



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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*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost:*  
**August 25, 2024**

*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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## 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 [redeemert Tyler.com](http://redeemert Tyler.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: 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

## Opportunities to Serve:

We have a need for some additional volunteers to assist with church operations. There is a sign-up located in the foyer for roles such as sound system help, teardown crew, greeter and fellowship meal assistants. Please consider if there is an area in which you can serve. Thank you!

## Church Retreat:

The time has come to sign up for our church-wide retreat! We will be staying at Timberline Baptist Camp & Conference Center (15363 FM 849 Lindale, TX 75771) on October 25-27 (Arrive Friday afternoon and leave Sunday after church service). There will be motel-style rooms with single or double occupancy options. Prices are as follows: single \$145 and double \$135 (a dorm rate of \$95 may be available if enough people sign up). Cost is per person and includes lodging and five meals. We don't want cost to be the reason you are unable to attend! Please get with an elder or deacon to discuss options. You can sign up with the QR code below or through our sign-up sheet located in the foyer.

## 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!

## 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 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying the Minor Prophets. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972) for information.
- The women's group is studying Galatians on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

## Church Retreat Sign-up QR Code:



# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

**People:** *Who stand by night in the house of the LORD!*

**Leader:** Lift up your hands to the holy place

**People:** *And bless the LORD!*

**Leader:** May the LORD bless you from Zion,

**People:** *He who made heaven and earth!*

—Psalm 134

## Opening Hymn | Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

Words by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by Matthew S. Smith, 2000

*Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.  
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.*

*Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.*

*Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.*

*Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.*

*Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him, venture wholly; let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 | What Wondrous Love is This

*Appalachian Folk Hymn; Southern Harmony, 1835*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down;  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM -  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!*

## One More Hymn and the Offering | My Jesus, I Love Thee

*Words by William Featherstone (1864), Music by Adoniram Gordon (1880)*

*My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*I love thee because thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,  
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,  
And say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

## 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.

**People:** Amen!

—Hebrews 13.20-21

**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 | Upon a Life I Have Not Lived

Words by Horatius Bonar (alt. K. Twit), music by Kevin Twit (2012)

*Upon a Life I have not lived,  
Upon a Death I did not die,  
Another's Life; Another's Death,  
I stake my whole eternity.*

*Not on the tears which I have shed,  
Not on the sorrows I have known,  
Another's tears; Another's griefs,  
On these I rest, on these alone.*

*O Jesus, Son of God, I build on  
What Thy cross has done for me;  
There both my life and death I read,  
My guilt, and pardon there I see,  
There I see.*

*Lord, I believe; O deal with me,  
As one who has Thy Word believed!  
I take the gift, Lord, look on me,  
As one who has Thy gift received.*

*Upon a Life I have not lived,  
Upon a Death I did not die,  
Another's Life; Another's Death,  
I stake my whole eternity.*

## 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:** When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.  
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

—Psalm 34.17-19

**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.

## Old Testament Reading | Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18

[1] Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. [2] And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,

[14] "Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. [15] And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

[16] Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, [17] for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. [18] And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

## Hymn of Worship | Jesus, Cast a Look on Me

*Words by John Berridge (1716-1793), Music by Matthew Perryman Jones*

*Jesus cast a look on me, Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low, Seeking only Thee to know*

*All that feeds my busy pride, Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit, Lay me humbly at Thy feet*

*Make me like a little child, Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light, Walking only in Thy might*

*Leaning on Thy loving breast, Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God, Flowing from His precious blood*

*In this posture let me live, And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die, And hosannas ever cry!*

## 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.

\*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.

## Psalm | Psalm 84

**Leader:** How lovely is your dwelling place,  
**People:** O LORD of hosts!  
**Leader:** My soul longs, yes, faints  
**People:** For the courts of the LORD;  
**Leader:** My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**Leader:** Even the sparrow finds a home,  
**People:** And the swallow a nest for herself,  
**Leader:** Where she may lay her young,  
**People:** At your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
**Leader:** My King and my God.  
**People:** Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
**Leader:** Ever singing your praise!

**People:** Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
**Leader:** In whose heart are the highways to Zion.  
**People:** As they go through the Valley of Baca  
**Leader:** They make it a place of springs;  
**People:** The early rain also covers it with pools.  
**Leader:** They go from strength to strength;  
**People:** Each one appears before God in Zion.

**Leader:** O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
**People:** Give ear, O God of Jacob!  
**Leader:** Behold our shield, O God;  
**People:** Look on the face of your anointed!

**Leader:** For a day in your courts is better  
**People:** Than a thousand elsewhere.  
**Leader:** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
**People:** Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.  
**Leader:** For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
**People:** The LORD bestows favor and honor.  
**Leader:** No good thing does he withhold  
**People:** From those who walk uprightly.  
**Leader:** O LORD of hosts,  
**People:** Blessed is the one who trusts in you!

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

**Sermon Text | John 6.56-71**

[56] Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. [57] As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. [58] This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." [59] Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

[60] When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" [61] But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? [62] Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? [63] It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. [64] But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) [65] And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

[66] After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. [67] So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" [68] Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, [69] and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." [70] Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." [71] He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

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

**People:** *Praise be to you, O Christ.*