



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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*Third Sunday After the Epiphany*  
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*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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## Instructions for Online Tithing:

We offer online and mobile giving options. Our desire is to make the giving process as simple as possible! Please follow the instructions below to get started:

### For Online Giving:

1. Go to [redeemertyler.com](http://redeemertyler.com) and click “Give Online” in the upper right corner.
2. This will take you to our Church Center page where you click “Give” in the upper right corner.
3. Fill out the amount you wish to give and other requested information.
4. You will have the option to create an account and set up recurring donations via their secure site.

### For Mobile Giving:

1. Download the “Church Center App” on your smart phone.
2. Open the app and create a user account.
3. Fill out the amount you wish to give and other requested information.
4. You will be able to set up recurring donations if you prefer.



# Announcements

## Children's Ministry Volunteer Training:

If you are interested in serving in our children's ministry we will be having a training class in the upcoming weeks that is required for all volunteers.. Be on the lookout for dates and times and thank you for your heart of service!

## Newcomers Dinner:

This meal is open to those that are new to the church, want to know more about Redeemer, and/or are interested in joining. It will be a relaxed time around the table getting to know Ben and a few more members a little bit better. This will be a child-free event on January 27 at 6:00 pm at the Gilmores' (3537 Wynnwood Dr, Tyler). If you'd like to attend, email Chris Gilmore (chris\_gilmore@zoho.com).

## Sunday Morning and Mid-Week Prayer Meetings:

We now 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). Please 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 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying the Minor Prophets. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972) for information.
- The women's group is studying 1 Corinthians on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** Praise the LORD!

**People:** *Praise the name of the LORD,*

**Leader:** Give praise, O servants of the LORD,

**People:** *Who stand in the house of the LORD, In the courts of the house of our God!*

**Leader:** Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

**People:** *Sing to his name, for it is pleasant!*

**Leader:** For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,

**People:** *Israel as his own possession.*

—Psalm 135:1-4

## Opening Hymn | O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Words by Charles Wesley (1739), music by Carl Glaser (1784-1829)*

*O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.*

*Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.*

*He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.*

*He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever 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 | King of Saints

Taken 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 | Father, Long Before Creation

Words from a Chinese Hymn, translated by Francis Johnson; Music by Andrew Osenga (2005)

Father, long before creation Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving, Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing 'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory To our God and to the Lamb;  
Giving glory, giving glory To our God and to the Lamb.

## Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**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 free bread is available on the serving tray.

## Communion Hymn | Dearly We're Bought

*Words by Joseph Hart (1712-1768), music by Matthew S. Welch (2004)*

*Come raise your thankful voice,  
Ye souls redeemed with blood;  
Leave earth and all its toys,  
And mix no more with mud.*

*Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;  
Redeemed, with Jesus' blood redeemed  
Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;  
Redeemed, with Jesus' blood redeemed.*

*With heart, and soul, and mind,  
Exalt redeeming love;  
Leave worldly cares behind,  
And set your minds above.*

*Lift up your ravished eyes,  
And view the glory given;  
All lower things despised,  
Ye citizens of heaven.*

*Be to this world as dead,  
Alive to that to come;  
Our life in Christ is hid,  
Who soon shall call us home.*

## Concluding Prayer

## Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

**People:** *Almighty God, who sets suns and moons above us, mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us: how often have we tried to hide from your presence, how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand! Lord, have mercy upon us. Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother, and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of yourself in the face of Jesus Christ: how often we have forgotten you, how seldom have we really loved and followed you! Christ, have mercy upon us. Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit: how often have we ignored your promptings, how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts! Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

**Leader:** Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
and rescued us from our foes,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
he who gives food to all flesh,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**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.

—Psalm 136.3; 23-26

## Gospel Reading | Mark 1.14-20

[14] Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, [15] and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

[16] Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. [17] And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." [18] And immediately they left their nets and followed him. [19] And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. [20] And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

## Hymn of Worship | Abide With Me

*Words by Henry Lyte, 1847; Music by Justin Smith*

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide,  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide,  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.*

*I need Thy presence every passing hour,  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness;  
Where is thy sting, death? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, Lord, abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.*

## 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 Apostle's 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.

## Psalm | Psalm 62.5-12

**Leader:** For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

**People:** For my hope is from him.

**Leader:** He only is my rock and my salvation,

**People:** My fortress; I shall not be shaken.

**Leader:** On God rests my salvation and my glory;

**People:** My mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**Leader:** Trust in him at all times, O people;

**People:** Pour out your heart before him;

**Leader:** God is a refuge for us.

**People:** Those of low estate are but a breath;

**Leader:** Those of high estate are a delusion;

**People:** In the balances they go up;

**Leader:** They are together lighter than a breath.

**People:** Put no trust in extortion;

**Leader:** Set no vain hopes on robbery;

**People:** If riches increase, set not your heart on them.

**Leader:** Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:

**People:** That power belongs to God,

**Leader:** And that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.

**People:** For you will render to a man according to his work.

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

\*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.

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**Sermon Text | Leviticus 17.1-12**

[1] And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [2] “Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the people of Israel and say to them, This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. [3] If any one of the house of Israel kills an ox or a lamb or a goat in the camp, or kills it outside the camp, [4] and does not bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting to offer it as a gift to the LORD in front of the tabernacle of the LORD, bloodguilt shall be imputed to that man. He has shed blood, and that man shall be cut off from among his people. [5] This is to the end that the people of Israel may bring their sacrifices that they sacrifice in the open field, that they may bring them to the LORD, to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and sacrifice them as sacrifices of peace offerings to the LORD. [6] And the priest shall throw the blood on the altar of the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting and burn the fat for a pleasing aroma to the LORD. [7] So they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices to goat demons, after whom they whore. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations.

[8] “And you shall say to them, Any one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice [9] and does not bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting to offer it to the LORD, that man shall be cut off from his people.

[10] “If any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among them eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people.

[11] For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life. [12] Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood.