

January 17, 2010

For Your Information ...

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 Continuing Vision of Redeemer Presbyterian Church document, our newsletter, the Kerygma (pronounced ke-rig-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. For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America visit: 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, under Ministries, then Community Groups, to find information on locations and leaders and 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

9:15-9:25 a.m. **Prayer**
9:30-10:55 a.m. **Worship**
11:15 a.m. **Christian Education**

Nurseries

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 in the cafeteria during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the East end of Edison High School. Room numbers are listed below.

1119—Itty Bitty Babies: 3-7 mos.
1119—Crawlers: 8-12 mos.
1113—Cruisers & Climbers: 13-18 mos.
1120—Younger Toddler: 19-27 mos.
1122—Older Toddler: 28–36 mos.
Cafeteria—Training the Pews: 3-5 yrs.

Christian Education

1120—Toddler I (age 2)
1122—Toddler II (age 3)
1200—Pre K- K (age 4-5)
1202—Primary I (ages 6-7)
1213—Primary II (ages 8-9)
1215—Junior (ages 10-11)
1219—Jr. High Youth (6th-8th)
1217—Sr. High Youth (9th-12th)
Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

January 17, 2010

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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.

Reflection & Preparation

“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, Redeemer opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

When the righteous prosper the city rejoices. Proverbs 11:10

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. Jeremiah 29:7

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. John T. Fitch

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

People: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Minister: Let us return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on us, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

***Hymn of Adoration**

All Creatures of our God and King

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a -
3. Thou glow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to
4. And all ye men of ten-der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your
5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble -

· sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou
· long, O — praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou
· hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou
· part, O — sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
· ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise,

· burn-ing sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er
· ris - ing morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a
· fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and
· who long pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your
· praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and priase the Spir - it, three in

· gleam, O — praise him, O — praise him, al - le -
· voice,
· light,
· care,
· one,

· lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words by Francis of Assisi; Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

***Affirmation of Faith**

Our World Belongs to God®, statement of Faith for the Christian Reformed Church, paragraphs 30-33

Minister: What does Pentecost mean for Christians?

All: At Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given to the church. In pouring his Spirit on many peoples God overcomes the divisions of Babel; now people from every tongue, tribe, and nation are gathered into the unity of the body of Christ.

Jesus stays with us in the Spirit, who renews our hearts, moves us to faith, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.

The Spirit thrusts God's people into worldwide mission. He impels young and old, men and women, to go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace with the good news of God's grace. The Spirit goes before them and with them, convincing the world of sin and pleading the cause of Christ.

The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety— fitting responses to timely needs. We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship which delights in the creative Spirit's work. He gives more than enough to each believer for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.

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***Song of Praise**

You are Holy

You are holy, *(echo)* You are mighty, *(echo)*
You are worthy, *(echo)* worthy of praise. *(echo)*
I will follow, *(echo)* I will listen, *(echo)*
I will love You, *(echo)* all of my days. *(echo)*

Men:

I will sing to
And worship
The King who
Is worthy.

I will love
And adore Him.
I will bow down
Before Him.

Women:

He is Lord of Lords.
He is King of Kings.
He is mighty God,
Lord of everything.
He's Emmanuel.
He's the Great I Am.
He's my Prince of Peace,
Who is the Lamb.

He's the living God.
He's my saving grace.
He will reign forever,
He is Ancient of Days.
He is Alpha, Omega,
Beginning and End.
He's my Savior, Messiah,
Redeemer and friend.

You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You.

Words and music by Marc Imboden and Tammi Rhoton

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Minister: The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the heart and test the mind.
Jeremiah 17:9, 10

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

People: **Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We confess that we have not bowed before Jesus or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory. We confess that we overlook those Jesus sought—the poor, the hungry and those who mourn. Our ears are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. Lord, revive us! Bring new, resurrection life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom and that comes from the Holy Spirit. May Your power made known in the resurrection be ours today.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon & Comfort

Romans 5:8-9

Minister: God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

***Song of Renewal**

Arise, My Soul, Arise

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

(Chorus)

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise (arise). Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise (arise). Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. (Chorus)

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!" (Chorus)

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

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Kevin Twit

***Scripture Reading**

Dr. and Mrs. John T. Fitch

Isaiah 49:1-6

Acts 8:1-8

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Mr. Gibbs

***The Greeting of Peace**

Children, ages **three through five**, are dismissed through the rear door and into the cafeteria for 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

"Sons of Light"

Luke 16:1-13

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 partake of the elements. 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, Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly,
 Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly is the Fa - ther, Ho-ly is the Son,
 Ho-ly is the Spir - it; Bless-ed Three in One. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly,
 Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord.

Music by Franz Schubert; Arranged by Tom Fettke

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 to the outside aisles to partake, returning to your seat by the nearest inner aisles. If seated in the front center sections, upon usher's direction, starting front to back, exit to the center aisle. Please use the outer aisles nearest your section to return to your seats. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles. Please use our communion time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served.

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

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my__ vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my__ wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I__ heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
4. High king of__ heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
thou my__ best__ thought by day or by night,____
thou my__ great_ Fa - ther, I thy true son;____
thou and__ thou_ on - ly, first in my heart,____
Heart of__ my__ own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,____
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy__ pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and__ I with thee one.
High King of heav - en, my__ trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O__ Rul - er of all.

Words from and Ancient Irish Poem (ca. 8th cent.); Traditional Irish Melody

I Need Thee, Every Hour

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.

Chorus:

I need Thee, O I need Thee; O I need Thee every hour;
I need you Lord, O bless me now, My Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill. *Chorus*

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son. *Chorus.*

I need Thee every hour, I need Thee every hour,
I need Thee every hour, I need Thee every hour.

Words by Annie Hawks; music by Kevin Twit

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Chorus:

For I am the Lord your God (*I am the Lord your God*),
I am the Lord your God. (*I am,*)
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Repeat)

I am the Lord; (*do not fear*).
I am the Lord; (*do not fear*).
I am the Lord; (*do not fear*).
I am the Lord; (*do not fear*).

When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine. (*Repeat chorus*)

Music anonymous

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!

1. Re deemed, how I love to pro-claim it! Re deemed by the blood of the Lamb; re-
2. Re deemed and so hap-py in Je - sus, no lan - guage my rap-ture can tell; I
3. I think of my bless ed Re-deem-er, I think of him all the day long; I
deemed thro' his in - fi-nite mer - cy, his child, and for - ev - er, I am. Re-
know that the light of his pres-ence with me doth con - tin-ual-ly dwell.
sing, for I can - not be si - lent; his love is the theme of my song.
deemed, - re deemed, - re deemed by the blood of the Lamb; - re -
deemed thro' his in - fi-nite mer-cy, his child, and for-ev-er, I am.

Words by Fanny Crosby; Music by A.L. Butler

***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; Zach Ellis, bass; James Sedgwick, percussion; Jim Dante, flute;
Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Carrie Alley*

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REDEEMER Highlights.....January 17, 2010

This Week

Today	11:15 a.m.	Christian Education Resumes: Please refer to the insert in your bulletin for room locations.
⁴ Today	11:15 p.m.	All Youth and Parents' Meeting: 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.
Tonight	6:00-7:15 p.m.	Intro to Christian Theology: Resumes at the church office. The class will conclude on January 31 st .
Monday	10:30-12:30 p.m.	Play Group: "Open Art" at Art Works (www.artworksartstudio.com), 1840 Nacogdoches Rd, 78209. They have multiple 'stations' including painting, coloring, play-dough, etc. for kids to create their masterpieces. Cost is \$5 per child of 'art-making' age, (around age 2 and up).
Monday	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Jr. High Bowling: Jr. High students will be meeting at AMF Lanes, 1948 Austin Hwy, 78218. We will bowl two games.
Wednesday	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Women's Morning Bible Study: At Alamo Heights United Methodist, 825 E. Basse, Rm. S107.

Upcoming Events

January 24	1:00-2:30 p.m.	High School Youth Community Group: Girls will be at the Judson home, 205 E. Wildwood, 78212. Guys will be at the Beham home, 265 W. Wildwood, 78212
February 2	6:30-7:30 a.m.	Men's Downtown Breakfast: At Mi Tierra in Market Square, 218 Produce Row, 78207. Victor Martinez will lead the group on "Faithfulness in Uncertain Times: Studies on 2 Timothy." For further info, contact Bowman Williams, 860-5404, or John Ames, 725-3630.
February 3	7:00 p.m.	Young Professionals 1st Wednesday: At the Harrison home, 110 La Jara, 78209, for a night of worship, fellowship, and Bible study. For more info, call 930-4480.
February 4	10:00 a.m.	Play Group: Let's go Rodeo! Meet to carpool (location TBA) to the rodeo grounds to see the animals. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for ages 2+.
February 4	7:00 p.m.	Men's Pub Night: At the Lion and the Rose at Blanco and 410, 842 NW 410, 78209. Contact Marc Hadler, 542-4392, for more info.
February 7		Redeemer's 7th Anniversary Celebration: Stay for cake in the foyer immediately after morning worship.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Rudd, 930-4480
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Worship Set-up/Take Down: Ken Harrison, Ben Caims, Curtis Castleberry, Greg Chaney, Gordon Zeigler
Greeters: Terry George, Elizabeth Bright, Chais & Kevin McConnell, Rachel Manny, 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: Kevin & Jane Wallace; *Crawlers:* Jim & Lori Dante
Cruisers & Climbers: Jake & Sharla Gray
Younger Toddlers: Jessica & Nicole Castano *Older Toddlers:* Royce & Lauren Itschner
Training in the Pews: Will & Carter Greendyke, Justin & Elizabeth Clement
Cookies: Debra Wagner, Lisa Rodriguez

Serving Next Week

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Ken Harrison, Joao Chaves, Quincy Davidson, Mike Davis, Gordon Zeigler
Greeters: Terry George, Sheila & Paul Ryan, Melinda & Ken David-Masur, Annie & Walt Mays
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Heather Rudd, Tiffany Drewa
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Erick Faul, Chris & Erin Specia
Nursery Greeter: Meredith Moza
Itty Bitty Babies: Laura Kaupp, Rachel Gravel; *Crawlers:* James & Laura Sedgwick
Cruisers & Climbers: Rick & Susan Basse
Younger Toddlers: Jeff & Sara Brouillard; *Older Toddlers:* Curtis & Marian Castleberry
Training in the Pews: Dan & Tabitha Whyte, Bonnie Anderson
Cookies: Avril Julander

Redeemer Staff

Tom Gibbs, Senior Pastor
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Session

Josh Alley, RE
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“Sons of Light”

¹ He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ² And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³ And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷ Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰ "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." **Luke 16:1-13**

Main Idea: In this surprising, difficult to understand parable, Jesus makes clear his expectations for us, his disciples. **As the *Sons of Light*, our first priority must be the Kingdom of God.** However, our labor in the Kingdom must not be naïve. We are called to shrewd management over all that God has given.

1) Understanding the parable (1-8)

2) Lessons for us

- a) Recognize the priority of the mission**
 - i. Purpose**
 - ii. Place**
- b) Risk everything on the mercy of God**
- c) Re-focus our efforts (act shrewdly) to maximize their impact**