



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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*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 23, 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.

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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 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](mailto: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](mailto:abby@redeemertyler.com) to join the email list.

## Prayer Suggestions:

- Topic: our pastor and elders (Ben, John, Robert, Kent, & Jay):
- Monday  
Spiritual health and protection, relationships with spouse and children.
  - Tuesday  
Integrity, emotional strength, communication skills.
  - Wednesday  
Faith, finances, friendships.
  - Thursday  
For their spouses, vision, and unity.
  - Friday  
Passion for ministry, Sabbath rest, discernment.
  - Saturday  
Perspective, faith, contentment.

## General Fund Budget Update:

|              | Income    | Expenses  | Difference |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| June         | \$24,081  | \$25,026  | -\$944.90  |
| July         | \$25,932  | \$22,851  | \$3,082    |
| Year to Date | \$280,097 | \$235,705 | \$44,392   |

# Announcements

## RUF Prayer Walk:

Tonight at 6:30 pm. Join us at UT Tyler to pray for the upcoming school year. Meet at Riter Bell Tower.

## New Members’ Class:

August 30th, September 6th, and 13th. Join us before Sunday worship in the lobby at 9:15 am. This three week series is for anyone interested in learning more about Redeemer. Contact Ben for more information (903-805-1809).

## Nursery Volunteer Training:

Required for new volunteers, and recommended for all current volunteers. Two dates available, September 6th or 13th, at 9:15 am in the nursery room. Contact Abby if you are interested in serving our kids and families.

## New Women’s Bible Study:

Beginning September 1! Every other Tuesday at 6 pm (2808 McDonald Road). We will be following *Psalms: At His Feet*, by Hope Blanton and Christine Gordon, available for purchase online.

## 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@redeemert Tyler.com).

## Churchwide Retreat:

Join us October 23-25 at Timberline Camp in Lindale. Register today!



## 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:** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

**People:** *Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

**Leader:** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**People:** *Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

—Psalm 95:1-2

## Opening Hymn | Hallelujah! Thine the Glory

*Words by William MacKay (1863), music by John Husband (1863)*

*We praise thee, O God!*

*For the Son of thy love*

*For Jesus who died*

*And is now gone above*

*Hallelujah! thine the glory, hallelujah we sing*

*Hallelujah! thine the glory, our praise now we bring*

*We praise thee, O God!*

*For thy Spirit of light*

*Who has shown us our Savior*

*And scattered our night*

*All glory and praise*

*To the Lamb that was slain*

*Who has borne all our sins*

*And, has cleansed ev’ry stain!*

*Revive us again-*

*Fill each heart with thy love*

*May each soul be rekindled*

*With fire from above*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever 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, Holy Spirit, Come

*Words and music by Arthur J. Hart (1759), music by Hiram Ring (2011)*

*Come, Holy Spirit, come, Let thy bright beams arise  
Dispel the darkness from our minds, And open all our eyes*

*Cheer our desponding hearts, Thou heavenly Paraclete  
Give us to lie with humble hope, At our Redeemer’s feet*

*Revive our drooping faith, Our doubts and fears remove  
And kindle in our breasts the flames , Of never-dying love*

*Convince us of our sin, Then lead to Jesus' blood  
And to our wond'ring view, reveal , The secret love of God*

*'Tis thine to cleanse the heart, To sanctify the soul  
To pour fresh life in ev'ry part, And new create the whole*

*Dwell, therefore, in our hearts, Our minds from bondage free  
Then we shall know and praise and love , The Father, Son, and Thee*

Concluding Prayer

One More Hymn and the Offering | Lift Your Eyes Up

*Words and music by Mona Reeves, Paul Zach, Brendan Jamieson, Orlando Palmer and Philip Zach (2018)*

*There is a power, stronger than evil  
Wider than sorrow  
There is a mountain, over the shadow  
Where the sun is shining down*

*Lift your eyes up, children of Zion  
Lift your eyes up, children of Zion  
Hold on, hold on, your help comes from the Lord*

*I went out walking, into the city  
I saw the ancient ruins  
The sound of singing, off in the distance  
Coming from the mountain of God*

*Men: Lift your eyes up, children of Zion  
Women: My help comes from the Lord  
Repeat 3X  
Together: Don't you know that you're the children of Zion?*

Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Romans 15.5-6

**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 | Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

*Words by Henry Lyte (1824)*

*Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be  
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own*

*Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior too  
Human hearts and looks deceive me, Thou art not, like them, untrue  
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face and all is bright*

*Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast  
Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee*

*Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather, All must work for good to me*

*Soul, then know thy full salvation, Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee! Think what Father's smiles are thine!  
Think that Jesus died to win thee! Child of heaven, canst thou repine?*

*Haste thee on from grace to glory, Armed by faith, and winged by prayer  
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days!  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise!*

**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. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

**Leader:** Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

—Hebrews 4.14-16

**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 51.1-6

[1] “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD:  
look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
[2] Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.  
[3] For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places  
and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

[4] “Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.  
[5] My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.  
[6] Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Hymn of Worship | Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

*Words by Joseph Swain (alt Twit), Music by Kevin Twit (2013)*

*Come ye souls by, sin afflicted, Bowed with fruitless, sorrow down  
By the broken, law convicted, Through the cross, behold the crown  
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus, Mercy flows through Him alone*

*Take His easy, yoke and wear it, Love will make your, obedience sweet  
Christ will give you, strength to bear it, While His grace, shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Where His ransomed captives meet*

*Blessed are the, eyes that see Him, Blest the ears that, hear His voice  
Blessed are the, souls that trust Him, And in Him, alone rejoice  
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments, Then become their happy choice*

*Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary, Light to newly, opened eyes  
Like full springs in, deserts dreary, Is the rest, the cross supplies  
All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it, Shall to rest immortal rise*

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 138

**Leader:** I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
**People:** *Before the gods I sing your praise;*  
**Leader:** I bow down toward your holy temple  
**People:** *And give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,*  
**Leader:** For you have exalted above all things  
**People:** *Your name and your word.*  
**Leader:** On the day I called, you answered me;  
**People:** *My strength of soul you increased.*

**Leader:** All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,  
**People:** *For they have heard the words of your mouth,*  
**Leader:** And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
**People:** *For great is the glory of the LORD.*  
**Leader:** For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
**People:** *But the haughty he knows from afar.*

**Leader:** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;  
**People:** *You stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,*  
**Leader:** And your right hand delivers me.  
**People:** *The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;*  
**Leader:** Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
**People:** *Do not forsake the work of your hands.*

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

Sermon Text | Matthew 16.13-20

[13] Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” [14] And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” [15] He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” [16] Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” [17] And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. [18] And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. [19] I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” [20] Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

**Leader:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*