

**January 10, 2010**

## For Your Information ...

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**Guests!** We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Give us an opportunity to meet you today and introduce ourselves by staying around for coffee in the foyer after the service. Also, please assist us by **filling out the Guest Pad** when it is passed during worship.

**Welcome Station:** Located in the foyer, our Welcome Station is designed to assist you in understanding the ministry of Redeemer. Please help yourself to the purple guest packets, The Continuing Vision of Redeemer Presbyterian Church document, our newsletter, the Kerygma (pronounced ke-rîg'me), and other materials.

**Redeemer Presbyterian Church** is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a member of South Texas Presbytery. For more information about Redeemer Church visit: [www.redeemersa.org](http://www.redeemersa.org). For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America visit: [www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org).

**Community Groups:** Community Groups are fellowships of twelve to twenty people meeting every other week in homes throughout San Antonio. They are the first place where we hope our people turn for applying the gospel to their lives. To find a Community Group, please contact Brandon Eggar at 930-4480, or visit our website, [www.redeemersa.org](http://www.redeemersa.org), under Ministries, then Community Groups, to find information on locations and leaders, and to fill out the online registration form.

**Book Table:** The books found here are designed to assist you in understanding the Christian life. If you want to purchase a book, please fill out the envelope with money enclosed. Sermon CDs are also available; simply sign up at the table. Make all checks payable to Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

## Sunday Schedule

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9:15-9:25 a.m. **Prayer**  
9:30-10:55 a.m. **Worship**

## Nurseries

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Redeemer offers fully staffed nurseries for children ages 3 months to 3 years of age. Redeemer encourages parents to utilize our *Training in the Pews* children's worship time during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the Northeast end of the McAllister Fine Arts Center.

**Little Bitty Babies:** 3-7 months  
**The Crawlers:** 8-12 months  
**Cruisers & Climbers:** 13-18 months  
**Younger Toddler:** 19-27 months  
**Older Toddler:** 28-36 months  
**Training the Pews:** 3-5 years

## Christian Education

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**Toddler I** (age 2)  
**Toddler II** (age 3)  
**Pre K- K** (age 4-5)  
**Primary I** (ages 6-7)  
**Primary II** (ages 8-9)  
**Junior** (ages 10-11)  
**Jr. High Youth** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)  
**Sr. High Youth** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)  
**Pastor's Forum** (All ages)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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*January 10, 2010*

*First Sunday after the Epiphany*

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In consideration of other worshippers, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Parents, nurseries are available during the worship service for children ages 3 months to 3 years. Babies and toddlers are also welcome in the auditorium. The balcony is available for nursing mothers; you may enter the balcony through the side door upstairs. The service is broadcast in the lobby area immediately outside the auditorium for the convenience of parents whose children become restless during worship.

### **Reflection & Preparation**

“ ...I notice that [most Americans] seem to share a single unifying characteristic: the inability to experience the kind of mind-blowing, transcendent romantic relationship they perceive to be a *normal part of living*.” Chuck Klosterman

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Philippians 4:8

For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God... 1 Thessalonians 4:2-5

**Welcome and Announcements**

Mr. Jeff Judson

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

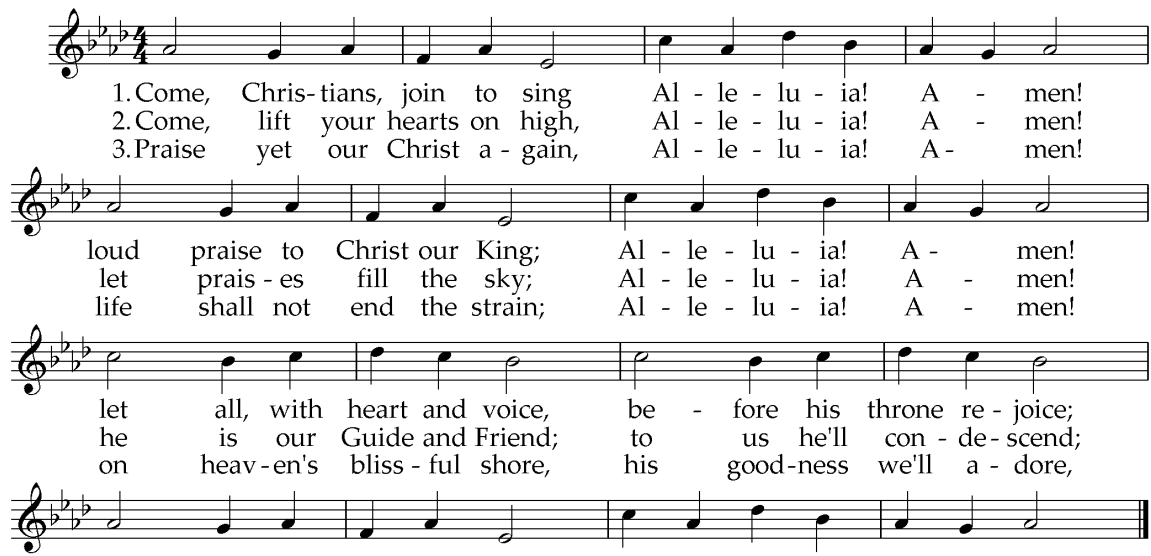
The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

**Minister:** Blessed be the Lord who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant.

**People:** **The Lord our God is with us, as he was with our fathers. He will not leave us or forsake us.**

**\*Hymn of Adoration**

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing**



1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

*Words by Christian H. Bateman; Traditional Spanish Melody*

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism<sup>‡</sup>, Q/A #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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<sup>‡</sup>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.

**\*Song of Praise**

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

His mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning,

New every morning.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord.

Great is Thy faithfulness.

*Words from Lamentations 3:22-24; music by Robert Davidson*

### Scripture Warning

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Minister: For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. James 2:10, Matthew 5:20

### Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**People: O Lord, forgive us for our failure to keep your commandments. We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives, yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed, lies and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money and read your Bible, yet inwardly we neglect justice, purity, love, encouraging speech and mercy. Lord, we should have done the latter without neglecting the others. We have thrust ourselves into the best positions, because we thought we deserved them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us—all of us and all of who we are—from the inside out.**

*Adapted from Luke 11:37-52*

### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Hebrews 10:4, 12, 14

Minister: For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins... he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

## \*Song of Renewal

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

The love of Christ is rich and free;  
Fixed on His own eternally;  
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove;  
Long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be  
Their everlasting Surety;  
'Twas love that took their cause in hand,  
And love maintains it to the end.

*Chorus:* Love cannot from its post withdraw;  
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,  
Can turn the Surety's heart away;  
He'll love His own to endless day.

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood;  
And love will bring them safe to God;  
Love calls them all from death to life;  
And love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene,  
Nor aught from Him can Zion wean;  
Not all the wanderings of her heart  
Can make His love for her depart. (*Repeat chorus*)

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love;  
In endless bliss, His own shall prove  
The blazing glory of that love  
Which never could from them remove.  
Which never could from them remove.

*Words by William Gadsby; Music by Sandra McCracken*

**Extending the Kingdom**

Ms. Carrie Eckel  
Cusco, Peru with Mission to the World (MTW)

**Prayers for Redeemer Church,  
San Antonio & the World**

Mr. Martinez

**\*The Greeting of Peace**

Children, ages **three through five**, are dismissed through the side door to your right when facing the stage to *TRAINING IN THE PEWS*. After the sermon, parents will meet their children in the back of the auditorium so that the children can join their families for communion.

Minister: 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.**

**The Sermon**

Mr. Gibbs

***"Faithful Intimacy"***

*Continuing the Series: The Church In the City*

*1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

A Word About Communion at Redeemer:

This is a time for all people 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. 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 fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace 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 also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

**All:**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts! The

whole earth is full of His glo - ry, the whole earth is full of His glo - ry, the

whole earth is full of His glo - ry; Ho - ly is the Lord!

*Words from Isaiah 6:3; Music by Nolene Prince*

## Prayer of Consecration

### Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! Hallelujah!**

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Holy Communion

If seated in the front outer sections, please exit toward the center aisles to partake, returning to your seat by the outer aisles. If seated in the front center section, upon usher's direction starting from back row, exit to the aisle closest to you. Please use the outer aisles to return to your seats. If seated in the back section, upon usher's direction, please exit your row to the left and return to your row from the right. Please use our communion time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The outer circle of the tray contains grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles.

During the distribution of the elements, an elder or pastor of Redeemer is available to pray with you at the rear of the auditorium if you so desire.

### Prayers for Those Not Communing

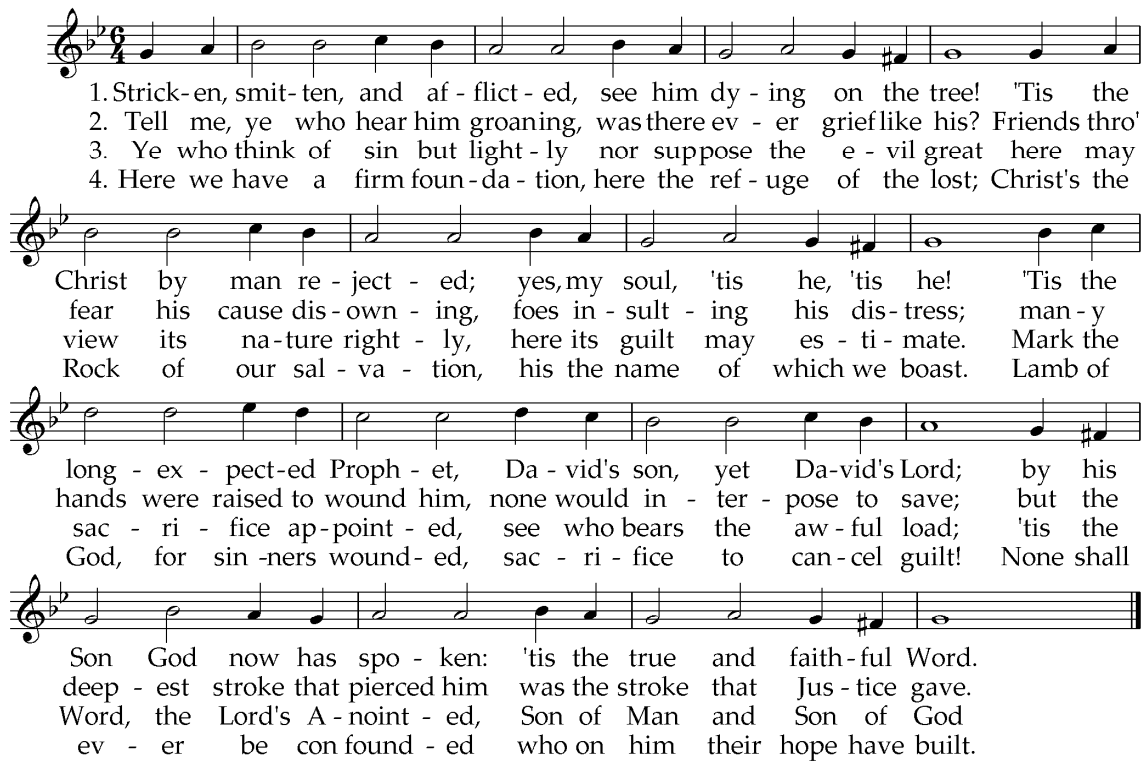
Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent,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

Lord, Jesus, 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. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

Lord, Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, 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 champion of my faith. Amen. **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin**

## Songs of Communion

### Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1. Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the tree! 'Tis the  
2. Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ev-er grief like his? Friends thro'  
3. Ye who think of sin but light-ly nor suppose the e-vil great here may  
4. Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, here the ref-u-ge of the lost; Christ's the  
Christ by man re-ject-ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he! 'Tis the  
fear his cause dis-own-ing, foes in-sult-ing his dis-tress; man-y  
view its na-ture right-ly, here its guilt may es-ti-mate. Mark the  
Rock of our sal-va-tion, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of  
long-ex-pect-ed Proph-et, Da-vid's son, yet Da-vid's Lord; by his  
hands were raised to wound him, none would in-ter-pose to save; but the  
sac-ri-fice ap-point-ed, see who bears the aw-ful load; 'tis the  
God, for sin-ners wound-ed, sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt! None shall  
Son God now has spo-ken: 'tis the true and faith-ful Word.  
deep-est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus-tice gave.  
Word, the Lord's A-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God  
ev-er be con-found-ed who on him their hope have built.

Words by Thomas Kelly; Tune: O Mein Jesu, Ich Muss Sterben

Always Thou Lovedst Me

I sought the Lord and afterward I knew,  
He moved my soul, to seek Him, seeking me.  
It was not I that found O Savior true;  
No, I was found of Thee.

*Chorus:* I find, I walk, I love,  
But oh, the whole of love  
Is but my answer Lord, to Thee!  
For Thou wert long beforehand with my soul,  
Always, Thou lovedst me.  
Always, Thou lovedst me.

Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine enfold;  
I walked and sank not, on the storm vexed sea.  
'Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold,  
As Thou, dear Lord, on me. (Chorus 2x)

*Words anonymous; tune by Jonathan Card*

## On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

*Chorus: I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound),  
I am bound for the Promised Land. (2X)*

No chilling winds or poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. (chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my father's face and in his bosom rest? (chorus 2x)

*Words by Samuel Stennent; Music by Christopher Miner*

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all ye heav'n ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Robert Williams

**\*Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord turn his face to you and give you his peace.

**Postlude**

*\*The Congregation Stands*

*Senior Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar  
Assistant Pastor: Rev. Victor R. Martinez  
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Brent M. Watkins*

*Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano; Jonathan Card, guitar;  
Michael Shay, trombone; James Sedgwick, percussion; Wes Bright, bass;  
Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Carrie Alley*

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# REDEEMER Highlights.....January 10, 2010

## This Week

Today	11:15 a.m.	<b>Move to Edison High School:</b> Immediately after the morning worship service.
Tonight	6:00-7:15 p.m.	<b>Intro to Christian Theology:</b> Resumes at the Church Office. The class will conclude on January 31 <sup>st</sup> .
Tuesday	9:30-10:00 a.m.	<b>Women's Tuesday Prayer:</b> Meet to pray at First Baptist Church downtown in Webb Hall, Rm. 207. Contact Jeannie Martinez at 367-8854 in advance if you will need childcare so she can arrange it with FBC. Place your prayer requests in the prayer box on the Welcome Station in the foyer.
Wednesday	10:00-11:30 a.m.	<b>Women's Morning Bible Study:</b> At Alamo Heights United Methodist, 825 E. Basse, Rm. S107.
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	<b>Newcomer's Dessert with Tom and Tara:</b> At their home, 219 Arcadia Pl, 78209. Get to know the Gibbs family and more fully Redeemer's vision.
Thursday	12:00-1:00 p.m.	<b>Men's Monthly Luncheon:</b> At Panchito's Restaurant, 4100 McCullough Ave, 78212. Contact Larry Rickels, 896-1096 or Brian Casey, 323-7775 for more info. Tom Gibbs will lead the group through Philippians.
Thursday	7:00-8:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Evening Bible Study:</b> At Mary Williams' home, 536 Castano Ave, 78209.

## Upcoming Events

January 17	9:30 a.m.	<b>First Sunday to Worship at Edison High School:</b> Edison High School is located at 701 Santa Monica, 78212. See the bulletin flyer for a map to Edison.
January 17	11:15 a.m.	<b>Christian Education Resumes:</b> Room numbers to the classrooms at Edison will be in next week's bulletin.
January 17	11:15 p.m.	<b>All Youth and Parents' Meeting:</b> During the CE hour, all youth (grades 6-12), parents, youth leaders and anyone interested in helping with the youth ministry will meet in the cafeteria to discuss all the exciting things going on this spring and summer.
February 19-20		<b>Winter Grace Women's Conference:</b> Author, Kathleen Nielson will speak on the topic, "Which Voice Are You Listening To? The Call of Wisdom in Proverbs." This is an excellent outreach opportunity so invite women you know. Registration info will follow in the weeks to come.

## Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Rudd, 930-4480  
Book Table/ Media ..... Brandon Eggar 930-4480  
Children's Ministries.....Jill Higey, 930-4480  
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Community Life & Membership .....Brandon Eggar, 930-4480  
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Local Missions..... Victor Martinez, 930-4480  
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Mercy/ Financial Aid..... Wes Bright, 826-3100  
Mission, Cultural Engagement & Outreach .....Victor Martinez, 930-4480  
Music Ministry.....Brent Watkins, 785-0912  
Pastoral Care.....Tom Gibbs, 930-4480  
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF).....Justin Clement, 930-4480  
Training in the Pews.....Ralph and Debbie Shay, 488-2561  
Usher/ Greeter Coordination.....Wes Bright, 826-3100  
Women's Ministries.....Ann Bingham, 930-4503; Tara Gibbs, 930-4974  
World Missions.....Elizabeth Bright, 995-3600  
Worship/ Event Assistance.....Ken Harrison, 828-8864  
Young Professionals Community.....Brandon Eggar, 930-4480  
Youth .....Matthew Beham, 930-4480  
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## Serving Today

*Worship Set-up/Take Down:* Ken Harrison, Jeff Brouillard, Steve Browne, John Browning, Gordon Zeigler  
*Greeters:* Terry George, Becky & Chris McMains, Meredith & Cristian Moza, Cristina & Edward Franssen  
*Communion Set-up/Take Down:* Ann Bingham, Debra Wagner  
*Nursery Set-up/Take Down:* Erick Faul, Anna Sharp, Nathan Anderson  
*Nursery Greeter:* Georgianna Hildebrand  
*Itty Bitty Babies:* Marcus & Heather Rudd; *Crawlers:* Jim & Lori Dante  
*Cruisers & Climbers:* Jason & Jennifer Smith  
*Younger Toddlers:* Rob & Marissa Bondurant; *Older Toddlers:* Erick & Laura Marion Faul  
*Training in the Pews:* Jason & Jill Higey, Elgin & Carole Wong  
*Cookies:* Lauren Browning, Ann Bingham

## Serving Next Week

*Worship Set-up/Take Down:* Ken Harrison, Ben Cairns, Curtis Castleberry, Greg Chaney, Gordon Zeigler  
*Greeters:* Terry George, Brenda & Carlos Ramos, Chass & Kevin McConnell, Rachel Manry, Mark Pomeroy  
*Communion Set-up/Take Down:* Barbara Harrison, Sarah & Larry Watford  
*Nursery Set-up/Take Down:* Erick Faul, The Basse Family  
*Nursery Greeter:* Elizabeth Berenguer  
*Itty Bitty Babies:* Mark & MaryAnn Randolph; *Crawlers:* Rob & Kristen Eller  
*Cruisers & Climbers:* Jake & Sharla Gray  
*Younger Toddlers:* Marc & Trisha Hadler; *Older Toddlers:* Royce & Lauren Itschner  
*Training in the Pews:* Will & Carter Greendyke, Justin & Elizabeth Clement  
*Cookies:* Debra Wagner, Lisa Rodriguez

## Redeemer Staff

Tom Gibbs, Senior Pastor  
Brandon Eggar, Associate Pastor  
Victor Martinez, Assistant Pastor  
Justin Clement, RUF Pastor at Trinity  
Brent Watkins, Music Ministries Director  
Jill Higey, Children's Ministries Director  
Matt Beham, Youth Director  
Harriet Peavy, Office Administrator  
Heather Rudd, Assistant Administrator

## Session

Josh Alley, RE  
Brandon Eggar, TE, Clerk  
John Fitch, RE  
Tom Gibbs, TE, Moderator  
Jeff Judson, RE  
Jason Register, RE  
Bowman Williams, RE

## Diaconate

Wes Bright, Chairman  
Bob George, Treasurer  
Jake Gray  
Ken Harrison  
Henry Sauer  
Jeremy Whitley

## **“Faithful Intimacy”**

<sup>12</sup> "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. <sup>13</sup> "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." <sup>17</sup> But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. **1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

**Main Idea:** It is no secret that sexual immorality is commonplace in our culture today. Such behavior might lead us to believe society is deeply cynical about the possibility for committed intimacy in relationships, but that is not the case. *People today remain tenaciously committed to the notion that profoundly romantic and enduring relationships ought to be both a common and normal part of our lives. When they are not we despair.* So, what accounts for the difference between our longing for commitment and intimacy and their betrayal through our immoral practices? It is this question that our passage answers.

### **1) Our bodies were made for a greater purpose than our appetites!**

- a) **Freedom in Christ means our bodies must serve God's design**
- b) **Resurrection in Christ means our bodies will endure forever**

### **2) Our relationships must be informed by a greater relationship!**

- a) **Secured at a great cost**
- b) **Set apart for holy use**