



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-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**November 19, 2023**

*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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Topic: needs of our city.

- Monday  
That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in our schools.
- Tuesday  
That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in city, state, and local government, and justice systems.
- Wednesday  
That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in local law enforcement, emergency response personnel, and hospitals.
- Thursday  
That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically amongst our immigrant, economically disadvantaged, and minority populations. (See Deuteronomy 10.17-19.)
- Friday  
That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically for a unity within our churches and between our churches in the cause of Christ.
- Saturday  
That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically that the gospel would be proclaimed throughout our city's churches.

# Announcements

## 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!

## Men's Pub Night:

Come hang out with some fellas from church Wednesday, November 29 from 7-9 pm at True Vine on the Square (110 N College Ave #102). Bring a friend!

## Advent Party:

Please join us December 2 at the Priddys' (17950 Timothy Court Tyler, TX) at 6:00 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 soup, salad, or dessert. Hope to see you there!

## 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.

## Bible and Book Studies:

- Men's study meets over breakfast, 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying Esther.
- The women's group is studying 1 Corinthians on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

**People:** *Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

**Leader:** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

**People:** *With the lyre and the sound of melody!*

**Leader:** With trumpets and the sound of the horn

**People:** *Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!*

—Psalm 98.4-6

## Opening Hymn | All Glory, Laud and Honor

Words by Theodulph of Orleans (820), music by Melchior Teschner (1615)

*All glory, laud, and honor, to you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.*

*The company of angels, is praising you on high;  
And we with all creation, in chorus make reply.  
The people of the Hebrews, with palms before you went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems, before you we present.*

*To you before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.  
As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,  
For you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King!*

## 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, forever 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 | All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Words and music by Edward Perronet, 1779

*All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.*

*Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.*

*Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.*

*O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.*

## One More Hymn and the Offering | Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Words by Jennie Wilson Music by F.L. Eiland & Clyde Williams

*Time is filled with swift transition  
Naught of earth unmoved can stand  
Build your hopes on things eternal  
Hold the God's unchanging hand*

*Hold to His hand  
God's unchanging hand  
Hold to His hand  
God's unchanging hand  
Build your hopes on things eternal  
Hold to God's unchanging hand*

*Trust in Him who will not leave you  
Whatsoever years may bring  
If by earthly friends forsaken  
Still more clearly to Him cling*

*Covet not this world's vain riches  
That so rapidly decay  
Seek to gain the heavenly treasures  
That will never pass away*

## Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

**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 free bread is available on the serving tray.

## Communion Hymn | Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

*Words by John Newton (1774), music by Laura Taylor (2001)*

*Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name:*

*He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame!*

*He has washed us with His blood (3X), He has brought us nigh to God.*

*Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies,*

*Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.*

*He has washed us with His blood (3x), He presents our souls to God.*

*Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down,*

*For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown.*

*He, Who washed us with His blood (3X), soon will bring us home to God.*

*Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy's store!*

*When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more.*

*He who washed us with His blood (3X), has secured our way to God!*

*Let us praise and join the chorus, of the saints enthroned on high;*

*Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky!*

*Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3X), Thou art worthy Lamb of God!*

## Concluding Prayer

## Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

*O God, whose nature it is to be generous: we confess to you our share of the guilt for a world of hungry families and homeless peoples. Forgive us for our self-centered living and spending; forgive those who blame you for their failures. Grant that this week some who have given nothing may start to give, and those who have given something may give more, that both our church and our nation may give due place to the cries of those who have nothing to eat and nowhere to live, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

**Leader:** Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 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 4.14-16

**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.

## Gospel Reading | Matthew 25.14-30

[14] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15] To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16] He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17] So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18] But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. [19] Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20] And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ [21] His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ [22] And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ [23] His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ [24] He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ [26] But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29] For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30] And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

## Hymn of Worship | S Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him?

*Words by Ora Rowan (1834-1879; alt. Kevin Twit), music by Joel Littlepage (2010)*

*Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him?  
Is not thine a captured heart?  
Chief among ten thousand own Him,  
Joyful choose the better part.*

*Idols oft they win thee, charm thee  
Lovely things of time and sense  
Gilded thus does sin disarm thee  
Honeyed lest thou turn thee hence*

*Captivated by His beauty, Worthy tribute haste to bring.  
Let His peerless worth constrain thee, Crown Him now unrivaled King.*

## 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 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.*

—The Apostle's 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.*

—This is a great time for parents to go pick up their children from Redeemer Kids for communion.

*What can strip the seeming beauty,  
From the idols of the earth?  
Not a sense of right or duty,  
But the sight of peerless worth.*

*Not the crushing of those idols  
With its bitter void and smart  
But the beaming of His beauty  
The unveiling of His heart*

*Captivated by His beauty, Worthy tribute haste to bring.  
Let His peerless worth constrain thee, Crown Him now unrivaled King.*

*Tis that look that melted Peter,  
'Tis that face that Stephen saw,  
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary,  
Can alone from idols draw.*

*Captivated by His beauty, Worthy tribute haste to bring.  
Let His peerless worth constrain thee, Crown Him now unrivaled King.*

## Psalm | Psalm 123

**Leader:** To you I lift up my eyes,

**People:** O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**Leader:** Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

**People:** As the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,

**Leader:** So our eyes look to the LORD our God,

**People:** Till he has mercy upon us.

**Leader:** Have mercy upon us, O LORD,

**People:** Have mercy upon us,

**Leader:** For we have had more than enough of contempt.

**People:** Our soul has had more than enough

**Leader:** Of the scorn of those who are at ease,

**People:** Of the contempt of the proud.

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

\*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.

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**Sermon Text | Leviticus 11.29-47**

[29] “And these are unclean to you among the swarming things that swarm on the ground: the mole rat, the mouse, the great lizard of any kind, [30] the gecko, the monitor lizard, the lizard, the sand lizard, and the chameleon. [31] These are unclean to you among all that swarm. Whoever touches them when they are dead shall be unclean until the evening. [32] And anything on which any of them falls when they are dead shall be unclean, whether it is an article of wood or a garment or a skin or a sack, any article that is used for any purpose. It must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the evening; then it shall be clean. [33] And if any of them falls into any earthenware vessel, all that is in it shall be unclean, and you shall break it. [34] Any food in it that could be eaten, on which water comes, shall be unclean. And all drink that could be drunk from every such vessel shall be unclean. [35] And everything on which any part of their carcass falls shall be unclean. Whether oven or stove, it shall be broken in pieces. They are unclean and shall remain unclean for you. [36] Nevertheless, a spring or a cistern holding water shall be clean, but whoever touches a carcass in them shall be unclean. [37] And if any part of their carcass falls upon any seed grain that is to be sown, it is clean, [38] but if water is put on the seed and any part of their carcass falls on it, it is unclean to you.

[39] “And if any animal which you may eat dies, whoever touches its carcass shall be unclean until the evening, [40] and whoever eats of its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. And whoever carries the carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening.

[41] “Every swarming thing that swarms on the ground is detestable; it shall not be eaten. [42] Whatever goes on its belly, and whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has many feet, any swarming thing that swarms on the ground, you shall not eat, for they are detestable. [43] You shall not make yourselves detestable with any swarming thing that swarms, and you shall not defile yourselves with them, and become unclean through them. [44] For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground. [45] For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

[46] This is the law about beast and bird and every living creature that moves through the waters and every creature that swarms on the ground, [47] to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean and between the living creature that may be eaten and the living creature that may not be eaten.