



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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*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 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: 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

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: Praise the LORD!

People: *Praise the name of the LORD,*

Leader: Give praise, O servants of the LORD,

People: *Who stand in the house of the LORD,*

Leader: In the courts of the house of our God!

People: *Praise the LORD,*

Leader: For the LORD is good;

People: *Sing to his name, for it is pleasant!*

Leader: For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,

People: *Israel as his own possession.*

—Psalm 135:1-4

Opening Hymn | I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Words by Philip Bliss (1876), music by Luke Morton (2005)

*I will sing of my Redeemer and his wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross he suffered from the curse to set me free.*

*Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer! With his blood, he purchased me.
On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.*

*I will sing of my Redeemer, his triumphant power I'll tell,
How the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell.*

*I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life has brought me, Son of God with him to be.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever 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 | Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

Words by Henry F. Lyte (1834), music by John Goss (1869)

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Glorious in his faithfulness.*

*Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Widely as his mercy goes.*

*Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Praise the High Eternal One.*

*Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Praise with us the God of grace.*

One More Hymn and the Offering | Christ is Mine Forevermore

Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

Mine are days that God has numbered I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of Kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armor for this battle strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul for His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure Christ is mine forevermore
And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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 | And Can It Be? (Indelible Grace Version)

Words by Charles Wesley (1738), music by Scott Foley (1994)

*And can it be that I should gain, An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain! For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me?*

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

*He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For O my God, it found out me!*

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay, Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.*

*No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

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: 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, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

—1 Peter 1.3-5

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 | Song of Solomon 2.8-13

[8] The voice of my beloved!
Behold, he comes,
leaping over the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
[9] My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Behold, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
looking through the lattice.
[10] My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my beautiful one,
and come away,
[11] for behold, the winter is past;
the rain is over and gone.
[12] The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
[13] The fig tree ripens its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my beautiful one,
and come away.

Hymn of Worship | Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Words by Anne Steele (1760), Music by Kevin Twit (1998)

*Dear refuge of my weary soul, On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief, For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, For every pain I feel*

*But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail, And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee Though prostrate in the dust*

*Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace, Be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sovereign grace, Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access, To breathe my sorrows there*

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

—continued—

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.

*Thy mercy seat is open still, Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will, And wait beneath Thy feet,
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With humble hope attend Thy will, And wait beneath Thy feet*

Psalm | Psalm 45.1-2, 7-9

Leader: My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king;

People: My tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

Leader: You are the most handsome of the sons of men;

People: Grace is poured upon your lips;

Leader: Therefore God has blessed you forever.

People: You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Leader: Therefore God, your God, has anointed you

People: With the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

Leader: Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

People: From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

Leader: Daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;

People: At your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

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

*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.

Sermon Text | Acts 11.19-30

[19] Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. [20] But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. [21] And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. [22] The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. [23] When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, [24] for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. [25] So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, [26] and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

[27] Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. [28] And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). [29] So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. [30] And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.