

January 4, 2009

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 Continuing Vision of Redeemer Presbyterian Church document, the Kerygma, our newsletter 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. 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**
9:30-10:55 a.m. **Worship**
11:10 a.m. **No 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

Toddler I: 19 months – 27 months

Toddler II: 28 months – 36 months

Training the Pews: 3 - 5 years

Christian Education

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)

Youth (7th-12th grades)

Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

January 4, 2009

Second Sunday after Christmas

In consideration of other worshippers, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Parents, nurseries are available during the worship service for children ages 6 weeks 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

The LORD is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

"Dear Father, You alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of our hearts. Grant us Your grace to love what You command and desire what You promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*"

There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, "All right, then, have it your way." C. S. Lewis

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Bowman Williams

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Listen, O heavens, and I will speak; hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.

People: I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just.

Minister: A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

***Hymn of Adoration**

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5. For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
grac - es hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Words by Folliott S. Pierpoint; Music by Conrad Kocher

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed¹

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell². The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church³, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

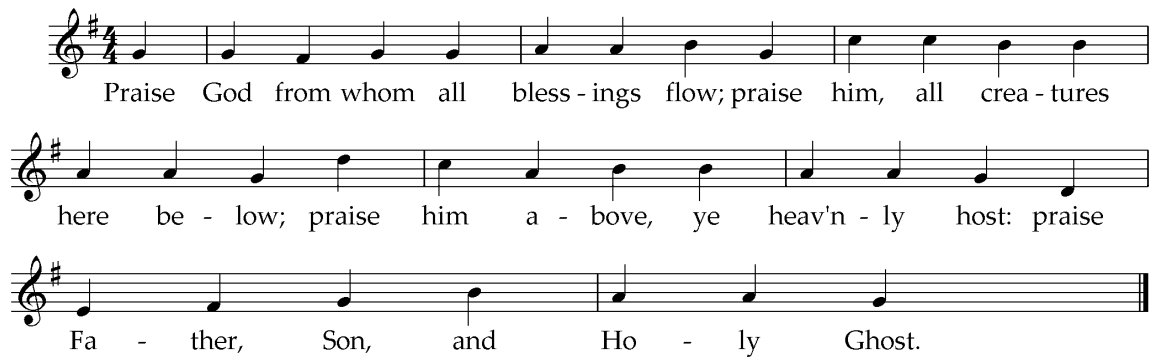
¹ Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated in the 2nd century and developed into its present form by the 6th century.

² By referring to Jesus' descent into hell, the Christian embraces two truths. Firstly, Jesus received the full sentence of hell on behalf of his people while on the cross. Secondly, Jesus experienced the reign of death by remaining in the tomb after the crucifixion.

³ The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographic or language barriers.

***Song of Praise**

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.

Tune: Tallis' Canon

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Minister: How do you come to know your misery?

People: **The Law of God tells me.**

Minister: What does God's law require of us?

People: **Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.**

Minister: Can you live up to all this perfectly?

People: **No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.**

Adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism Q/A # 3, 4, 5

Public Confession

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 8:38-39

Minister: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Song of Renewal**

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
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Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Words by John Stocker; Music by Sandra McCracken

***Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Glass

Nehemiah 1:1-6

James 1:1-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Mr. Eggar

***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

"Pilgrims in 2009"

Psalm 121

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, 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 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, 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 inner circle of the tray contains grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

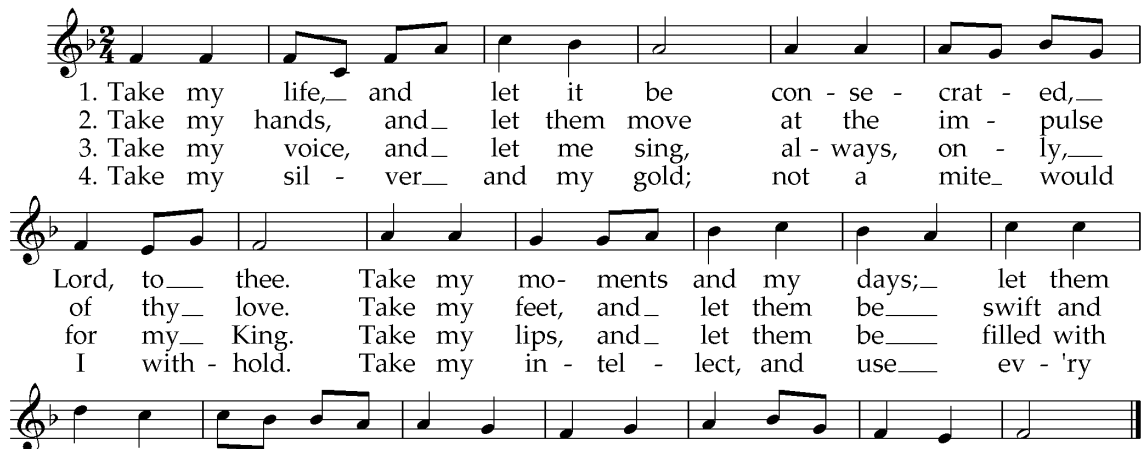
Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent,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

Take My Life, and Let It Be



1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly,
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever only, all for thee

Words by Frances R. Havergal; Music by Henri A. Cesar Malan

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord.
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Words by Psalm 51; composer: unknown

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)

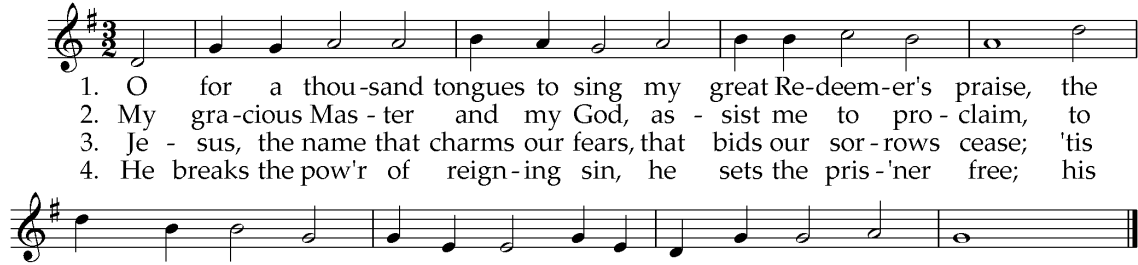
When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my father's face and in his bosom rest? (chorus 2x)

Words by Samuel Stennent; Music by Christopher Miner

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise, the
2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim, to
3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease; 'tis
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-ner free; his
glo-ries of my God and King, the_ tri-umphs of his grace.
spread through all the earth a-broad the_ hon-ors of thy name.
mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis_ life and health and peace.
blood can make the foul-est clean, his_ blood a-vailed for me.

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

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Lowell Mason

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Go in peace.

Postlude

**The Congregation Stands*

Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Associate Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Musicians: Corrie Box, piano; Jonathan Card, guitar;

Wes Bright, bass; Michael Shay, trombone; Patrick Shay, trumpet;

Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Carrie Alley

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REDEEMER Highlights.....January 4, 2009

This Week

- Wednesday 9:45-11:30 a.m. **Women's Morning Bible Study Resumes:** At Alamo Heights UMC, Room S107. Free childcare. Call 930-4480 for more details.
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. **Young Professionals 1st Wednesday:** At the Harrison's (110 La Jara, 78209) for a night of worship, fellowship, and study. Call 930-4480.
- Thursday 11:45-1:00 pm. **Men's Monthly Luncheon** at the Lighthouse Café (4212 McCullough Ave, 78212). Contact Jeff Judson, 822-1292.
- Thursday 7:00 p.m. **Women's Evening Bible Study:** At Kitty Inman's home, (819 Big Sky Bend, 78216). Call 930-4480 for more details.
- Friday 9:30- 11:30 a.m. **Redeemer Park Day:** At Brackenridge Park; Call Brandi Rickels, 826-2628.

Upcoming Events

- Guadalupe Center Food & Clothes Drive:** Please bring non-perishable foods, and gently used clothing to donate. Each Sunday there will be two marked containers next to the Mission's table in the foyer.
- January 11 Dr. Bryan Chapell, President of Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, will be preaching in the morning worship service.
- January 11 11:10 a.m. **Christian Education Resumes**
- January 11 6:00-7:15 p.m. **Intro to Christian Theology Resumes:** At the church office.
- January 15 **Men's Fellowship:** Join the men of Redeemer for a night of fellowship. Time and place TBD. Call Henry Sauer, 310-6542.
- January 23-24 **Intro to Redeemer Class:** On Friday night, Jan. 23rd, and Sat. morning, Jan. 24th, Redeemer will hold its membership class. Call 930-4480.
- January 29 7:00 p.m. **Baby Shower:** Honoring Amy Flores, Kitty Inman, and Laura Sedgwick at the home of Margaret Judson, (205 E. Wildwood, 78212). Contact Anne Davidson at 683-9168 for info on giving a group gift.
- February 5-8 **Men's Mission Trip to Laredo:** Join the men of Redeemer as they go to Iglesia La Vid, to assist in building a new sanctuary. Call Henry Sauer, 310-6542.
- February 13 7:30 p.m. **The Redeemer Fine Arts Series presents** jazz legend, John Patitucci, in concert at the Carver Community Cultural Center. Call 930-4480.
- February 20-21 **Winter Grace Women's Retreat:** At the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville, TX. Mark your calendars!

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Shimek 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Children’s Ministries.....Jill Higey 930-4480
Community Life & Membership Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Clerk of the SessionBrandon Eggar 930-4480
Financial (church).....Bob George 822- 2016
Local and World Missions.....John Fitch 824-5973
Men’s Ministries.....Jeff Judson 822-1292; Henry Sauer 310-6542
Mercy/ Financial Aid.....Jake Gray 884-4729
Mission, Cultural Engagement & OutreachVictor 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
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Serving Today

Nursery Greeters: Sam & Elizabeth Berenguer
Infants 1 (9:30): Annika Stolhandske, Brandon & Elizabeth Woods
Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): The Alaniz Family, Amy & Elise Miller
Training in the Pews: Ralph & Debbie Shay, Josh & Carrie Alley, Margaret Fitch
Greeters: Will & Carter Greendyke, Barry & Rhonda Laxton, Greg & Rachel Chaney
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jason Smith, Manny Alaniz, Sam Hairston, Ben Ingram, Ben Bingham
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Evie McVicar, Liz Goedecke
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Jordan McVicar, Annika Stolhandske
Cookies: Kelly Muck, Neeceia Eggar

Serving Next Week

Nursery Greeters: Bernard & Georgianna Hildebrand
Infants 1 (9:30): Lisa Shay, Evie McVicar, Brandon & Elizabeth Woods
Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): The Castano Family, Krisanne & Kierstn Stolhandske
Training in the Pews: Diane Deng, Dean & Laura Hobbs, Sevee Alaniz
Greeters: Steve & Carolyn Browne, John & Lauren Browning, Brian & Abby Fishero
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jason Smith, Jeff Brouillard, Brian Casey, Quincy Davidson, Ben Bingham
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Linda Struble, Kitty Inman
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Jordan McVicar, Jordan Inman
Cookies: Redeemer Bakers

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 Shimek, Assistant Administrator

Community Groups

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& Victor Martinez--509-7716
Josh Alley--731-0880
& Jonathan Card--467-5792
Wes Bright--826-3100
& Jordan Inman--265-1812
Brandon Eggar--542-4012
John Fitch--824-5973
& Mark Randolph--822-6057
Bob George--822-2016
Tom Gibbs--930-4974
& James Sedgwick--954-2696
Jerry Hesko--659-3004
& Clay Miller--830-438-5218
Jason Higey--354-7444
& Bernard Hildebrand--833-7616
Charley Hollimon--829-5760
& Jason Register--829-0747
Jeff Judson--822-5901
& Larry Rickels--826-2628
Chris Oldero--491-4101
& Jason Smith--257-0677
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& Jeremy Whitley--320-5520
Ralph Shay--488-2561
Please visit www.redeemersa.org
to find a community group near you.

Sermon Notes

“Pilgrims in 2009”

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. **Psalm 121:1-8**