



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-Third Sunday after Pentecost:*  
**October 27, 2024**

*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 [redeemert Tyler.com](http://redeemert Tyler.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.



## Prayer Suggestions:

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

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

# Announcements

## Men's Pub Night:

Come hang out with some fellas from church Wednesday, October 30 from 7-9 pm at True Vine on the Square (110 N College Ave #102). Bring a friend!

## Newcomer's Dinner:

Open to those that are new to the church, want to know more about Redeemer, and/or have an interest in membership. This 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. November 2, 6 pm at the Wheeler residence (3314 Pollard Dr). If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Chris Gilmore at [chris\\_gilmore@zoho.com](mailto:chris_gilmore@zoho.com).

## Annual Advent Party:

Please join us December 7 at the Priddys' (17950 Timothy Court Tyler, TX) at 6 pm for a chili cook-off! Get ready to show off your best chili recipe and earn the title of top chef! If you would not like to participate in the cook-off, please bring your favorite appetizer, soup, or dessert. Hope to see you there!

## 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](mailto: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 Galatians on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

**People:** *Praise him in his mighty heavens!*

**Leader:** Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**People:** *Praise him according to his excellent greatness!*

—Psalm 150.1-2

## Opening Hymn | 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.*

## 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, forever 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 | How Firm a Foundation

*Words from Rippon's Selection of Hymns (1787), traditional American melody*

*How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.*

*"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design, your dross to consume and your gold to refine.*

*"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."*

## 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:** Out of my distress I called on the LORD;  
the LORD answered me and set me free.  
The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.  
What can man do to me?  
The LORD is on my side as my helper

—Psalm 118.5-7a

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

## One More Hymn and the Offering | Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*Words by Elizabeth Clephane, 1872; music by Christopher Miner, 1997*

*Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:  
And from my stricken heart with tears, two wonders I confess,  
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

## Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

—Jude 24-25

**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 | Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

*Words by Joseph Swain (alt Twit), Music by Kevin Twit (2013)*

*Come ye souls by, sin afflicted,  
Bowed with fruitless, sorrow down;  
By the broken, law convicted,  
Through the cross, behold the crown;  
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;  
Mercy flows through Him alone.*

*Take His easy, yoke and wear it;  
Love will make your, obedience sweet;  
Christ will give you, strength to bear it,  
While His grace, shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory,  
Where His ransomed captives meet.*

*Blessed are the, eyes that see Him,  
Blest the ears that, hear His voice;  
Blessed are the, souls that trust Him,  
And in Him, alone rejoice;  
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments  
Then become their happy choice.*

*Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary,  
Light to newly, opened eyes,  
Like full springs in, deserts dreary,  
Is the rest, the cross supplies;  
All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it  
Shall to rest immortal rise.*

## Concluding Prayer

## Public Reception of New Members and The Sign of God's Covenant in Baptism

### Vow of Membership

**Rachel and Kade Doss**

### God's Covenant Promises

For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your house.

—Acts 2:39; Gen. 17:7; Acts 16:31

### Prayer

#### Parental Vows

-Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

-Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?

-Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

#### Congregational Vows

-Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

### The Baptism

**Lorelai Kay Doss**

### Concluding Prayer

### 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 | Jeremiah 31.7-9

[7] For thus says the LORD:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
‘O LORD, save your people,  
the remnant of Israel.’

[8] Behold, I will bring them from the north country  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

[9] With weeping they shall come,  
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,  
I will make them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,  
for I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

## Our Great God

*Words and music by Fernando Ortega (2002)*

*Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown,  
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown,  
Bright Seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne,  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.*

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
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*Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm,  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.*

*Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe,  
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word!*

## 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 one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic\* and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

—The Nicene 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.*

## Psalm | Psalm 126

**Leader:** When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,

**People:** *We were like those who dream.*

**Leader:** Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

**People:** *And our tongue with shouts of joy;*

**Leader:** Then they said among the nations,

**People:** *"The LORD has done great things for them."*

**Leader:** The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

**People:** *Restore our fortunes, O LORD,*

**Leader:** Like streams in the Negeb!

**People:** *Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!*

**Leader:** He who goes out weeping,

**People:** *Bearing the seed for sowing,*

**Leader:** Shall come home with shouts of joy,

**People:** *Bringing his sheaves with him.*

\*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.

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

**Sermon Text | Revelation 3,1-6**

[1] “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

“I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. [2] Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. [3] Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. [4] Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. [5] The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. [6] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’