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

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Love People
Love Tyler

The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

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November 15, 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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Announcements

Fellowship Meal:
Join us after worship for a fellowship lunch!

Men's Pub Night:
This Thursday, November 19th, 7-9 pm at ETX Brewing. Bring a friend!

Advent Party:
Friday, December 4th. Mark your calendar for the annual Advent party and chili & 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 Dec. 1). They are studying Psalms.
  Contact Abby Plott (205-530-4222) for information.

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Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
People: *And all that is within me, bless his holy name!*
Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
People: *Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.*

—Psalm 103.1-3

Opening Hymn | Let All Things Now Living

Words by Katherine Davis (1939), traditional Welsh melody

Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise
Who fashioned and made us
Protected and stayed us
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days
His banners are o'er us
His light goes before us
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night
Till shadows have vanished
And darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light

His law he enforces
The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine
The hills and the mountains
The rivers and fountains
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine
We too should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 | How Long

Words and music by Isaac Wardell (2016)

How long? Will You turn Your face away?
How long? Do You hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?
We go on holding to Your promises - How long?

> *'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye*
> *'Til we see our home descending from the sky*
> *Do we wait in vain?*
> *Jesus, give us hope again!*

How long 'til Your word will still the storm?
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns - How long?

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?

One More Hymn and the Offering | Christ is Mine Forevermore

Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

Mine are days that God has numbered I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of Kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armor for this battle strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul for His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure Christ is mine forevermore (x3)

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

—Romans 15.13

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 | 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: *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: He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

—Isaiah 25.8

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 5.1-11

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4] But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5] For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6] So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7] For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Hymn of Worship | Great is Thy Faithfulness

Words by Thomas O. Chisholm (1923)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with thee
Thou changest not; thy compassions, they fail not
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be

> *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*
> *Morning by morning new mercies I see*
> *All I have needed, thy hand hath provided*
> *Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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 90.1-12

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
People: *Before the mountains were brought forth,*
Leader: Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
People: *From everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

Leader: You return man to dust and say,
People: *"Return, O children of man!"*
Leader: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,
People: *Or as a watch in the night.*

Leader: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,
People: *Like grass that is renewed in the morning:*
Leader: In the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
People: *In the evening it fades and withers.*

Leader: For we are brought to an end by your anger;
People: *By your wrath we are dismayed.*
Leader: You have set our iniquities before you,
People: *Our secret sins in the light of your presence.*

Leader: For all our days pass away under your wrath;
People: *We bring our years to an end like a sigh.*
Leader: The years of our life are seventy,
People: *Or even by reason of strength eighty;*
Leader: Yet their span is but toil and trouble;
People: *They are soon gone, and we fly away.*
Leader: Who considers the power of your anger,
People: *And your wrath according to the fear of you?*

Leader: So teach us to number our days
People: *That we may get a heart of wisdom.*

—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 | Why Then Have You Spoken to Me in This Way?

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | 1 Samuel 9.1-10.1a

[1] There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. [2] And he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.

[3] Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. So Kish said to Saul his son, "Take one of the young men with you, and arise, go and look for the donkeys." [4] And he passed through the hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they did not find them. And they passed through the land of Shaalim, but they were not there. Then they passed through the land of Benjamin, but did not find them.

[5] When they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, let us go back, lest my father cease to care about the donkeys and become anxious about us." [6] But he said to him, "Behold, there is a man of God in this city, and he is a man who is held in honor; all that he says comes true. So now let us go there. Perhaps he can tell us the way we should go." [7] Then Saul said to his servant, "But if we go, what can we bring the man? For the bread in our sacks is gone, and there is no present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?" [8] The servant answered Saul again, "Here, I have with me a quarter of a shekel of silver, and I will give it to the man of God to tell us our way." [9] (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he said, "Come, let us go to the seer," for today's "prophet" was formerly called a seer.) [10] And Saul said to his servant, "Well said; come, let us go." So they went to the city where the man of God was.

[11] As they went up the hill to the city, they met young women coming out to draw water and said to them, "Is the seer here?" [12] They answered, "He is; behold, he is just ahead of you. Hurry. He has come just now to the city, because the people have a sacrifice today on the high place. [13] As soon as you enter the city you will find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat till he comes, since he must bless the sacrifice; afterward those who are invited will eat. Now go up, for you will meet him immediately." [14] So they went up to the city. As they were entering the city, they saw Samuel coming out toward them on his way up to the high place.

[15] Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed to Samuel: [16] "Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen my people, because their cry has come to me." [17] When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD told him, "Here is the man of whom I spoke to you! He it is who shall restrain my people." [18] Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate and said, "Tell me where is the house of the seer?"

[19] Samuel answered Saul, "I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for today you shall eat with me, and in the morning I will let you go and will tell you all that is on your mind. [20] As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them, for they have been found. And for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father's house?" [21] Saul answered, "Am I not a Benjaminite, from the least of the tribes of Israel? And is not my clan the humblest of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then have you spoken to me in this way?"

[22] Then Samuel took Saul and his young man and brought them into the hall and gave them a place at the head of those who had been invited, who were about thirty persons. [23] And Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the portion I gave you, of which I said to you, 'Put it aside.'" [24] So the cook took up the leg and what was on it and set them before Saul. And Samuel said, "See, what was kept is set before you. Eat, because it was kept for you until the hour appointed, that you might eat with the guests."

So Saul ate with Samuel that day. [25] And when they came down from the high place into the city, a bed was spread for Saul on the roof, and he lay down to sleep. [26] Then at the break of dawn Samuel called to Saul on the roof, "Up, that I may send you on your way." So Saul arose, and both he and Samuel went out into the street.

[27] As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the servant to pass on before us, and when he has passed on, stop here yourself for a while, that I may make known to you the word of God."

[1] Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head and kissed him and said, "Has not the LORD anointed you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will save them from the hand of their surrounding enemies.

Sermon Notes