



Redeemer

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcome to Redeemer!

A NOTE TO VISITORS

We want to welcome you to the church! Please stop by the welcome table in the north entrance so we can introduce ourselves to you.

Text **RPCinfo** to **55498** to fill out a visitor card and/or receive more information about Redeemer! Paper visitor cards are also available in your seats and at both entrances.

Bibles are available in each seating area for your use during the service.

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A NOTE TO PARENTS

We believe, because of the promises of God, that our children are as much a part of the church as everyone else. Therefore, we desire that they would participate in worship along with their families as much as they are able.

We completely understand that kids can get noisy and squirmy during corporate worship. Parents have all experienced the blessed struggle of training our children to participate in worship. We understand the challenges of getting children accustomed to being in the service the whole time and want to assist you in helping your children learn to participate in a meaningful way. Children of all ages are always welcome in the worship service.

Nurseries | Available during the worship service for infants and toddlers ages 2 months to 3 years. Nurseries are located in the northeast corner of the building.

Children's Worship | Available every Sunday during the sermon. Children age 4 through the end of kindergarten may attend *Training in the Pews* children's worship.

Nursing Mom's Room | Located near the west entrance.

We'd love to get to know you!
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Redeemer Presbyterian Church
is a missional *community*
moved by the *grace*
of the *Redeemer*, Jesus Christ,
to *worship* and *know* God
and to *love* and *serve* our *neighbors*
in *Temple* and *beyond*.
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As you find your seat, please
move toward the center of your
section, leaving the aisle seats
for those coming in after you.

Thank you.



Redeemer Presbyterian Church is affiliated with
the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 | 10:00 am

*In consideration
of other
worshippers,
please program
all mobile
phones and
electronic
devices to silent
or vibrate mode
for the duration
of the service.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Mr. Heath Robinson

MEDITATION AND PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“So what does baptism signal about families? What understanding of family is carried in this worship practice? What are we learning on a gut level when we participate in this rite? The baptismal liturgy calls for us, the congregation, to also make a covenantal promise. . . . The covenant binds us together as a community . . . we are also . . . the family, “the household of God” (Eph. 2:19 NRSV). In the household of God there is a relativizing of bloodlines. Our promises in baptism—as parents and as a congregation—signal that what counts as “family” is not just the closed, nuclear unit that is so often idolized as “the family.” Thus, if Christian congregations are truly going to live *out of* and *into* the significance of baptism, they will need to become communities in which the bloodlines of kin are trumped by the blood of Christ—where “natural” families don’t fold into themselves in self-regard.”

—James K. A. Smith, *You Are What You Love* (p. 116)

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SCRIPTURE FOR MEMORIZATION

Psalms 139:1-3 (ESV)

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me! ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

ADVENT CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word *pentekoste* means “fiftieth”). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy—take in the absolute wonder of God’s purposeful plan of salvation (from *Seeking God’s Face* by Philip Reinders).

God's Supremacy

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Heath Robinson

Psalm 99:1-5

The call to worship establishes the lines of communication in worship. God always comes to us before we come to God. Biblical worship is a response to God's gracious revelation of himself to his people.

Bold text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read by the leader.

Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

Leader: “The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**All: The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!

**All: The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.**

Leader: Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!”

God's Supremacy

SONG OF ADORATION

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

2. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy Name.

3. Jesus, the Name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

4. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to His voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

6. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

God's Supremacy

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Heath Robinson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mr. Heath Robinson

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed "was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ." (Trinity Hymnal) "In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451, but the filioque phrase ["and the Son"] was not added until 589." (Ecumenical Creeds and Reformed Confessions)

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

**All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his 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;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

God's Supremacy

DOXOLOGY

All Creatures of Our God and King (v. 3)

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Please be seated.

The Law of God invites us to confession of sin within the context of our covenant relationship with God, a relationship in which honesty about our sin is welcome and safe. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

THE LAW OF GOD

Leader: God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God.
You shall have no other gods before me.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: You shall not make for yourself an idol.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: You shall not murder.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: You shall not steal.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: You shall not covet.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws,
in our hearts, we beseech you.**

God's Renewal

*This is a time
of community
prayer and
holy silence.
Please use this
time to slow
down, pray, and
reflect on your
relationship
with God and
your neighbor.
Worshippers
may choose to
kneel or remain
seated during
this time.*

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**All: Almighty and most merciful Father,
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, miserable offenders.
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 most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a godly, righteous, and humble life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT

Rev. JB Wilbanks

Colossians 2:11-14

Minister: *For all who have confessed their sins and have fled to Christ for mercy, hear this word of assurance:*

“In Christ also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.”

Please stand
for the Song of
Assurance.

God's Grace

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Help My Unbelief

1. I know the Lord is nigh,
And would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try,
And frights my soul away.
And frights my soul away.

2. I would but can't repent,
Though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent
Till Jesus makes it soft.
Till Jesus makes it soft.

Chorus:

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
My help must come from Thee.

3. I would but cannot love,
Though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move
A soul as base as mine.
A soul so base as mine.

4. I would but cannot rest,
In God's most holy will;
I know what He appoints is best,
And murmur at it still.
I murmur at it still.

Chorus x2

God's Grace

"Lectio Sacra" means "sacred reading." It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's Word.

Please be seated.

Each week, we pray for the people around us and in the world as a way to serve them according to God's will. You are welcome to sit or kneel as we pray. If you have children, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mr. Tim Stephens

Acts 10:44-48

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Throughout the Easter Season readings are taken from the Acts of the Apostles to mark the transition from the Age of Anticipation to the Age of Fulfillment after the resurrection.

EXTENDING THE REDEEMER'S MISSION

*Mrs. Laurie Kiniry
Mrs. Jeannie Snook*

Communion Team

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ellen Paige Wilby

BAPTISMAL VOWS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

All: Amen!

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Ken Smith

SILENT PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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.
Amen.**

God's Grace

At the parents' discretion, children age 4 through the end of kindergarten may attend Training in the Pews Children's Worship. Children meet in the annex during the Greeting of Peace to be escorted by volunteers to their classroom. The pastor will invite you to pick up your child in the annex after the offertory prayer.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Leader: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Please stand.

SCRIPTURE READING

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Please be seated.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a powerful means of nourishing and comforting God's people, and awakening people to new faith.

THE SERMON

Luke 6:12-26

The Difficult Blessing of Discipleship

Rev. JB Wilbanks

The Word of God is the chief and final means through which God speaks to us; the principal and most direct way we hear from God in worship.

LUKE 6:12-26

¹² In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. ¹³ And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: ¹⁴ Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵ and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON NOTES

The Heidelberg Catechism originated in Germany in 1562 under the authority of Elector Frederick III, who ruled the most important German province, the Palatinate, from his castle in Heidelberg. He commissioned the preparation of a new catechism for guiding ministers and teachers in instructing people in the Christian faith.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS TO BE FED

Rev. JB Wilbanks

The Heidelberg Catechism Q/A #67, 81

Minister: Are both the word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?

All: Right!
**In the gospel the Holy Spirit teaches us
and through the holy sacraments he assures us
that our entire salvation
rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross.**

Minister: Who are to come to the Lord's table?

**All: Those who are displeased with themselves
because of their sins,
but who nevertheless trust
that their sins are pardoned
and that their continuing weakness is covered
by the suffering and death of Christ,
and who also desire more and more
to strengthen their faith
and to lead a better life.**

**Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however,
eat and drink judgment on themselves.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WORDS OF RESPONSE

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All: Hallelujah!

THE OFFERING

Minister: What do you have that you did not receive?

Let us pray. All things, all gifts, come from you, O God and should be received with gratitude. In gratitude we now return to you what is yours. Receive these tithes and offerings, our tangible expressions of love and gratitude. Amen.

*"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."
2 Corinthians 8:9 (ESV)*

*All we have
is given to
us by God.
Our offerings
express
this joyful
dependence
and our
commitment to
join God in his
work of renewal.*

In response to God's grace to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we bring gifts and offerings to the Lord with thanksgiving and joy. Worshippers may place their gifts in the offering box at the back as they return to their seats. You may also give by texting any dollar amount to 84321, through the Church Center app, or at <https://redeemerprestemple.churchcenter.com/giving>

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

This is a time for all of us to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means "thanksgiving" is a time to meet with their Savior by faith to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. The Lord's Supper is a joyful celebration in which the family of God together delights in the presence and salvation of their Redeemer King. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We would love to pray with and for you during this time and there will be someone stationed at the front of the sanctuary at both side walls to do so. Please let us know if there is something specific you would like us to pray for.

A Word to Parents

Children are invited to come forward, either to receive communion or a prayer of blessing. To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the Session (elders) of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If your children will not be receiving communion, please instruct them to come forward with their arms crossed to receive a prayer of blessing. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table and ask that you speak with the pastor when you believe your child is ready to begin the process.

Directions for Participating in Communion

*If you are participating, when you are ready, please join the line coming down the center aisle. You will make your way past the servers at the front to receive the elements. Then, please return to your seat by way of the side aisles and hallway. If you wish to bring an offering to the Lord, please place it in the box at the back of the room as you return to your seat. We use wine in communion. Individual cups are available in the trays, with **grape juice** in the middle ring in the **purple cups** which may be requested by those who desire it. A **gluten-free cracker** is available upon request for those unable to eat the bread due to allergies.*

PRAYER FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

Because Redeemer is a church that is not only for convinced Christians, but also for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we gladly extend room for you to process, think, and dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

God's Grace

COMMUNION SONG

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one lay down,
Your head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn and sad;
I found in Him my resting place,
And He has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
From that life-giving stream
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy days be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
'Til pilgrim days are done.

God's Grace

COMMUNION SONG

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

1. Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

God's Blessing

SONG OF BLESSING AND SENDING

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! Who took on flesh;
Fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save;
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost it's grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine-
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death-
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

God's Blessing

Please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just as we begin with with God's gracious invitation, so we end with God's promise to always be with us.

It is appropriate to lift our heads as a symbol that through Christ God graciously lifts our head, and we hold out our hands palms up to symbolize our need and eagerness to receive God's blessing.

BENEDICTION

Rev. JB Wilbanks

Ephesians 3:20-21

Minister: "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

POSTLUDE

FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

A Catechism is an ancient, simple, and effective tool for teaching the basics of the Christian faith. The New City Catechism is a modern catechism in the Reformed tradition that draws from the ancient practice of basing Christian formation around the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. Through 52 questions and answers it helps form our hearts and our minds around the great truths of the Christian faith. The bold portion is a more concise answer designed to be memorized by younger children.

QUESTION 50: What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

ANSWER: **Christ triumphed over sin and death** by being physically resurrected, **so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come.** Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–14

QUESTION 51: Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

ANSWER: **Christ** physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and **he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father**, preparing a place for us, **and also sends us his Spirit.**

Romans 8:34

QUESTION 52: What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

ANSWER: It reminds us **that** this present fallen world is not all there is; soon **we will live with and enjoy God forever** in the new city, **in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin** and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies **in a renewed, restored creation.** *Revelation 21:1–4*

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FINANCIAL GIVING REPORT

*Thank you for your faithful and generous giving to
Jesus' mission through Redeemer!*

	INCOME*	BUDGETED EXPENSES	ACTUAL EXPENSES*	ACTUAL VARIANCE
2024 Jan-Mar	\$169,480.70	\$170,424.00	\$180,404.31	(\$10,923.61)
2024 March	\$58,694.68	\$56,808.00	\$65,206.94	(\$6,512.26)
2024 February	\$57,955.75	\$56,808.00	\$55,679.94	\$2,276.54
2024 January	\$52,830.27	\$56,808.00	\$59,518.16	(\$6,687.89)

**These include all funds and operating expenses except income and expenses in the designated building fund.*

MORTGAGE AS OF 3/31/2024

\$203,919.76.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

More info can be found in our weekly news email! Contact us at office@redeemerprestemple.org to be added.

PRIME TIME FELLOWSHIP (55+) GAME NIGHT | Tuesday, May 14, 6-8pm in the lower level

SENDING SUNDAY | Join us May 19 for Sending Sunday! We will pray for the families that are moving in the coming months and celebrate our time together with a party after church! If you'd like to help with the party by serving or bringing something, sign up using the code below.

WHO'S COMING TO DINNER? | Signup is now available for the June 1 "Who's Coming to Dinner?" event (scan the code below). Volunteer to host or attend a dinner at someone else's house!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT | Mark your calendars for Friday, June 21, 5:30-8pm! Bring your kids to the church where PK -5th graders will have the opportunity to play games, work puzzles, do simple crafts, watch a video and eat pizza! There will be a nursery for children under 4. Registration will open on Church Center by May 10, so start making plans to have a date night or maybe get together with another Redeemer couple or two. For more information, please text/call Luann Wheeler at 281-221-6658 or email at luann.wheeler@redeemerprestemple.org.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUBS | Save the date for summer book discussions! June 13 we'll meet at the Wilbanks home to discuss *Cry, the Beloved Country*. The next date will be July 10 - details to come!

SUMMER EVENT FOR KIDS | Wednesday, July 24, 9:30am-1pm. We'll take a day for kids to learn what it means to put on the full armor of God! The day will consist of learning, singing, crafting, playing, thinking, discussing, and eating! Registration will open soon on Church Center. This event is for kids who will be entering kindergarten through entering fifth grade. Bring a friend! For more information or to be an adult or teen volunteer, please text/call Luann Wheeler at 281-221-6658 or email at luann.wheeler@redeemerprestemple.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12 Promotion Sunday

May 14 Prime Time Fellowship (55+)

May 19 Sending Sunday

June 1 Who's Coming to Dinner?

June 21 Parents' Night Out

June 13 Women's Book Discussion

July 10 Women's Book Discussion

July 24 Armor of God Kids' event



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