



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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*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. 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 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

Fellowship Meal:

Our next meal will be January 14 following the church service and the theme will be “Casser-Bowl”. Last names starting with A-S please bring your favorite casserole, bread and/or side. Last names T-Z please bring a dessert.

Craft and Connect:

Redeemer ladies, please join us on Monday, January 15 at 5:30 pm at the Travis household (19078 Pinedale Circle Flint, TX) for some crafty fun and fellowship. Bring a snack to share and invite a friend!

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@redeemert Tyler.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, all nations!

People: *Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us,*

Leader: And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

People: *Praise the LORD!*

—Psalm 117

Opening Hymn | Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Words by James Montgomery (1821, alt. S. McCracken), music by Sandra McCracken (2012)

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!

Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!

His reign on earth begun!

*He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression and rule in equity. (Chorus)*

*He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.*

*To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight. (Chorus)*

*He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.*

*Kings shall fall down before Him, and gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing. (Chorus)*

*The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.
His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love. (Chorus)*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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 | His Love Can Never Fail

Words by E.S. Hall and Music by Christopher Miner (2004)

I do not ask to see the way My feet will have to tread;
But only that my soul may feed Upon the living Bread.
'Tis better far that I should walk By faith close to His side;
I may not know the way I go, But oh, I know my Guide.

His love can never fail, His love can never fail,
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.

And if my feet would go astray, They cannot, for I know
That Jesus guides my falt'ring steps, As joyfully I go.
And tho' I may not see His face, My faith is strong and clear,
That in each hour of sore distress My Savior will be near. Refrain

I will not fear, tho' darkness come Abroad o'er all the land,
If I may only feel the touch Of His own loving hand.
And tho' I tremble when I think How weak I am, and frail,
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail. Refrain

One More Hymn and the Offering | Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

Words and Music by Jered McKenna (2013)

*Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of God is on you.
Arise, see, when the earth grows dark that the Lord will arise upon you.
The Lord will arise upon you!*

*(Chorus)
Nations will come to your light, lift up your eyes and see.
We'll gather together and come to you,
And your love will be all that we know.
Your love will be all that we know.*

*Arise, come, to the open gates for the Father is welcoming you.
Fear not, for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe,
Redemption to all who believe.*

(Chorus)

*The sun will not shine cause you'll be all the light that we need,
and violence will end, all the wars that we wage will cease.
The sun will not shine cause you'll be all the light that we need,
and violence will end, all the wars that we wage will cease.*

*We will glorify your name,
We will glorify your name!*

(Chorus)

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.
I will plant them on their land,
and they shall never again be uprooted
out of the land that I have given them,"
says the LORD your God.

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 | Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words by Charles Wesley (1740), Music by Greg Thompson (2000)

*Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; Receive my soul at last.*

*Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head, In the shadow of Thy wing.*

*Thou, O Christ, are all I want, Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.*

*Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; For all eternity.*

Concluding Prayer

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
The LORD preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

—Psalm 116.5-7

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 | Genesis 1.1-5

[1] In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. [2] The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

[3] And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. [4] And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. [5] God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Hymn of Worship | Call Upon Him

Words and music by Rachael Lampa, Sandra McCracken and Trillia Newbell

*Call upon Him, call upon Him There is power in the Name
Call upon Him, call upon Him There is power in the Name*

*When I don't have the words
When the spirit hurts
When my sorrow's too deep to understand
Will You hear my voice saying "Speak, oh Lord
Mighty God, Healing King, take my hand?"*

*Call upon Him, call upon Him There is power in the Name
Call upon Him, call upon Him There is power in the Name*

*And in the night, I pray
When I feel afraid
When there is no friend that I can see
Can You hold me safe?
Can You break these chains?
Prince of Peace, Father, please, set me free*

*Call upon Him, call upon Him There is freedom in the Name
Call upon Him, call upon Him There is freedom in the Name*

*Call upon Him, call upon Him
There is healing in the Name
Call upon Him, call upon Him
There is healing in the Name
There is power in the Name
There is freedom in the Name*

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 29

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

People: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

People: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

People: The God of glory thunders,

Leader: The LORD, over many waters.

People: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

Leader: The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

People: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

Leader: The LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

People: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,

Leader: And Sirion like a young wild ox.

People: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

Leader: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

People: The LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Leader: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth

People: And strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

People: The LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

Leader: May the LORD give strength to his people!

People: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

—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 | Luke 2.41-52

[41] Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. [42] And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. [43] And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, [44] but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, [45] and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. [46] After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. [47] And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. [48] And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." [49] And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" [50] And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. [51] And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

[52] And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.