



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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Fourth Sunday of Easter:
April 26, 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.

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.

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 Deacon email list.

Prayer Suggestions:

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

Easter Picnic:

Sunday May 3rd, 5-9 pm (15946 County Road 178, 75703). The church will provide chicken and sausage; please bring a side or dessert to share.

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 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.

Budget Update:

	Income	Expenses	Difference
January	\$28,817	\$22,713	\$6,104
February	\$31,628	\$22,776	\$8,852
March	\$34,768	\$22,303	\$12,465
Year to Date	\$166,347	\$139,569	\$26,778

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.

People: We recount your wondrous deeds.

Leader: I will declare it forever;

People: I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

Leader: All the horns of the wicked I will cut off,

People: But the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

—from Psalm 75

Opening Hymn | O Day of Rest and Gladness

Words by Christopher Wordsworth (1862), music by Christopher Miner (1997)

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light
 O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright
 On Thee, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune
 Sing holy, holy, holy, to the great God Triune

On Thee, at the creation, the light first had its birth
 On Thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth
 On Thee, our Lord, victorious, the Spirit sent from heav’n
 And thus on Thee, most glorious, a triple light was giv’n

Thou art a port protected, from storms that round us rise
 A garden intersected, with streams of paradise
 Thou art a cooling fountain, in life’s dry dreary sand
 From Thee, like Pisgah’s mountain, we view our promised land

Today on weary nations, the heav’nly manna falls
 To holy convocations, the silver trumpet calls
 Where gospel light is glowing, with pure and radiant beams
 And living water flowing, with soul-refreshing streams

New graces ever gaining, from this, our day of rest
 We reach the rest remaining, to spirits of the blessed
 To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son
 The church her voice upraises, to Thee, blessed Three in One

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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 | Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words by Robert Robinson, 1758; Music is traditional American melody

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood*

*O, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above*

One More Hymn and the Offering | Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Written by: Johnny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Warren

*What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer? There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace*

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine; Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed*

*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome; Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave*

*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing I am free; Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne*

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus! All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, Yet not I, but through Christ in me
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, Yet not I, but through Christ in me
Yet not I, but through Christ in me, Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

— Hebrews 13:20-21

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 | Were You There

Southern spiritual, music by Clint Wells (2009)

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?
Sometimes I feel like shouting glory
Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

*Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
Sometimes I feel like shouting glory
Sometimes I feel like shouting glory!
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?*

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 himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

—1 Peter 2.24-25

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 | Acts 2.42-47

[42] And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. [43] And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. [44] And all who believed were together and had all things in common. [45] And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. [46] And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, [47] praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Hymn of Worship | Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

Words by Martin Luther (1523), music by Christopher Miner, 1997

*From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, The voice of lamentation
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me, And hear my supplication
If Thou iniquities dost mark, Our secret sins and misdeeds dark
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)*

*To wash away the crimson stain, Grace, grace alone availeth
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; In much the best life faileth
No man can glory in Thy sight, All must alike confess Thy might
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)*

*Therefore my trust is in the Lord, And not in mine own merit
On Him my soul shall rest, His word, Upholds my fainting spirit
His promised mercy is my fort, My comfort and my sweet support
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)*

*What though I wait the livelong night, And til the dawn appeareth
My heart still trusteth in His might; It doubteth not nor feareth
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed
And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)
And wait til God appeareth (Wait till God appeareth)*

*Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth
His helping love no limit knows, Our utmost need it soundeth
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow. (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow. (All their sin and sorrow)*

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.

Psalm | Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: *He makes me lie down in green pastures.*

Leader: He leads me beside still waters.

People: *He restores my soul.*

Leader: He leads me in paths of righteousness

People: *For his name's sake.*

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

People: *I will fear no evil,*

Leader: For you are with me;

People: *Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

People: *You anoint my head with oil; My cup overflows.*

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: *And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

*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.

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

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | John 10.1–10

[1] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. [2] But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. [3] To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. [4] When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. [5] A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” [6] This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

[7] So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. [8] All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. [9] I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. [10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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