



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

Ben Wheeler, *Pastor* 903-805-1809, ben@redeemertyler.com
Jay Sawrie, *Church Planting Apprentice* 501-520-8357, jay@redeemertyler.com
John Orbaugh, *Ruling Elder* 903-780-6212, john.orbaugh@icloud.com
Robert Hale, *Ruling Elder* 305-562-5502, robert_hale@wycliffe.org
Kent Travis, *Ruling Elder* 903-504-9255, mkenttravis@gmail.com
Abby Plott, *Ministry Coordinator* 205-530-4222, abby@redeemertyler.com

Redeemer Presbyterian Church, PCA

P.O. Box 132191 Tyler, TX 75713



*Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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: our pastor and elders (Ben, John, Robert, Kent, & Jay):

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

Announcements

Churchwide Retreat:

Join us October 23-25 at Timberline Camp in Lindale. Today is the last day to register!



Young Adults’ Hiking:

Saturday, November 7th at Tyler State Park. Meet at the visitor center at 9 am.

There is a \$6/person entry fee.

Sunday School:

Join us before worship, September 20th-November 15th. *With Christ in the School of Prayer.*

9:15 am in the Realtor Center Lobby.

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, 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying Romans. Contact Richard Steenson (972-741-4669) for information.
- Women’s Study, 11:00 am on Fridays. They are studying Titus. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.
- Women’s Study, 6:00 pm every other Tuesday (Next meeting Oct. 27). They are studying Psalms. Contact Abby Plott (205-530-4222) 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: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

People: *The world and those who dwell in it!*

Leader: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

People: *Before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.*

Leader: He will judge the world with righteousness,

People: *And the peoples with equity.*

—Psalm 98.7-9

Opening 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

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 | 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
Words and music by Matt Redman (2012)

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes*

*You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find*

*And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near, and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!*

Concluding Prayer

One More Hymn and the Offering | A Mighty Fortress is our God
Words and music by Martin Luther (1529)

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side, the man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle*

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him*

*That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever*

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

—2 John 3

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 | For All the Saints

Words by William Walsham How (1864), music by Christopher Miner (1997)

*For all the saints who from their labors rest
Who thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed
Alleluia, Allelu*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight
Thou, in the darkness, dearest their one true light
Alleluia, Allelu*

*O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold
Alleluia, Allelu*

*The golden evening brightens in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest
Alleluia, Allelu*

*But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant rise in bright array
The King of glory passes on his way
Alleluia, Allelu*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

—Psalm 25.6-7

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.

New Testament Reading | 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

[1] Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
[2] We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, [3] remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. [4] For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, [5] because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. [6] And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, [7] so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. [8] For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. [9] For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, [10] and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Hymn of Worship | Whate’er My God Ordains is Right

Words by Samuel Rodigast (1675), music by David Braud (1998)

*Whate’er my God ordains is right; Holy his will abideth
I will be still whate’er He does, and follow where He guideth
He is my God, though dark my road
He holds me that I shall not fall
Wherefore to Him I leave it all*

*Whate’er my God ordains is right; He never will deceive me
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me
I take, content, what He hath sent
His hand can turn my griefs away
And patiently I wait His day*

*Whate’er my God ordains is right; Though now this cup in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking
My God is true, each morn anew
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart
And pain and sorrow shall depart*

*Whate’er my God ordains is right; Here shall my stand be taken
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken
My Father’s care, is round me there
He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to Him I leave it all*

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 | The Apostles’ Creed

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.*

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.

Psalm | Psalm 96

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
People: *Sing to the LORD, all the earth!*
Leader: Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
People: *Tell of his salvation from day to day.*
Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
People: *His marvelous works among all the peoples!*
Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
People: *He is to be feared above all gods.*
Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
People: *But the LORD made the heavens.*
Leader: Splendor and majesty are before him;
People: *Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
People: *Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!*
Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
People: *Bring an offering, and come into his courts!*
Leader: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
People: *Tremble before him, all the earth!*

Leader: Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!
People: *Yes, the world is established;*
Leader: It shall never be moved;
People: *He will judge the peoples with equity.”*

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
People: *Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;*
Leader: Let the field exult, and everything in it!
People: *Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy*
Leader: Before the LORD, for he comes,
People: *For he comes to judge the earth.*
Leader: He will judge the world in righteousness,
People: *And the peoples in his faithfulness.*

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

Sermon Text | 1 Samuel 4

[1] And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.

Now Israel went out to battle against the Philistines. They encamped at Ebenezer, and the Philistines encamped at Aphek. [2] The Philistines drew up in line against Israel, and when the battle spread, Israel was defeated before the Philistines, who killed about four thousand men on the field of battle. [3] And when the people came to the camp, the elders of Israel said, “Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD here from Shiloh, that it may come among us and save us from the power of our enemies.” [4] So the people sent to Shiloh and brought from there the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, who is enthroned on the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

[5] As soon as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel gave a mighty shout, so that the earth resounded. [6] And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shouting, they said, “What does this great shouting in the camp of the Hebrews mean?” And when they learned that the ark of the LORD had come to the camp, [7] the Philistines were afraid, for they said, “A god has come into the camp.” And they said, “Woe to us! For nothing like this has happened before. [8] Woe to us! Who can deliver us from the power of these mighty gods? These are the gods who struck the Egyptians with every sort of plague in the wilderness. [9] Take courage, and be men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews as they have been to you; be men and fight.”

[10] So the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and they fled, every man to his home. And there was a very great slaughter, for thirty thousand foot soldiers of Israel fell. [11] And the ark of God was captured, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

[12] A man of Benjamin ran from the battle line and came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes torn and with dirt on his head. [13] When he arrived, Eli was sitting on his seat by the road watching, for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and told the news, all the city cried out. [14] When Eli heard the sound of the outcry, he said, “What is this uproar?” Then the man hurried and came and told Eli. [15] Now Eli was ninety-eight years old and his eyes were set so that he could not see. [16] And the man said to Eli, “I am he who has come from the battle; I fled from the battle today.” And he said, “How did it go, my son?” [17] He who brought the news answered and said, “Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has also been a great defeat among the people. Your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been captured.” [18] As soon as he mentioned the ark of God, Eli fell over backward from his seat by the side of the gate, and his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. He had judged Israel forty years.

[19] Now his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to give birth. And when she heard the news that the ark of God was captured, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed and gave birth, for her pains came upon her. [20] And about the time of her death the women attending her said to her, “Do not be afraid, for you have borne a son.” But she did not answer or pay attention. [21] And she named the child Ichabod, saying, “The glory has departed from Israel!” because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. [22] And she said, “The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.”

Sermon Notes