



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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*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:*  
**September 15, 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: global and local missions

- Monday  
Richey and Keli Goodrich (India): for Richey’s preaching and teaching; for all paperwork and citizenship issues to be worked out so they can return to the field; for the Spirit to draw to Christ many of the unreached Jat people living in India— only 0.02% of these 9 million people are Christian.
- Tuesday  
Robert and Debbie Hale: translation work in French-speaking Africa.
- Wednesday  
Nate Hill, John Tyler High School Young Life; Mentoring Alliance (includes Mentoring Alliance Summer Camps, Mentoring Alliance After School, & Mentor Connect)
- Thursday  
Rev. Robbie Mills, currently serving with the MTW Western Hub (helping Texas churches with cross-cultural mission), as well as with Third Millennium Ministries (providing free Bible curriculum to immigrant churches and leaders).
- Friday  
Promise Academy’s financial and prayer support; Highway 80 Rescue Mission; PATH; Crisis Pregnancy Center.
- Saturday  
Pray that unity will grow among the churches in our city so we may care for people, evangelize, and make disciples.

# Announcements

## Women's Night:

Join us Wednesday, September 18 starting at 6:30 for a game night. Please bring a snack or salad and a game to share. Starting at 5:45, for those interested, we will begin our discussion of chapter 1 of "When You Pray" by Ryken. 3155 San Jacinto Dr.

## 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:** It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

**People:** *For his steadfast love endures forever;*

**Leader:** And rescued us from our foes,

**People:** *For his steadfast love endures forever;*

**Leader:** He who gives food to all flesh,

**People:** *For his steadfast love endures forever.*

**Leader:** Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**People:** *For his steadfast love endures forever.*

—Psalm 136.23-26

## Opening Hymn | Arise, My Soul, Arise

*Words by John Newton (1742), Music by Kevin Twit (1996)*

*Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.*

*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise*

*Arise, my soul, arise.*

*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise*

*Arise, my soul, arise.*

*Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

*He ever lives above, for me to intercede; His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.*

*Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary; They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"*

*The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One; He cannot turn away the presence of His Son;  
The Spirit answers to the blood, The Spirit answers to the blood  
And tells me I am born of God.*

*My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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 | Wonderful, Merciful Savior

*Words and Music by Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse (1989)*

Wonderful, merciful Savior  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
Could rescue the souls of men  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost our way  
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

You are the One that we praise  
You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, infinite Father  
Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

## One More Hymn and the Offering | There is a Redeemer

*Words and Music by Melody and Keith Green (1982)*

There is a redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

Jesus my redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Oh, for sinners slain.

Thank you, oh my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on Earth is done.

When I stand in Glory,  
I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever,  
In that Holy Place.

Thank you, oh my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit,  
'Til the work on Earth is done.

## Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**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. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

**Leader:** 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 1.7-9

**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.

## Old Testament Reading | Proverbs 1.20-33

[20] Wisdom cries aloud in the street,  
in the markets she raises her voice;  
[21] at the head of the noisy streets she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:  
[22] “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?  
[23] If you turn at my reproof,  
behold, I will pour out my spirit to you;  
I will make my words known to you.  
[24] Because I have called and you refused to listen,  
have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded,  
[25] because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,  
[26] I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when terror strikes you,  
[27] when terror strikes you like a storm  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
[28] Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently but will not find me.  
[29] Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,  
[30] would have none of my counsel  
and despised all my reproof,  
[31] therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way,  
and have their fill of their own devices.  
[32] For the simple are killed by their turning away,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
[33] but whoever listens to me will dwell secure  
and will be at ease, without dread of disaster.”

## Hymn of Worship | Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)

Words by Sandra McCracken; Music by Kevin Twit, 2005

*Rock of Ages, when the day seems long from this labor and this heartache, I have come.  
The skies will wear out, but you remain the same, Rock of Ages, I praise your name.  
Rock of Ages, you have brought me near, You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears,  
To make this stone heart come alive again, Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.*

## 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.

\*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.

*Rock of Ages, Rock of Ages!*

*Bind your children until the kingdom comes.*

*Rock of Ages, your will be done.*

*Rock of Ages, when in want or rest, my desperate need for such a Savior I confess;*

*Pull these idols out from my heart's embrace. Rock of Ages, I need your grace.*

*Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me. Who am I that you would die to make me free?*

*To give me glory, you took the death and pain. Rock of Ages, my Offering.*

*Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried. The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied.*

*Now write your mercy, on my heart and hands. Rock of ages, in faith I stand.*

*Rock of Ages, my great hope secure. Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul.*

*Bind your children with cords of love and grace. Rock of Ages, we give you praise.*

## Psalm | Psalm 116.1-8

**Leader:** I love the LORD, because he has heard

**People:** *My voice and my pleas for mercy.*

**Leader:** Because he inclined his ear to me,

**People:** *Therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

**Leader:** The snares of death encompassed me;

**People:** *The pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;*

**Leader:** I suffered distress and anguish.

**People:** *Then I called on the name of the LORD:*

**Leader:** "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

**People:** *Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;*

**Leader:** Our God is merciful.

**People:** *The LORD preserves the simple;*

**Leader:** When I was brought low, he saved me.

**People:** *Return, O my soul, to your rest;*

**Leader:** For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

**People:** *For you have delivered my soul from death,*

**Leader:** My eyes from tears,

**People:** *My feet from stumbling;*

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

**Sermon Text | Revelation 2**

[1] “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

[2] “‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. [3] I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. [4] But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. [5] Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. [6] Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. [7] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

[8] “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

[9] “‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. [10] Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. [11] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’

[12] “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

[13] “‘I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. [14] But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. [15] So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. [16] Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. [17] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.’

[18] “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

[19] “‘I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. [20] But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice

sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. [21] I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. [22] Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, [23] and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. [24] But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. [25] Only hold fast what you have until I come. [26] The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, [27] and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. [28] And I will give him the morning star. [29] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’