Redeemer Presbyterian Church exists to see our city renewed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 1, 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.

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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 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: global and local missions

- Monday
  Richey and Keli Goodrich: Ministry and continued access to India, Keli's ongoing health concerns.
- Tuesday
  RUF-International, ministry to international students studying at American universities. Pray for Justin Smith, Hailey Tarbell, and Richey Goodrich at UT Dallas and Will Peters at SMU.
- Wednesday
  Tyler Area YoungLife: BJ Riley, Tray Phillips, Julie Kummerfeld, and Lindsay Puckett; Mentoring Alliance (Summer Camps, After School, & Mentor Connect programs).
- Thursday
  RUF, college ministry at UT Tyler: John Gordy and Abby Plott.
- Friday
  Promise Academy's financial and prayer support; Highway 80 Rescue Mission; PATH; Axia Pregnancy Resource Center.
- Saturday
  Pray that unity will grow among the churches in our city so we may care for people, evangelize, and make disciples.

Announcements

Young Adults' Hiking:
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.

Fellowship Meal:
November 15th. Join us after worship for lunch. The theme is Comfort Food. Last names A-H bring a main dish; I-L bring a side; M-Z bring a dessert.

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 2 Timothy. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.
- Women's Study, 6:00 pm every other Tuesday (Next meeting Nov. 10). 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

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Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
People: *Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!*

—Psalm 100.1-2

Opening Hymn | Melt My Soul to Love

Words by Joseph Swain (1761-1796), music by Benj Pocta and Brian T. Murphy (2006)

Hark! From the cross a gracious voice
Salutes my ravished ears
Rejoice, thou ransomed souls, rejoice!
And dry those falling tears!

Amazed, I turn, grown strangely bold
This wondrous thing to see
And there the dying Lord behold
Stretched on the bloody tree

"Sinner," He cried, "behold the head
This thorny wreath entwines
Look on those wounded hands and read
Thy name in crimson lines."

The power, the sweetness of that voice
My stony heart does move
Makes me in Christ my Lord rejoice
And melts my soul to love
And melts my soul to love
And melts my soul to love!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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."

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: The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

—Numbers 6.24-26

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

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: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

—Psalm 103.2-4

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 2.9-13

[9] For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. [10] You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. [11] For you know how, like a father with his children, [12] we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

[13] And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Hymn of Worship | Satisfied

Words by Clara T. Williams (1875), Music by Karl Digerness (1997)

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved

Feeding on the filth around me, 'till my strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved

Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved

Well of water ever springing, Bread of Life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved

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 43

Leader: Vindicate me, O God
People: *And defend my cause*
Leader: Against an ungodly people,
People: *From the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!*
Leader: For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
People: *Why have you rejected me?*
Leader: Why do I go about mourning
People: *Because of the oppression of the enemy?*

Leader: Send out your light and your truth;
People: *Let them lead me;*
Leader: Let them bring me to your holy hill
People: *And to your dwelling!*
Leader: Then I will go to the altar of God,
People: *To God my exceeding joy,*
Leader: And I will praise you with the lyre,
People: *O God, my God.*

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
People: *And why are you in turmoil within me?*
Leader: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
People: *My salvation and my God.*

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

Ministry of the Word | The Help of the LORD

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | 1 Samuel 6.13-7.17

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. [14] The cart came into the field of Joshua of Beth-shemesh and stopped there. A great stone was there. And they split up the wood of the cart and offered the cows as a burnt offering to the LORD. [15] And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the box that was beside it, in which were the golden figures, and set them upon the great stone. And the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices on that day to the LORD. [16] And when the five lords of the Philistines saw it, they returned that day to Ekron.

[17] These are the golden tumors that the Philistines returned as a guilt offering to the LORD: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for Gath, one for Ekron, [18] and the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both fortified cities and unwalled villages. The great stone beside which they set down the ark of the LORD is a witness to this day in the field of Joshua of Beth-shemesh.

[19] And he struck some of the men of Beth-shemesh, because they looked upon the ark of the LORD. He struck seventy men of them, and the people mourned because the LORD had struck the people with a great blow. [20] Then the men of Beth-shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God? And to whom shall he go up away from us?" [21] So they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim, saying, "The Philistines have returned the ark of the LORD. Come down and take it up to you."

[1] And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill. And they consecrated his son Eleazar to have charge of the ark of the LORD. [2] From the day that the ark was lodged at Kiriath-jearim, a long time passed, some twenty years, and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

[3] And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to the LORD with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your heart to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." [4] So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and they served the LORD only.

[5] Then Samuel said, "Gather all Israel at Mizpah, and I will pray to the LORD for you." [6] So they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before the LORD and fasted on that day and said there, "We have sinned against the LORD." And Samuel judged the people of Israel at Mizpah. [7] Now when the Philistines heard that the people of Israel had gathered at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the people of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines. [8] And the people of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry out to the LORD our God for us, that he may save us from the hand of the Philistines." [9] So Samuel took a nursing lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. And Samuel cried out to the LORD for Israel, and the LORD answered him. [10] As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel. But the LORD thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel. [11] And the men of Israel went out from Mizpah and pursued the Philistines and struck them, as far as below Beth-car.

[12] Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, "Till now the LORD has helped us." [13] So the Philistines were subdued and did not again enter the territory of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. [14] The cities that the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath, and Israel delivered their territory from the hand of the Philistines. There was peace also between Israel and the Amorites.

[15] Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. [16] And he went on a circuit year by year to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah. And he judged Israel in all these places. [17] Then he would return to Ramah, for his home was there, and there also he judged Israel. And he built there an altar to the LORD.

Sermon Notes