



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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*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 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.
- Tuesday
RUF-International, ministry to international students studying at universities in the U.S. Pray for Justin Smith and Hailey Tarbell at UT Dallas, and Will Peters at SMU.
- Wednesday
Tyler Area YoungLife: BJ Riley, Tray Phillips, Julie Kummerfeld, and Lindsay Puckett; Mentoring Alliance (Summer Camps, After School, & Mentor Connect programs).
- Thursday
RUF, college ministry at UT Tyler: John Gordy and Abby Plott.
- Friday
Promise Academy’s financial and prayer support; Highway 80 Rescue Mission; PATH; Axia Pregnancy Resource Center.
- Saturday
Pray that unity will grow among the churches in our city so we may care for people, evangelize, and make disciples.

Announcements

Men’s Pub Night:

Next Thursday, August 20, at ETX Brewing. 7-9 pm. See you there!

Back-to-School Bash:

Saturday, August 22, 4:30-8:30 pm (20628 Arrowhead Drive, Flint). Join us at the lake to celebrate the end of summer! The church will provide chicken; bring a side or dessert to share. Check your email to RSVP!

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.

Nursery Volunteer Training:

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

Churchwide Retreat:

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

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: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

People: *To sing praises to your name, O Most High;*

Leader: To declare your steadfast love in the morning,

People: *And your faithfulness by night,*

Leader: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

People: *At the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

—Psalm 92.1-2, 4

Opening Hymn | He Came Down

A traditional song from Cameroon, transcribed by John L. Bell (1986)

*He came down that we may have love
He came down that we may have love
He came down that we may have love
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have light
He came down that we may have light
He came down that we may have light
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have peace
He came down that we may have peace
He came down that we may have peace
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have joy
He came down that we may have joy
He came down that we may have joy
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have life
He came down that we may have life
He came down that we may have life
Hallelujah forevermore!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 | King of Saints
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 | 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: 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. Amen.

—Revelation 1.5-6

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 | We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken (2015)

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more!*

*We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up*

*In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength*

*Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom*

Concluding Prayer

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: And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”...To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

—from Revelation 21.5-7

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 | 1 Kings 19.9-18

[9] There [Elijah] came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” [10] He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” [11] And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. [12] And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. [13] And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” [14] He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” [15] And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. [16] And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. [17] And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. [18] Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Hymn of Worship | Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him?

Words by Ora Rowan (1834-1879; alt. Kevin Twit), music by Joel Littlepage (2010)

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him?
Is not thine a captured heart?
Chief among ten thousand own Him
Joyful choose the better part

Idols oft they win thee, charm thee
Lovely things of time and sense
Gilded thus does sin disarm thee
Honeyed lest thou turn thee hence

Captivated by His beauty, Worthy tribute haste to bring
Let His peerless worth constrain thee, Crown Him now unrivaled King

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.

What can strip the seeming beauty
From the idols of the earth?
Not a sense of right or duty
But the sight of peerless worth

Not the crushing of those idols
With its bitter void and smart
But the beaming of His beauty
The unveiling of His heart

Captivated by His beauty, Worthy tribute haste to bring
Let His peerless worth constrain thee, Crown Him now unrivaled King

Tis that look that melted Peter
'Tis that face that Stephen saw
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary
Can alone from idols draw

Captivated by His beauty, Worthy tribute haste to bring.
Let His peerless worth constrain thee, Crown Him now unrivaled King
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Psalm | Psalm 85.8-13

Leader: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
People: For he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
Leader: But let them not turn back to folly.
People: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
People: Righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Leader: Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
People: And righteousness looks down from the sky.
Leader: Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
People: And our land will yield its increase.
Leader: Righteousness will go before him
People: And make his footsteps a way.

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

Sermon Text | Matthew 14.22-33

[22] Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. [23] And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, [24] but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. [25] And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. [26] But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. [27] But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

[28] And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” [29] He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. [30] But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” [31] Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” [32] And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. [33] And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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