



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 12, 2026*

*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: _____

Instructions for Online Tithing:

We offer online and mobile giving options through our website or the Church Center App. Our desire is to make the giving process as simple as possible! Use the QR code or visit our website to give.



Diaconal Needs:

Have a Need? Our Deacon Team would love to assist you! Get in touch with them by emailing chris_gilmore@zoho.com.

Get Involved! If you would like to receive occasional emails regarding ways to serve our community (meal trains, moving needs, yard work, setting up for church events, giving rides, RUF, Sunday morning volunteers, etc.), email abby@redeemertyler.com to join the email list.

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

Fellowship Meal:

Fellowship lunch next Sunday, July 19. The theme is sandwiches and finger foods. Last names A-K provide a main dish; L-R provide a side; S-Z provide a dessert.

Churchwide Retreat:

Save the date! Join us October 23-25 at Timberline Camp in Lindale. Registration and details to come.

Worship Training:

Redeemer Kids Worship Training (age 5 through 2nd grade) will not meet during the summer. The class will resume in September. Nursery for ages 4 and under is still available.

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). 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 Acts. Contact Richard Steenson (972-741-4669) for information.
- Women’s study meets at 11:00 am on Friday mornings. They are studying 1 Timothy. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.
- *The Meaning of Marriage*, 1st and 3rd Sundays at 6:00 pm. Open to newly married, singles, and marriage veterans! Contact Ben Wheeler (903-805-1809) for information.

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand,
People: *High your right hand.*

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
People: *Steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.*

—Psalm 89.13-14

Opening Hymn | Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton (1774), music by Laura Taylor (2001)

*Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame!
He has washed us with His blood (3x), He has brought us nigh to God*

*Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood (3x), He presents our souls to God*

*Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu’ror’s crown
He, Who washed us with His blood (3X), soon will bring us home to God*

*Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy’s store!
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood (3X), has secured our way to God!*

*Let us praise and join the chorus, of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky!
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3X), Thou art worthy Lamb of God!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Firm a Foundation

Words from Rippon's Selection of Hymns (1787), traditional American melody

*How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand*

*When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress*

*When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design, your dross to consume and your gold to refine*

*The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake*

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: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

—Romans 15.13

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 | Keep the Feast
Skye Peterson and Ben Shive (2024)

*Joyfully we join You at Your table
Pleading not our righteousness
By Your wealth of mercy we are able
Now to feast in confidence*

*Take this bread and eat
Take this cup and drink
Remember how He loved us
Rejoice and keep the feast*

*Who is fit to feast with such a Savior?
Who His sandals could untie?
Who are we that He would show us favor?
Granting us this gift of life*

*Happy sign of friendship and reunion
With the blessed Three in One
Foretaste of that glorious communion
Vision of the world to come*

Concluding Prayer

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

—Isaiah 43.1

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 | Isaiah 55.10-13

[10] “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
[11] so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

[12] “For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
[13] Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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*

*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 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 Apostles’ 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.

Psalm | Psalm 65

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
People: *And to you shall vows be performed.*
Leader: O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.
People: *When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.*
Leader: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
People: *To dwell in your courts!*
Leader: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
People: *The holiness of your temple!*

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
People: *O God of our salvation,*
Leader: The hope of all the ends of the earth
People: *And of the farthest seas;*
Leader: The one who by his strength established the mountains,
People: *Being girded with might;*
Leader: Who stills the roaring of the seas,
People: *The roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,*
Leader: So that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.
People: *You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.*

Leader: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it;
People: *The river of God is full of water; you provide their grain,*
Leader: For so you have prepared it.
People: *You water its furrows abundantly,*
Leader: Settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
People: *You crown the year with your bounty;*
Leader: Your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.
People: *The pastures of the wilderness overflow,*
Leader: The hills gird themselves with joy,
People: *The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,*
Leader: The valleys deck themselves with grain,
People: *They shout and sing together for joy.*

—Parents may take children to Redeemer Kids at this time (nursery, up to 4).

Sermon Text | Matthew 13.1-23

[1] That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. [2] And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. [3] And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. [4] And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. [5] Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, [6] but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. [7] Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. [8] Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. [9] He who has ears, let him hear.”

[10] Then the disciples came and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” [11] And he answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. [12] For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [13] This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. [14] Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

““You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.”
[15] For this people’s heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.’

[16] But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. [17] For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

[18] “Hear then the parable of the sower: [19] When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. [20] As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, [21] yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. [22] As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. [23] As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Sermon Notes