



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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*The Second Sunday After Christmas*  
**January 1, 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.

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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 Topic: our pastor and elders (Ben, John, & JB):

- Monday  
Spiritual health and protection, relationships with spouse and children
- Tuesday  
Integrity, emotional strength, communication skill
- Wednesday  
Faith, finances, friendships
- Thursday  
For their spouses (Rachel, Brenda, & Allison), vision, and unity
- Friday  
Passion for ministry, Sabbath rest, discernment
- Saturday  
Perspective, faith, contentment

# Announcements

## 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 at [ben@redeemertyler.com](mailto: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 Acts on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People:** *Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,*

**Leader:** From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

—Psalm 90.1

## Opening Hymn | Angels From the Realms of Glory

*Words and music by James Montgomery (1816)*

*Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:*

*Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn king!*

*Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant Light:*

*Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen his natal star:*

*Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In his temple shall appear:*

*All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
Evermore your voices raising  
To th'eternal Three in One:*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

**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 | What Child Is This

Words by W. Chatterton Dix

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
    This, this is Christ, the King,  
    Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
    Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
    The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
    Nails, spear, shall pierce him through:  
    The cross be borne for me, for you:  
    Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,  
    The Babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
    Raise, raise the song on high,  
    The virgin sings her lullaby:  
    Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
    The Babe, the son of Mary.

## One More Hymn and the Offering | Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Spiritual, adapted by John Wesley Work, Jr.

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When, lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

## Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**People:** Amen!

—Galatians 4.4-7

**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 | Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

Words by Reginald Heber (1811), music by William Walker (1820)

*Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

*Hail the blest morn, see the great mediator  
Down from the regions of glory descend.  
Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger  
Lo; for His guard the bright angels attend*

*Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch, and Saviour of all.*

*Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
Odors of Edom and off'rings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forests or gold from the mine?*

*Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.*

*Low at his feet we in humble prostration,  
Lose all our sorrow and trouble and strife;  
There we receive his divine consolation,  
Flowing afresh from the fountain of life.*

*He is our friend in the midst of temptation,  
Faithful supporter, whose love cannot fail;  
Rock of our refuge, and hope of salvation,  
Light to direct us through death's gloomy vail.*

## 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:** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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

—Psalm 103.1-5

## 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 | Numbers 6.22-27

[22] The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [23] “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

[24] The LORD bless you and keep you;

[25] the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

[26] the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

[27] “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

## Hymn of Worship | Once in Royal David's City

*Words by Cecil Frances Alexander (1848), music by Henry J. Gauntlett (1849)*

*Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above,  
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.*

*Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;  
When like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.*

## 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

**Leader:** How are you righteous before God?

**People:** *Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.*

**Leader:** Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

**People:** *Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God. I can receive this righteousness and make it mine my own by faith only.*

—Question and Answer 60 & 61, Heidelberg Catechism

## 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 for communion.*

## Psalm | Psalm 8

**Leader:** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

**People:** *Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.*

**Leader:** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**People:** *What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?*

**Leader:** Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

**People:** *You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,*

**Leader:** All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**People:** *The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

**Leader:** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

Sermon Text | Psalm 42 & 43

- [1] As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
so pants my soul for you, O God.
- [2] My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and appear before God?
- [3] My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while they say to me all the day long,  
“Where is your God?”
- [4] These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I would go with the throng  
and lead them in procession to the house of God  
with glad shouts and songs of praise,  
a multitude keeping festival.
- [5] Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation [6] and my God.
- My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.
- [7] Deep calls to deep  
at the roar of your waterfalls;  
all your breakers and your waves  
have gone over me.
- [8] By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.
- [9] I say to God, my rock:  
“Why have you forgotten me?  
Why do I go mourning  
because of the oppression of the enemy?”
- [10] As with a deadly wound in my bones,  
my adversaries taunt me,  
while they say to me all the day long,

“Where is your God?”

- [11] Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.

Psalm 43

- [1] Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause  
against an ungodly people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man  
deliver me!
- [2] For you are the God in whom I take refuge;  
why have you rejected me?  
Why do I go about mourning  
because of the oppression of the enemy?
- [3] Send out your light and your truth;  
let them lead me;  
let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling!
- [4] Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy,  
and I will praise you with the lyre,  
O God, my God.
- [5] Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.

Sermon Notes