

January 28, 2007

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 purple guest packets, the Kerygma, our newsletter 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 small fellowships of six to twelve people meeting every other week in homes, apartments and restaurants throughout San Antonio. They are the first place where we hope our people turn for applying the gospel to their lives. To find out how you can join a community group, please contact the church office at 930-4480 or a community group leader identified on the Making Contact page in the bulletin.

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 appropriate form 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**
9:30-10:45 a.m. **Worship**
11:10-12:00 p.m. **Christian Education**

Nurseries

Redeemer offers fully staffed nurseries for children ages newborn 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. (See map at **Welcome Station**.)

Infants I: newborn – 9 months

Infants II: 10 – 18 months

Toddlers: 19 months – 3 years

Training the Pews: 3 - 5 years

Christian Education

Toddler I (age 2)

Toddler II (age 3)

Preschool I (age 4)

Preschool II (age 5)

Primary I (ages 6-7)

Primary II (ages 8-9)

Junior (ages 10-11)

Youth (7th-12th grades)

Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Reflection & Preparation

“Often it seems that beneath the pleasantries of daily life there are many gaping wounds that carry such names as abandonment, betrayal, rejection, rupture, and loss. These are all the shadow side of the second love and reveal the darkness that never completely leaves the human heart.” Henri Nouwen

“Humankind is hopeless. Creation has not changed. It is deeply set against God’s purposes. ...All the terror of the waters has not changed that. Hope for the future is not premised on possibility thinking or human actualization. Hope will depend on a move from God.” Walter Brueggemann

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.” Isaiah 43:1-3

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. John T. Fitch

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Minister: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

*Hymn of Adoration

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and
2. When dark-ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood, sup - port me in the
4. When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.

rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Words by Edward Mote; Music by William B. Bradbury

*Affirmation of Faith The Definition of the Faith at the Council of Chalcedon[†]

Minister: Christians, what do we believe regarding the person of Jesus Christ?

All: **Therefore, following the holy fathers, we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards his manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the Virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us.**

[†] One of the great ecumenical creeds, The Definition of Faith formulated at the Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.) sought to affirm the unique identity of Jesus Christ as the *theanthropos* or God-man, one person who exists in two natures, over against ancient and heretical views of Jesus' person.

* Doxology

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Tune: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter

Scripture Warning

Exodus 34:6-7

Minister: The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty."

The Law of God

Minister: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

All:
You shall have no other gods before me.
You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Colossians 1:13-14

Minister: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

***Song of Renewal**

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

Words by Samuel Trevor Francis; music by Thomas John Williams

***Extending the Kingdom**

Mr. Jake Gray
Chairman of the Deacons

Redeemer Ministries of Mercy

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

Mr. Gibbs

***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*.

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

“Climbing Rainbows”

Continuing the series: What in the world are we here for?

Genesis 8:1-9:19

Preparation for Communion

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 to 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 saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord most high.

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

Starting with the two front outer sections by rows, please form one line on the outer half of each center aisle. Upon approaching the front, please form a line in front of the first row of chairs of each outer section. After the two outer sections have partaken, the front center section should proceed. If seated in the back center section, please exit your row toward the left, form a line in front of the first row of chairs in the back center section, partake from those serving in the center cross-aisle, and then return to your row from the right side. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The center cup and inner circle of the tray contain grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles and return to your seat. Please use the remaining time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served.

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

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."

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast.
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

Dear Name, the Rock on which I build, my Shield and Hiding-Place,
My never-failing Treas'ry filled with boundless stores of grace.

By Thee, my prayers acceptance gain, although with sin defiled;
Satan accuses me in vain, and I am owned a child

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought

'Till then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath,
And may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death

Words by John Newton; music by Alexander Reinagle

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Words by George Matheson; music by Christopher Miner

God's Blessing

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

For All the Saints



1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; _____
3. O may thy sol - diers faith - ful, true, and bold, _____
4. The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; _____
5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the



thee _____ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest; _____
saints _____ tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the



name, O _____ Je - sus, be for - ev - er _____ blest. Al -
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one _____ true _____ light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of _____ gold.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise _____ the _____ blest.
King of _____ glo - ry pass - es on _____ his _____ way.



- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

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

Postlude

**The Congregation Stands*

Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

RUF Campus Minister: Rev. Justin G. Clement

Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano; Jonathan Card, guitar

Patrick Shay, trumpet; Michael Shay, trombone

Joel Cook, cello; Zach Ellis, bass

Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Carrie Alley

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REDEEMER Highlights.....January 28, 2007

This Week

- Today 6- 7:15 p.m. **The Doctrine of the Church:** This class will be held at the Redeemer Office (930-4480).
- Monday 9:00 p.m. **RUF** (Reformed University Fellowship) will be held at the Meditation Chapel on Trinity's campus. Worship, practical teaching, and fellowship. Contact Justin Clement: 930-4480.
- Tuesday 6:30- 7:45 a.m. **Men's Bible Study** will resume. The Study meets at Joseph's Storehouse bakery at St. Mary's and Mulberry. We are studying the book of James. Call 930-4480 for more info.
- Tuesday 9:30- 11:30 a.m. **Redeemer Park Day:** Informal play and fellowship at Brackenridge Park, behind the Witte Museum. Call Elizabeth Clement at 530-0522.
- Wednesday 10-11:30 a.m. **Ladies' Bible Study** at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, Room W201. Please join us. For info, call 930-4480.

Upcoming Events

- February 4 11:30 a.m. **Redeemer's Anniversary Celebration Luncheon** will be held after the worship service at McAllister. See bulletin flyer.
- February 7 7 p.m. **Newcomer's Dessert with Tom and Tara** at their home (219 Arcadia Pl., 78209). This informal time is designed to help you get to know the Gibbs and more fully Redeemer's vision.
- February 16- 17 **Intro to Redeemer Membership Class:** On Friday evening, February 16, and Saturday morning, February 17, Redeemer will hold its membership class. This course is required for all who wish to join Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy; Carri Jobe 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Jim Faucett 602-0213
Children’s Ministries.....Krisanne Stolhandske 930-4480
Community Life & Outreach..... Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Financial (church).....Bob George 822- 2016
Local and World Missions..... John Fitch 824-5973
Men’s MinistriesJeff Judson 822-1292
Mercy/ Financial Aid.....Jake Gray 884-4729
Music Ministry..... Brent Watkins 512-567-4045
Pastoral Care (Membership, Doctrine, Illness, Counseling).....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.....Jason Register 829-0747
Women’s Ministries.....Mary Williams 930-5915; Heather Card 467-5792
Worship/ Event Assistance.....Ken Harrison 828-8864
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Redeemer Prayer Requests.....930-4480, ext. 330

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Serving Today

Infants (9:30): Annie Elbert
Toddlers (9:30): Steve and Carolyn Browne
Training in the Pews: Quinton and Melissa Dodson
Greeters: Alex and Kate Kinnaird, Regan Luthin, Jordan and Kitty Inman, Heather Card
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jason Smith, Jonathan Briggs, Charley Hollimon, Ryan O’Leary, Ben Bingham
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Jennifer Romig, Cyndi O’Leary
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Rick Basse, The Laxton family
Cookies: Ann Bingham, Jill Higey

Serving Next Week

Infants (9:30): Sarah Fields
Toddlers (9:30): Justin and Elizabeth Clement
Training in the Pews: Brian and Carri Jobe
Greeters: Monty Horn, Paul Gravel, Rick and Susan Basse, Wes and Elizabeth Bright
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Matt Pantsari, Don Hendrix, Jake Gray, Ray Tamez, Marc Hadler
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Evie McVicar, Cara McVicar
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Peavy, Ned Hodge
Cookies: Genean Hesko, Margaret Judson

Announcements

Christian Education (CE) will be held after the worship service.

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$40,376
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$38,134
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$11,467
Actual Ahead (Behind)	\$28,909

YTD includes all activity for the fiscal year, which begins January 1.

Community Groups

John Ames – 828-6891
and Bowman Williams – 930-5915
and Ralph Shay – 488-2561
Jonathan Card – 467-5792
and Brian Jobe – 826-2204
Brandon Eggar – 930-4480
John Fitch – 824-5973
and Henry Sauer – 832-9892
Tom Gibbs – 930-4974
Charley Hollimon – 829-5760
and Jason Register – 829-0747
Jeff Judson – 822-5901
Clay Miller – 830-438-5218
and Matt Pantsari – 497-1228
Mark Randolph – 822-6057
Jason Smith – 372-9337

Sermon Notes

“Climbing Rainbows”

Genesis 8:1-9:19

1. What God Won't Do

2. What We Can Do

3. What God Will Do