will sing and make melody to the LORD.*

Leader: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

People: *Be gracious to me and answer me!*

Leader: You have said, "Seek my face."

People: *My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."*

Leader: Hide not your face from me.

People: *Turn not your servant away in anger,*

Leader: O you who have been my help. Cast me not off;

People: *Forsake me not, O God of my salvation!*

—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 | John 17.6-19

[6] “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. [7] Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. [8] For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. [9] I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. [10] All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. [11] And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. [12] While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. [13] But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. [14] I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. [15] I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. [16] They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. [17] Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. [18] As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. [19] And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.