



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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*Second Sunday of Easter:*  
**April 12, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto: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](mailto:abby@redeemertyler.com) to join the Deacon 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

## Fellowship Meal:

Next week! Join us after worship on April 19 for lunch. Prepare your favorite dish! Last names beginning with A-J, please provide a main dish. M-Z, please provide a side. K-L, please provide a dessert.

## New Members' Class:

April 19, 26. Join us before Sunday worship in the lobby at 9:15 am. This class is for anyone interested in learning more about Redeemer. Contact Ben for more information (903-805-1809).

## Men's Campout:

In lieu of Men's Pub Night this month, you are invited to visit the Men's Campout at Bob Sandlin State Park in the evening.

## Easter Picnic:

Mark your calendar for the church-wide Easter picnic, Sunday May 3rd, 5-9 pm.

## 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](mailto:ben@redeemertyler.com).

## Bible and Book Studies:

- Men's study meets at 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying Acts. Contact Richard Steenson (972-741-4669) for information.
- Women's study meets at 11:00 am on Friday mornings. They are studying Ephesians. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) 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.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call to Worship

**Leader:** Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

**People:** *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

—Psalm 73.25-26

## Opening Hymn | Arise, My Soul, Arise

*Words by John Newton (1742), Music by Kevin Twit (1996)*

*Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears  
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands  
My name is written on His hands*

*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

*He ever lives above, for me to intercede; His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead  
His blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace*

*Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"*

*The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One; He cannot turn away the presence of His Son  
The Spirit answers to the blood, the Spirit answers to the blood  
And tells me I am born of God*

*My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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:** *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 | Crown Him with Many Crowns

Words by Matthew Bridges, 1851; music by George J. Elvey, 1868

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity*

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright*

*Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife, for those He came to save  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die*

*Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity*

## One More Hymn and the Offering | Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

Words by Venantius Honorius Clementianus Fortunatus (560), translated by Johan Olaf Wallin

*Praise the Savior now and ever; Praise him all beneath the skies  
Prostrate lying, suffering, dying, on the cross, a sacrifice  
Victory gaining, life obtaining, now in glory he doth rise*

*Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth; he is all our righteousness  
He, our Savior, has for ever, set us free from dire distress  
Through his merit we inherit, light and peace and happiness*

*Sin's bonds severed; we're delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent's head  
Death no longer is the stronger; hell itself is captive led  
Christ has risen from death's prison; o'er the tomb he light has shed*

*For his favor, praise for ever, unto God the Father sing  
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King  
Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit, He doth us salvation bring*

## Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**People:** *Amen!*

*—based on Philippians 4.7*

**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 | How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Words and music by John Newton (1774)

*How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds, in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear*

*It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest*

*Dear Name, the rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place  
My never failing treasury, filled With boundless stores of grace!*

*Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring*

*Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought  
But when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought*

*Till then I would thy love proclaim, with ev'ry fleeting breath  
And may the music of thy Name, refresh my soul in death*

## 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:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

—1 Peter 1.3

**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 | John 20.19-31

[19] On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." [20] When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." [22] And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

[24] Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

[26] Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27] Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." [28] Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29] Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

[30] Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Leader:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Hymn of Worship | In Christ Alone

Words and music by Keith and Krystin Getty, 2001

*In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fulness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied—  
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live*

## 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.*

—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.

*There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

## Psalm | Psalm 16

**Leader:** Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**People:** *I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."*

**Leader:** As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,

**People:** *In whom is all my delight.*

**Leader:** The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

**People:** *Their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.*

**Leader:** The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

**People:** *You hold my lot.*

**Leader:** The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

**People:** *Indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.*

**Leader:** I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

**People:** *In the night also my heart instructs me.*

**Leader:** I have set the LORD always before me;

**People:** *Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.*

**Leader:** Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

**People:** *My flesh also dwells secure.*

**Leader:** For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

**People:** *Or let your holy one see corruption.*

**Leader:** You make known to me the path of life;

**People:** *In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

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

Rev. John Gordy

**Sermon Text | Ephesians 2.1-10**

[1] And you were dead in the trespasses and sins [2] in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—[3] among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. [4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—[6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.