



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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*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**September 19, 2021**

*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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other questions or comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 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

### Alpha:

Alpha begins this Thursday! We will meet at Morgan Beckmon's home, 2820 Oak Knob, at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in coming as a guest, helper, or are inviting someone, then please let Ben know. We want to make sure we have enough food for everyone. This is a great way to be involved in outreach to our community. Please be praying about guests you can invite and consider serving with us. Also, if you wish to sign up to bring a meal, please follow the link I put in this week's email to get instructions and sign up!

### Annual Chili Cook Off:

Next month we are planning to resume our annual Chili Cook off! Details are being worked out, but we want you to know it's coming so you can begin to make your plans.

### 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.

### Monthly Youth Meeting:

All junior high and high school students are invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month for a time of fellowship, dinner, and Bible Study.

### Bible and Book Studies:

- Men's study meets over breakfast, 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying the gospel of Luke. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972).
- The women's group is studying the gospel of Matthew on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

## Opening Prayer

### Greeting and Call To Worship

**Leader:** The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,

**People:** *The world and those who dwell therein,*

**Leader:** For he has founded it upon the seas

**People:** *And established it upon the rivers.*

**Leader:** Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

**People:** *And who shall stand in his holy place?*

**Leader:** He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

**People:** *Who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.*

—from Psalm 24.1-4

### Opening Hymn | Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Words by Isaac Watts (1719), music by William Croft (1700)*

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

*Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Leader:** Praise the Lord!

**People:** The Name of the Lord be praised!

## Hymn of Worship | Isaiah 43 (I Am the LORD Your God)

*Author unknown*

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you  
And the waves will not overcome you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name, you are Mine.*

*For I am the LORD your God (I am the LORD your God),  
I am the LORD your God (I am),  
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
For I am the LORD your God (I am the LORD your God),  
I am the LORD your God (I am),  
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

*I am the LORD (do not fear).  
I am the LORD (do not fear).  
I am the LORD (do not fear).  
I am the LORD (do not fear).  
I am the LORD.*

*When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,  
And the flames will not consume you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name, you are Mine.*

*For I am the LORD your God (I am the LORD your God),  
I am the LORD your God (I am),  
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

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## One More Hymn and the Offering | Lead On, O King Eternal

*Words by Ernest Shurtleff, 1888; music by Henry Smart, 1836*

*Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest, Thy tents shall be our home:  
Through days of preparation, Thy grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And Holiness shall whisper, the sweet amen of peace;  
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
With deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning, where'er thy face appears;  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.*

## Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**People:** Amen!

—from 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

**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 | Cling to the Crucified

Words by Horatius Bonar, 1845; music by Kevin Twit, 2007

*Cling to the Mighty One, Cling in thy grief.*

*Cling to the Holy One, He gives relief.*

*Cling to the Gracious One, Cling in thy pain.*

*Cling to the Faithful One, He will sustain!*

*Cling to the crucified, Jesus the Lamb who died.*

*Cling to the crucified, Jesus the King.*

*Cling to the crucified, Jesus the Lamb who died.*

*Cling to the crucified, Jesus the King!*

*Cling to the Living One, Cling in thy woe.*

*Cling to the Loving One, Through all below.*

*Cling to the Pardoning One, He speaketh peace.*

*Cling to the Healing One, Anguish will cease.*

*Cling to the Bleeding One, Cling to His side.*

*Cling to the Rising One, In Him abide.*

*Cling to the Coming One, Hope shall arise.*

*Cling to the Reigning One, Joy lights thine eyes!*

## Concluding Prayer

*For I am the LORD your God (I am the LORD your God),*

*I am the LORD your God (I am),*

*The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

*You are the LORD (I'll not fear).*

*You are the LORD (I'll not fear).*

*You are the LORD (I'll not fear).*

*You are the LORD (I'll not fear).*

*You are the LORD.*

## 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:** Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

—based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

## 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 | Proverbs 31.10-31

[10] An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.  
[11] The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.  
[12] She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.  
[13] She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.  
[14] She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar.  
[15] She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.  
[16] She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
[17] She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.  
[18] She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.  
[19] She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.  
[20] She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
[21] She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet.  
[22] She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.  
[23] Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land.  
[24] She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant.  
[25] Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.  
[26] She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
[27] She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
[28] Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:  
[29] "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."  
[30] Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
[31] Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

## Hymn of Worship | Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Words by William Williams, 1745, and Jeremy Casella, 2002; music by Jeremy Casella, 2002*

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me 'til I want no more;  
bread of heaven, feed me 'til I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar, lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;  
songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.*

## 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,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will 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.*

—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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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

## Psalm | Psalm 1

**Leader:** Blessed is the man  
**People:** *Who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
Leader:* Nor stands in the way of sinners,  
**People:** *Nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
Leader:* But his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
**People:** *And on his law he meditates day and night.  
Leader:* He is like a tree planted by streams of water  
**People:** *That yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.  
Leader:* In all that he does, he prospers.  
**People:** *The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
Leader:* Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
**People:** *Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
Leader:* For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
**People:** *But the way of the wicked will perish.*

*Parents may take children 3-5 (pre-Kindergarten) to Redeemer Kids at this time.*

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

**Sermon Text | 1 Thessalonians 2**

[1] For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. [2] But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. [3] For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, [4] but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. [5] For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. [6] Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. [7] But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. [8] So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

[9] For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. [10] You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. [11] For you know how, like a father with his children, [12] we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

[13] And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. [14] For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, [15] who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind [16] by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!

[17] But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, [18] because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. [19] For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? [20] For you are our glory and joy.