



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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*Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 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 church and mission, deacons

- Monday
That God would prepare us to be his ambassadors, welcoming to those who visit and reaching out to friends and neighbors and those in need; for healthy marriages and families.
- Tuesday
For our Deacons and Deacon Assistants: Chris, Jeremy, Barbara, and Abby. Wisdom for them as they seek to help us use our gifts in service to our church and community.
- Wednesday
For authentic community, healthy small groups, deep friendships.
- Thursday
Physical and material needs of the body; that we would see opportunities to love and serve the destitute, ill, imprisoned, orphaned, and widowed.
- Friday
That we would grow in prayer; for God to bless our corporate worship.
- Saturday
Sabbath rest. Discernment, perspective, faith, and contentment.

Announcements

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.

Advent Party:

Friday, December 4th. Mark your calendar for the annual Advent Party, chili and pie cook-off! Details to come.

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.

Budget Update

	Income	Expenses	Difference
July	\$25,925	\$22,851	\$3,074
August	\$30,217	\$23,100	\$7,117
September	\$24,820	\$27,060	-\$2,240
Fiscal Year Total	\$334,206	\$283,014	\$51,192

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion

People: *He is exalted over all the peoples.*

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

People: *Holy is he!*

—Psalm 99.2-3

Opening Hymn | Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

Words by Joseph Hart (1759), music by Matthew S. Smith (2000)

*Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more*

*Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy*

*Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call*

*Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam*

*Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him, venture wholly; let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 | For the Beauty of the Earth

Words by Folliott Pierpoint (1864), music by Conrad Kocher (1838)

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light

For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth, and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild

For yourself, best gift divine
To the world so freely given
Agent of God's grand design:
Peace on earth and joy in heaven

One More Hymn and the Offering | On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand

Words by Samuel Sennett (1787), music by Christopher Miner (1997)

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o’er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land
I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father’s face
And in His bosom rest?

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

—Revelation 1.5-6

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 | Amazing Grace

Words by John Newton (1779), Music by Edwin Excell (1900)

*Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found—
Was blind, but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!*

*Thro' many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home*

*The Lord has promised good to me
His Word, my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures*

*When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun*

Concluding Prayer

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: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

—Hebrews 4.15-16

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 2.1-8

[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.

Hymn of Worship | This is My Father’s World

By Maltie D. Babcock (1901)

*This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres
 This is my Father's world
 I rest me in the thought
 Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas —
 His hand the wonders wrought*

*This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light, the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise
 This is my Father's world:
 He shines in all that's fair
 In the rustling grass I hear Him pass
 He speaks to me everywhere*

*This is my Father's world!
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet
 This is my Father's world
 Why should my heart be sad?
 The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
 God reigns; let earth be glad!*

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 Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

Question: What is your only comfort in life and death?

Answer: *That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

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.*

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,*
Leader: And its leaf does not wither.
People: *In all that he does, he prospers.*
Leader: The wicked are not so,
People: *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.*

**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.*

Sermon Text | 1 Samuel 5.1-6.13

[1] When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. [2] Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon and set it up beside Dagon. [3] And when the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and put him back in his place. [4] But when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off on the threshold. Only the trunk of Dagon was left to him. [5] This is why the priests of Dagon and all who enter the house of Dagon do not tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

[6] The hand of the LORD was heavy against the people of Ashdod, and he terrified and afflicted them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territory. [7] And when the men of Ashdod saw how things were, they said, “The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for his hand is hard against us and against Dagon our god.” [8] So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines and said, “What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?” They answered, “Let the ark of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath.” So they brought the ark of the God of Israel there. [9] But after they had brought it around, the hand of the LORD was against the city, causing a very great panic, and he afflicted the men of the city, both young and old, so that tumors broke out on them. [10] So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. But as soon as the ark of God came to Ekron, the people of Ekron cried out, “They have brought around to us the ark of the God of Israel to kill us and our people.” [11] They sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines and said, “Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to its own place, that it may not kill us and our people.” For there was a deathly panic throughout the whole city. The hand of God was very heavy there. [12] The men who did not die were struck with tumors, and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

[1] The ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months. [2] And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners and said, “What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us with what we shall send it to its place.” [3] They said, “If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it empty, but by all means return him a guilt offering. Then you will be healed, and it will be known to you why his hand does not turn away from you.” [4] And they said, “What is the guilt offering that we shall return to him?” They answered, “Five golden tumors and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines, for the same plague was on all of you and on your lords. [5] So you must make images of your tumors and images of your mice that ravage the land, and give glory to the God of Israel. Perhaps he will lighten his hand from off you and your gods and your land. [6] Why should you harden your hearts as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? After he had dealt severely with them, did they not send the people away, and they departed? [7] Now then, take and prepare a new cart and two milk cows on which there has never come a yoke, and yoke the cows to the cart, but take their calves home,

away from them. [8] And take the ark of the LORD and place it on the cart and put in a box at its side the figures of gold, which you are returning to him as a guilt offering. Then send it off and let it go its way [9] and watch. If it goes up on the way to its own land, to Beth-shemesh, then it is he who has done us this great harm, but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that struck us; it happened to us by coincidence.”

[10] The men did so, and took two milk cows and yoked them to the cart and shut up their calves at home. [11] And they put the ark of the LORD on the cart and the box with the golden mice and the images of their tumors. [12] And the cows went straight in the direction of Beth-shemesh along one highway, lowing as they went. They turned neither to the right nor to the left, and the lords of the Philistines went after them as far as the border of Beth-shemesh. [13] Now the people of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley. And when they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, they rejoiced to see it.

Sermon Notes