



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

Ben Wheeler, Pastor 903-805-1809, ben@redeemert Tyler.com
John Orbaugh, Ruling Elder 903-780-6212, john.orbaugh@suddenlink.net
Robert Hale, Ruling Elder 305-562-5502, robert_hale@wycliffe.org
Kent Travis, Ruling Elder 903-504-9255, mkenttravis@gmail.com
Redeemer Presbyterian Church, PCA

P.O. Box 132191
Tyler, TX 75713
Office: 121 South Broadway, Suite 728
www.redeemert Tyler.com



Second Sunday After Christmas:
January 5, 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 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:

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

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@redeemert Tyler.com.

Bible and Book Studies:

- Men's study meets 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 Galatians on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call To Worship

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,

People: *The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.*

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

People: *Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;

People: *Sing praises with a psalm!*

Leader: God reigns over the nations;

People: *God sits on his holy throne.*

—Psalm 47.5-8

Opening Hymn | Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Words by James Montgomery (1821, alt. S. McCracken), music by Sandra McCracken (2012)

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!

Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!

His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;

To take away transgression and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;

To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,

Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;

Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.

Kings shall fall down before Him, and gold and incense bring;

All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.

His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; 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 | Fairest Lord Jesus

Anonymous

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine.*

One More Hymn and the Offering | Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

Words and Music by Jered McKenna (2013)

*Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of God is on you.
Arise, see, when the earth grows dark that the Lord will arise upon you.
The Lord will arise upon you!*

(Chorus)

*Nations will come to your light, lift up your eyes and see.
We'll gather together and come to you,
And your love will be all that we know.
Your love will be all that we know.*

*Arise, come, to the open gates for the Father is welcoming you.
Fear not, for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe,
Redemption to all who believe.*

(Chorus)

*The sun will not shine cause you'll be all the light that we need,
and violence will end, all the wars that we wage will cease.
The sun will not shine cause you'll be all the light that we need,
and violence will end, all the wars that we wage will cease.*

*We will glorify your name,
We will glorify your name!*

(Chorus)

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.

—Hebrews 13.20-21

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 | 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!*

Concluding Prayer

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: But I call to God,
and the LORD will save me.
Evening and morning and at noon
I utter my complaint and moan,
and he hears my voice.
He redeems my soul in safety
from the battle that I wage

—Psalm 55.16-18a

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 | Jeremiah 31.7-14

[7] For thus says the LORD:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
‘O LORD, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.’

[8] Behold, I will bring them from the north country
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

[9] With weeping they shall come,
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,
I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,
for I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

[10] “Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’

[11] For the LORD has ransomed Jacob
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

[12] They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall be like a watered garden,
and they shall languish no more.

[13] Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

[14] I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,
declares the LORD.”

Hymn of Worship | The First Noel

Words & Music: Traditional English carol

*The First Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

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 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.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.*

*And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went.*

*This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took it rest,
And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay.*

*Then entered in those Wise men three Full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.*

*Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought And with his blood mankind has bought.*

The Psalm | Psalm 84.1-8

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People: My soul longs, yes, faints

Leader: For the courts of the LORD;

People: 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!

—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 | Matthew 2:13–23

[13] Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” [14] And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt [15] and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

[16] Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. [17] Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

[18] “A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

[19] But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, [20] saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” [21] And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. [22] But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. [23] And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.