



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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August 6, 2023*

*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

New Members Class:

Mark your calendars if you are interested in joining Redeemer or learning more about what it means to be a member of Redeemer. We will be meeting before church on 8/20, 8/27, and 9/10 for these classes in which we talk about what it means to be a member of Christ's church in general, and Redeemer in particular. This is great for people new to the Reformed faith as well. This is a required class for anyone wishing to join Redeemer. Please email Lindsay (Lindsay@redeemertyler.com) if you plan to attend.

Women's Fellowship Gathering:

Join us at Jacki Travis' home (19078 Pinedale Circle Flint, TX 75762) Friday, August 25 at 5:30 pm for food and fellowship. Please bring an appetizer or snack item to share!

Newcomers Meal September 9:

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for further details!

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 1 & 2 Thessalonians on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call To Worship

Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

People: *Praise befits the upright.*

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;

People: *Make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!*

Leader: Sing to him a new song;

People: *Play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.*

Leader: For the word of the LORD is upright,

People: *And all his work is done in faithfulness.*

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice;

People: *The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.*

—Psalm 33:1-5

Opening Hymn | Jesus, I Come

Words by William True Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,

Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,

Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,

Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,

Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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 | Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words by Robert Robinson, 1758; Music is traditional American melody

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.*

*O, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

One More Hymn and the Offering | Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Words by Elizabeth Clephane, 1872; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

*Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
And from my stricken heart with tears, two wonders I confess,
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

People: Amen!

—Jude 24-25

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 | Heal Us Emmanuel

Words by William Cowper (alt Twit), Music by Kevin Twit and Lucas Morton (2015)

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are;
We long to feel Thy touch;
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly,
O Savior hear our cry.*

*Our faith is feeble, we confess,
We faintly trust Thy word;
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord!*

*Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief;
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried;
“O help my unbelief!”*

*She, too, who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole,
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace:
Thy faith has made thee whole.”*

*Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may;
O send us not despairing home;
Send none unhealed away.*

Concluding Prayer

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you— only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.
You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

—Psalm 32.6-7

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.

New Testament Reading | 2 Peter 1.13-21

[13] I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, [14] since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. [15] And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

[16] For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. [17] For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," [18] we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. [19] And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, [20] knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. [21] For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Hymn of Worship | Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

Words by Martin Luther (1523), music by Christopher Miner, 1997

*From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me, And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
 O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
 O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)*

*To wash away the crimson stain, Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, All must alike confess Thy might,
 And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
 And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)*

*Therefore my trust is in the Lord, And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word, Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, My comfort and my sweet support;
 I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
 I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)*

*What though I wait the livelong night, And til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might; It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
 And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)
 And wait til God appeareth (Wait till God appeareth)*

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

—continued

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.

*Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, Our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow. (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow. (All their sin and sorrow)*

Psalm | Psalm 99

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
People: *He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!*
Leader: The LORD is great in Zion;
People: *He is exalted over all the peoples.*
Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name!
People: *Holy is he!*
Leader: The King in his might loves justice.
People: *You have established equity;*
Leader: You have executed justice
People: *And righteousness in Jacob.*
Leader: Exalt the LORD our God;
People: *Worship at his footstool! Holy is he!*

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
People: *Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.*
Leader: They called to the LORD, and he answered them.
People: *In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;*
Leader: They kept his testimonies
People: *And the statute that he gave them.*

Leader: O LORD our God, you answered them;
People: *You were a forgiving God to them,*
Leader: But an avenger of their wrongdoings.
People: *Exalt the LORD our God,*
Leader: And worship at his holy mountain;
People: *For the LORD our God is holy!*

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

Rev. Justin Pillsbury

Sermon Text | 1 John 2.18-3.3

[18] Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. [19] They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. [20] But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. [21] I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. [22] Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. [23] No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. [24] Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. [25] And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

[26] I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. [27] But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

[28] And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. [29] If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

[1] See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3] And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.