



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 18, 2025

*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. Our desire is to make the giving process as simple as possible! Please follow the instructions below to get started:

For Online Giving:

1. Go to redeemertyler.com and click “Give Online” in the upper right corner.
2. This will take you to our Church Center page where you click “Give” in the upper right corner.
3. Fill out the amount you wish to give and other requested information.
4. You will have the option to create an account and set up recurring donations via their secure site.

For Mobile Giving:

1. Download the “Church Center App” on your smart phone.
2. Open the app and create a user account.
3. Fill out the amount you wish to give and other requested information.
4. You will be able to set up recurring donations if you prefer.



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: Chris, Jeff, and Jeremy. 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

Women’s Gathering:

Join us on Wednesday, May 21 from 6-8 pm for a game night at Janet Wheeler’s house (15946 County Road 178 Tyler, TX).

Men’s Pub Night:

Join the guys at ETX Brewery (221 S Broadway Ave) on Thursday, May 29 from 7-9 pm. Bring a friend!

Dieciocho De Mayo Family Night:

All are welcome for a night of food and fun on Sunday, May 18 from 6 - 8 pm at the Wheeler’s house (15946 County Road 178 Tyler, TX). The meat for the meal will be provided but please sign up for sides and desserts on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

Sunday 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). Please 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 *A Summary of Christian Doctrine* by Louis Berkhof. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972) for information.
- The women’s group is studying Romans on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.
- Women’s evening Bible study every Thursday at 6 pm. Contact Abby Plott (205-530-4222) for meeting location information.

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call To Worship

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

People: *May the LORD rejoice in his works,*

Leader: Who looks on the earth and it trembles,

People: *Who touches the mountains and they smoke!*

Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

People: *I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*

Leader: May my meditation be pleasing to him,

People: *For I rejoice in the LORD.*

Leader: Let sinners be consumed from the earth,

People: *And let the wicked be no more!*

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

People: *Praise the LORD!*

—Psalm 104.31-35

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, forever 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 | 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: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

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: *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.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1.6-9

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.

Gospel Reading | Acts 11.1-18

[1] Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. [2] So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, [3] “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” [4] But Peter began and explained it to them in order: [5] “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. [6] Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. [7] And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ [8] But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ [9] But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ [10] This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. [11] And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. [12] And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. [13] And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; [14] he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ [15] As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. [16] And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ [17] If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” [18] When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

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 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.*

The Psalm | Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the LORD!
People: *Praise the LORD from the heavens;*
Leader: Praise him in the heights!
People: *Praise him, all his angels;*
Leader: Praise him, all his hosts!

People: *Praise him, sun and moon,*
Leader: Praise him, all you shining stars!
People: *Praise him, you highest heavens,*
Leader: And you waters above the heavens!

People: *Let them praise the name of the LORD!*
Leader: For he commanded and they were created.
People: *And he established them forever and ever;*
Leader: He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

People: *Praise the LORD from the earth,*
Leader: You great sea creatures and all deeps,
People: *Fire and hail, snow and mist,*
Leader: Stormy wind fulfilling his word!

People: *Mountains and all hills,*
Leader: Fruit trees and all cedars!
People: *Beasts and all livestock,*
Leader: Creeping things and flying birds!

People: *Kings of the earth and all peoples,*
Leader: Princes and all rulers of the earth!
People: *Young men and maidens together,*
Leader: Old men and children!

People: *Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
Leader: For his name alone is exalted;
People: *His majesty is above earth and heaven.*
Leader: He has raised up a horn for his people,
People: *Praise for all his saints,*
Leader: For the people of Israel who are near to him.
People: *Praise the LORD!*

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

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | Glory & Love

[31] When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. [32] If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. [33] Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ [34] A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. [35] By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”