



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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Fifth Sunday of Easter:
May 3, 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: our pastor and elders (Ben, John, Robert, & Kent):

- Monday
Spiritual health and protection, relationships with spouse and children
- Tuesday
Integrity, emotional strength, communication skill
- Wednesday
Faith, finances, friendships
- Thursday
For their spouses, vision, and unity
- Friday
Passion for ministry, Sabbath rest, discernment
- Saturday
Perspective, faith, contentment

Announcements

Easter Picnic:

Today! The church-wide Easter picnic is this evening from 5-9 pm (15946 County Road 178, 75703). The church will provide chicken and sausage; please bring a side or dessert to share.

Fellowship Breakfast:

Join us for a fellowship meal before worship on Sunday, May 17 at 9:30 am. Bring a dish to share!

Congregational Meeting:

There will be a meeting immediately following worship on May 17 to approve the call of Justin Pillsbury to Associate Pastor.

Men's Pub Night:

Join us at ETX Brewing on Thursday, May 21, from 7-9 pm. Bring a friend!

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.

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

People: *I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.*

Leader: Your way, O God, is holy.

People: *What god is great like our God?*

Leader: You are the God who works wonders;

People: *You have made known your might among the peoples.*

—Psalm 77:11-14

Opening Hymn | O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Words by Samuel Trevor Francis; Music by Thomas John Williams, 1890

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best
Tis an ocean vast of blessing, tis a haven sweet of rest
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever 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 | Father, Long Before Creation

Words from a Chinese Hymn, translated by Francis Johnson; Music by Andrew Osenga (2005)

*Father, long before creation, Thou hadst chosen us in love
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us, firmly fixed in Christ alone*

*Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same
His compassion and His covenant, through all ages will remain
God's own children, God's own children, must forever praise His name*

*God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day
Mercy free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way
God so loved us, God so loved us, that His only Son He gave*

*Loving Father now before Thee, we will ever praise Thy love
And our songs will sound unceasing, 'til we reach our home above
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb*

One More Hymn and the Offering | All Must Be Well

Words by Mary Bowley Peters (1847), words and music by Matthew S. Smith (2007)

*Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well*

*Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well*

*We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well*

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

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 | God and Man

Words and Music by Robert Stamps, 1972

*O, welcome all ye noble saints of old, as now before your very eyes unfold
The wonders all so long ago foretold. God and man at table are sat down*

*Elders, martyrs, all are falling down; prophets, patriarchs are gathering 'round
What angels longed to see now man has found: God and man at table are sat down*

*Who is this who spreads the victory feast? Who is this who makes our warring cease?
Jesus, Risen Savior, Prince of Peace. God and man at table are sat down*

*Beggars, lame, and harlots also here; repentant publicans are drawing near
Wayward sons come home without a fear. God and man at table are sat down*

*Worship in the presence of the Lord with joyful songs and hearts in one accord
And let our Host at table be adored. God and man at table are sat down*

*When at last this earth shall pass away, when Jesus and his Bride are one to stay
The feast of love is just begun that day. God and man at table are sat down*

*Here He gives Himself to us as bread. Here as wine we drink the blood He shed
Born to die, we eat and live instead, God and man at table are sat down
God and man at table are sat down*

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: Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

—Deuteronomy 7.9

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 7.54-60

The Stoning of Stephen

[54] Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. [55] But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. [56] And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." [57] But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. [58] Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. [59] And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." [60] And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Hymn of Worship | It is Well With My Soul

Words by Horatio Spafford (1873), Music by Philip P Bliss (1876)

*When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
"It is well, it is well with my soul."*

*It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed his own blood for my soul*

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul*

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 Apostles' 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 31.1-5, 15-16

Leader: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;

People: *Let me never be put to shame;*

Leader: In your righteousness deliver me!

People: *Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!*

Leader: Be a rock of refuge for me,

People: *A strong fortress to save me!*

Leader: For you are my rock and my fortress;

People: *And for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;*

Leader: You take me out of the net they have hidden for me,

People: *For you are my refuge.*

Leader: Into your hand I commit my spirit;

People: *You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.*

Leader: My times are in your hand;

People: *Rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!*

Leader: Make your face shine on your servant;

People: *Save me in your steadfast love!*

*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 14.1-14

[1] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. [2] In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. [4] And you know the way to where I am going.” [5] Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” [6] Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. [7] If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

[8] Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” [9] Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? [10] Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. [11] Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

[12] “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. [13] Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14] If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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