Redeemer Presbyterian Church exists to see our city renewed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Love People
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The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 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.

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Announcements

Advent Party:
This Friday! Join us Dec. 4th at 6:00 pm to kick off the Advent season. The Priddys' House (17950 Timothy Court Tyler, TX). The night will include our annual chili cook-off and pie bake-off. Bring your best chili and/or pie to compete! If you would not like to participate in the cook-off, please bring your favorite appetizer, soup, drink, or dessert. Hope to see you there!

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, 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying Romans.
  Contact Richard Steenson (972-741-4669) for information.

- Women's Study, 11:00 am on Fridays. They are studying 2 Timothy.
  Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

- Women's Study, 6:00 pm every other Tuesday (Next meeting Dec. 1). They are studying Psalms.
  Contact Abby Plott (205-530-4222) for information.

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Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul!
People: *O LORD my God, you are very great!*
Leader: You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
People: *Covering yourself with light as with a garment.*

—Psalm 104.1-2

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Reader: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

A voice cries:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
—based on Isaiah 40:3

People: *Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation. Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

Opening Hymn | How Firm a Foundation

Words from Rippon's Selection of Hymns (1787), traditional American melody

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design, your dross to consume and your gold to refine

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 | For All the Saints

Words by William Walsham How (1864), music by Christopher Miner (1997)

For all the saints who from their labors rest
Who thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed, Alleluia, Allelu

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light, Alleluia, Allelu

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold, Alleluia, Allelu

The golden evening brightens in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest, Alleluia, Allelu

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant rise in bright array
The King of glory passes on his way, Alleluia, Allelu

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia!

One More Hymn and the Offering | Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

Words by Reginald Heber (1811), music by William Walker (1820)

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid
Star of the East, the horizon adorning
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid

Hail the blest morn, see the great mediator. Down from the regions of glory descend
Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger. Lo, for His guard the bright angels attend

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining, low lies his head with the beasts of the stall
Angels adore him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch, and Saviour of all

(Chorus)

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion, odors of Edom and off'rings divine
Gems of the mountain and pearls the ocean, myrrh from the forests or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would his favor secure
Richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor

(Chorus)

Low at his feet we in humble prostration, lose all our sorrow and trouble and strife
There we receive his divine consolation, flowing afresh from the fountain of life

He is our friend in the midst of temptation, faithful supporter, whose love cannot fail
Rock of our refuge, and hope of salvation, light to direct us through death's gloomy vail.

(Chorus)

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

—2 Corinthians 13.14

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 | We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken (2015)

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more!

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

Concluding Prayer

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

—Psalm 86.15

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 | Isaiah 64.1-9

[1] Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— [2] as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3] When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. [4] From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. [5] You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? [6] We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7] There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

[8] But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9] Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Hymn of Worship | Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

17th Century French Carol, Words by Gerald Moultrie (1864)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!

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

Questions for Ordination

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?

Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?

Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

Questions to the Session

Do you, the session of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Jay?

Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?

Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

Prayer and Declaration

Charge to the Pastor and Session

Psalm | Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
People: *You who lead Joseph like a flock.*
Leader: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
People: *Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,*
Leader: Stir up your might
People: *And come to save us!*

Leader: Restore us, O God;
People: *Let your face shine, that we may be saved!*

Leader: O LORD God of hosts,
People: *How long will you be angry with your people's prayers?*
Leader: You have fed them with the bread of tears
People: *And given them tears to drink in full measure.*
Leader: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
People: *And our enemies laugh among themselves.*

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts;
People: *Let your face shine, that we may be saved!*

Leader: But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
People: *The son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!*
Leader: Then we shall not turn back from you;
People: *Give us life, and we will call upon your name!*

Leader: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!
People: *Let your face shine, that we may be saved!*

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

Ministry of the Word | The Aim of Our Charge is Love

Rev. Kevin Hale

Sermon Text | 1 Timothy 1.1-7

[1] Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,

[2] To Timothy, my true child in the faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

[3] As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, [4] nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. [5] The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. [6] Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, [7] desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

Sermon Notes