

January 24, 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.

1116—Nursing Mothers
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

1122—Toddler I (age 2)
1120—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)
1221—Adult CE
Auditorium—Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

January 24, 2010

Third 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

“Can God be any less good to me on the average Tuesday morning than he was on that monumental Friday afternoon when he hung on a cross in my place? The answer is a resounding NO. God will not be less good to me tomorrow either, because God *cannot* be less good to me. His goodness is not the effect of his disposition but the essence of his person—not an attitude but an attribute.” Paige Benton

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. Galatians 3:28-29

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

People: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Minister: Shout for joy before the Lord, the King!

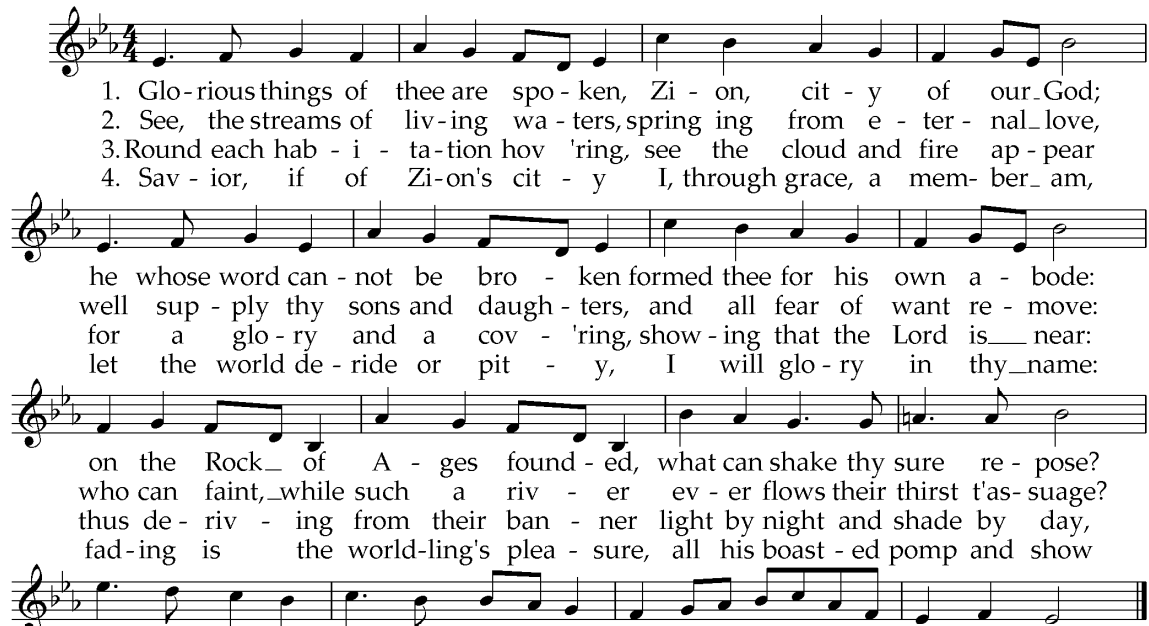
People: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Minister: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

All: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

***Hymn of Adoration**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1. Glo-rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring ing from e - ter - nal love,
3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, through grace, a mem - ber am,
he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode:
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:
for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near:
let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name:
on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?
thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
fad - ing is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show
With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Words by John Newton; Music by Franz Joseph Haydn

Minister: What do you understand by the providence of God?

All: Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.

Minister: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

All: We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

[‡]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**

O Lord, You're Beautiful

O Lord, you're beautiful—your face is all I seek.
For when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.

O Lord, please light the fire—that once burned bright and clear.
Replace the lamp of my first love that burns with holy fear!

O Lord, you're beautiful—your face is all I seek.
For when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.

Words and music by Keith Green

Scripture Warning

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Minister: For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

People: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. For the wages of sin is death. Romans 3:20, 23; 6:23

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together

All: Most merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess that we are prone to evil and lazy in doing good. All our shortcomings and offenses are against you. You alone know how often we have sinned by wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts and in forgetting your love. O Lord, have pity upon us. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive all our sins on account of your dear Son, our Savior. Send your purifying grace into our hearts, that we may live in your light and walk according to the commandments of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Psalm 32: 3, 5

Minister: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Song of Renewal

Psalm 18



1. I love You, Lord! You are my strength, The Lord, my rock— my
2. With cords of death on ev - ery side, I was as - sailed by
3. He reached from heav'n and re - scued me from ma - ny wa - ters
4. I there - fore will give thanks to You a - mong the na - tions

fort, my pow'r, My God, my hid - ing place, my shield, My
floods of sin, en - tan - gled by the grave's strong cords, my
swell - ing high; from those that hate me set me free, from
all, O Lord; and I will sing the psalms of praise, to

horn of saf - ety, and my tow'r. Be - cause He's ev - er
way with snares of death hemmed in. In my dis - tress I
foes that strong - er were than I. In my dis - tress my
Your great name_ will praise acc - ord. He to His king sal -

to be praised, Un - to the Lord I lift my cry; For
called the Lord; my cry to God for help was clear. He
foes came on; The Lord was my se - cu - ri - ty; He
va - tion gives, to His an - oint - ed show His grace; His

I shall be de - li - vered thus from all the foes_ who me de - fy.
from His tem - ple heard my voice; my cry be - fore_ Him reached His ear.
brought me forth and gave me room, be - cause He took_ de - light in me.
mer - cy ev - er - more ex - tends to Dav - id and_ his prom - ised race.

Words from Psalm 18; music by William B. Bradbury

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Emery Paige Hobbs

Covenant child of Dean and Laura Hobbs

Ivy James McConnell

Covenant child of Kevin and Chaiiss McConnell

Robert Charles "Chase" Hollimon

Covenant child of Charley and Katherine Hollimon

Andrew Graham Moza

Covenant child of Cristian and Meredith Moza

Catherine Grace King

Covenant child of Carter and Elizabeth King

Jack Henry Watkins

Covenant child of Brent and Jessica Watkins

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

Mr. Martinez

***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

"No Third Wheels"

Continuing the Series: The Church In the City

1 Corinthians 7:1-40

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 Fette

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 outer sections, please exit to the outside aisles to partake, returning to your seat by the nearest inner aisles. If seated in the center sections, upon usher's direction, starting back to front, 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

Just As I Am

1. Just_ as I am, _____ with - out _____ one plea, But
 2. Just_ as I am, _____ and wait - ing not, To
 3. Just_ as I am, _____ though toss - ed a - bout, With
 4. Just_ as I am, _____ poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight,

that _____ Thy blood was shed for me, And
 rid _____ my soul of one dark blot, To
 ma - ny a con - flict, ma - ny'a doubt, Fight -
 rich - es, heal - ing of the mind, Yea, _____

that Thou bid'st _____ me come to Thee, _____ O
 Thee Whose blood _____ can cleanse each spot, _____ O
 ings and fears _____ with - in, with - out, _____ O
 all I need in Thee to find, _____ O

Lamb of God, _____ I come, I come.
 Lamb of God, _____ I come, I come.
 Lamb of God, _____ I come, I come.
 Lamb of God, _____ I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am, Thy love unknown,
 Hath broken every barrier down,
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words by Charlotte Elliot; music by William Bradbury

I Asked the Lord

I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and love and every grace.
Might more of His salvation know, and seek more earnestly His face.

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray, and He I trust has answered prayer.
But it has been in such a way as almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour at once He'd answer my request,
And by His love's constraining power subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this He made me feel the hidden evils of my heart,
And let the angry powers of Hell assault my soul in every part.

Yea more with His own hand He seemed intent to aggravate my woe;
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, cast out my feelings, laid me low.

"Lord why is this", I trembling cried, "Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?"
"'Tis in this way," The Lord replied, "I answer prayer for grace and faith."

"These inward trials I employ from self and pride to set thee free,
And break thy schemes of earthly joy that thou mayest seek thy all in me,
That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

Words by John Newton; Music by Laura Taylor

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me; they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, while Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care,
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee; think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee; God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Words by Henry Lyte; music by Bill Moore

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Jesus Shall Reign

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'r the sun
2. To him shall end - less prayer be made,
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - every tongue
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;
5. Let ev - ery creat - ure rise and bring

does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
and prais - es thron - to crown his head;
dwell on his love with sweet - est song;
the pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains,
pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;

his king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
his name, like sweet per - fume, shall rise
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
and all the sons of want are blest.
and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Words by Isaac Watts; Music by John Hatton

***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; Laura Sanders, flute;
Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Jennifer Smith*

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REDEEMER Highlights.....January 24, 2010

This Week

Today	11:15 a.m.	Missions Update: During the CE hour, Peter Dishman, a missionary to Mexico City with Reformed University Fellowship, whom Redeemer supports, will update us on the work he is doing there through RUF.
Today	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Community Groups: Guys will meet at the Beham home, 265 W. Wildwood, 78212, while the girls will be at the Judson home, 205 E. Wildwood, 78212.
Tonight	6:00-7:15 p.m.	Intro to Christian Theology: At the church office. The class concludes Jan. 31 st .
Wednesday	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Women's Morning Bible Study: At Alamo Heights United Methodist, 825 E. Basse, Rm. S107.
Thursday	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study: At Mary Williams' home, 536 Castano Ave, 78209.
Friday	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Sr. High Movie and Popcorn Night: At the Alaniz home, 9422 Maverick Pass, 78240. Call Matt Beham for more information, 508-7662.

Upcoming Events

Ongoing		Elder/Deacon Nominations: During the month of February, the Session of RPC shall receive nominations from the congregation for the 2013 class of ruling elders and deacons, respectively. Nomination forms will be available in February. Please begin prayerful consideration regarding who should serve in these capacities.
January 31	12:00-1:30 p.m.	All Youth Field Day: Bring a change of clothes and sack lunch for this afternoon of fun. Adults welcome also!
February 1		Sr. High Deposit Due: \$100 deposit due to Matt Beham for the Sr. High trip with Reformed Youth Ministries to Colorado, June 13-20. Make checks payable to RPC.
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. Call 930-4480 for more info.
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+. Contact Kristen Eller at robandkristen@hotmail.com for more info.
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		Congregational Meeting: Immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to present Redeemer's 2010 Budget for Ministry.
February 7		Redeemer's 7th Anniversary Celebration: Immediately after the congregational meeting.
February 19-20		Winter Grace Women's Conference: Please see invitation in the bulletin for details.

Making Contact

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Serving Today

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Ken Harrison, Joao Chaves, Quincy Davidson, Mike Davis, Gordon Zeigler
Greeters: Terry George, Sheila & Paul Ryan, Annie & Walt Mays, John & Lauren Browning
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, Rachel Manny

Serving Next Week

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Ken Harrison, David Dillon, Andrew Douglas, Chris Duvall, Gordon Zeigler
Greeters: Terry George, Matt & Haley Beham, Melinda & Ken David-Masur, Larry & Sarah Watford
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Sara Ames, Patty Malott
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Erick & Laura Marion Faul, Bebe Casey
Nursery Greeter: Tabitha Whyte
Itty Bitty Babies: Mary Williams *Crawlers:* Chris & Erin Specia
Cruisers & Climbers: Aaron & Sarah Gill
Younger Toddlers: Abby & Brian Fishero; *Older Toddlers:* Jeannie & Gabby Martinez
Training in the Pews: Tobin & Gina Walker, Joao & Paula Chaves
Cookies: Linda Zeigler

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

“No Third Wheels”

¹ Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." ² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. ³ The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴ For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵ Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. ⁶ Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. ⁷ I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. ⁸ To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am. ⁹ But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to be aflame with passion. ¹⁰ To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband ¹¹ (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife. ¹² To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. ¹³ If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. ¹⁶ Wife, how do you know whether you will save your husband? Husband, how do you know whether you will save your wife? ¹⁷ Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. ¹⁹ For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God. ²⁰ Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. ²¹ Were you a slave when called? Do not be concerned about it. But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity. ²² For he who was called in the Lord as a slave is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a slave of Christ. ²³ You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men. ²⁴ So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God. ²⁵ Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. ²⁶ I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is. ²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸ But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that. ²⁹ This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. ³² I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³ But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴ and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵ I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord. ³⁶ If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed, if his passions are strong, and it has to be, let him do as he wishes: let them marry- it is no sin. ³⁷ But whoever is firmly established in his heart, being under no necessity but having his desire under control, and has determined this in his heart, to keep her as his betrothed, he will do well. ³⁸ So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better. ³⁹ A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. ⁴⁰ Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is. And I think that I too have the Spirit of God. **1 Corinthians 7:1-40**