

January 7, 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**

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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The Epiphany of the Lord

Reflection & Preparation

“Ours is a seduced world, where we call evil good and good evil, where we put darkness for light and light for darkness, where we call bitter sweet and sweet bitter, where we call war peace and peace war, so that we can rarely see the truth of the matter. Give us courage to depart the pretend world of euphemism, to call things by their right name, to use things for their right use, to love our neighbor as you love us. Overwhelm our fearful need to distort, that we may fall back into your truth-telling about us, that we may be tellers of truth and practitioners of truth. We pray in the name of the One (who is) filled with ‘grace and truth.’ Amen.” Walter Brueggemann

“Take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the house of slavery.”
Deuteronomy 6.12

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Clay Miller

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Minister: Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

*Hymn of Adoration

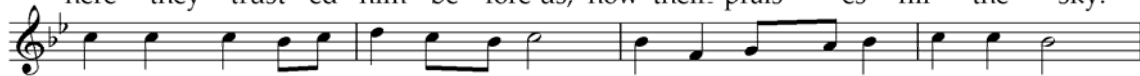
Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder



1. Let us love and sing and won-der, let us_praise the Sav - ior's name!
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied_ us when en - e - mies,
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tion threat en_ hard to bear us down!
4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and_point to mer - cy's store;
5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the_saints en throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has_quenched Mount Si - nai's flame:
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us_ ears and gave us eyes:
For the Lord, our strong sal - va tion, holds in_ view the con-qu'ror's crown:
when through grace in Christ our trust is, jus tice_smiles and asks no more:
here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their. prais - es fill the sky:



he has washed us_ with his_blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
he has washed us_ with his_blood, he pre sents_ our souls to God
he who washed us_ with his_blood soon will bring_ us home to God
he who washed us_ with his_blood has se - cured_ our way to God.
"You have washed us_ with your_blood; you are wor - thy, Lamb of God!"

Words by John Newton; Music from the Darmstadt Gesangbuch

***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.

* 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

Galatians 3:10-11

Minister: For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

People: O Lord, how can we stand before you with our numberless and aggravated offenses? We have taken your grace for granted; it has failed to stun us today. We have arrogantly believed that we deserved your grace and thus have mocked your gospel. We have run after vain idols and thus forsaken your sufficiency. We have not loved your church that you bought with your own blood. Forgive us, Lord. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not interceded for the world around us. We have failed to be your priests and we have broken your covenant. Lord, it is only because of your compassions through Jesus Christ that we are not consumed. Lead us to repentance and save us from despair. Lord, we have no excuse, but we do have Jesus who has become sin for us so that, in him, we might become the righteousness of God. Help us to believe the gospel for your glory!

Prayer of Confession from the 31st General Assembly of the PCA

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 5:17

Minister: If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

***Song of Renewal**

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

Alas and did my Savior bleed,
Did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a fool as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

(Chorus) The strangeness of love, my life in Your death
In Your brokenness my wholeness revealed
Your bonds are my freedom, Your sorrow my song
And by Your wounds I am healed

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away
"Tis all that I can do

(Chorus) The strangeness of love, my life in Your death
In Your brokenness my wholeness revealed
Your bonds are my freedom, Your sorrow my song
And by Your wounds I am healed (repeat chorus)

And by Your wounds I am healed, I am healed.

Words by Issac Watts; Music by Greg Thompson

***Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan McKenzie

Deuteronomy 8:11-20

Colossians 3:1-17

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 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

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

"Resolutions or Remembrance"

Ephesians 4:17-24

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

Not What My Hands Have Done

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Not What My Hands Have Done'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains five numbered verses. The second staff continues the lyrics. The third staff continues the lyrics. The fourth staff continues the lyrics. The fifth staff continues the lyrics.

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul; not
2. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin; thy
3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak; thy
4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine; and
5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might; he

what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole. Not
blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in. Thy
pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break. No
with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine. His
calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light. 'Tis

what I feel or do can give me peace with God; not
love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee, can
oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do; no
cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb each
he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives; I

all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.
strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

Words by Horatius Bonar; Music by George William Martin

Always Thou Lovedst Me

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

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

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

Words anonymous; tune by Jonathan Card

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

Chorus: Approach, my soul, the mercy seat,
Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before His feet,
For none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea,
With this I venture nigh;
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee
And such, O Lord, am I (chorus)

Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
By Satan sorely pressed,
By wars without and fears within,
I come to Thee for rest (chorus)

Be Thou my shield and hiding place,
That, sheltered near Thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
And tell him Thou hast died! (chorus)

O wondrous love! To bleed and die,
To bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners, such as I,
Might plead Thy gracious name! (chorus)

Words by John Newton; music by Kevin Twit

Reception of New Members

Ricardo and Anita Ramirez

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, our
2. Un - der the shad-ow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt se - cure; suf -
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re-ceived her frame, from
4. A thou sand a - ges in Thy sight are like an eve-ning gone; short
5. The bu - sy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares, are



shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, to end - less years the same.
as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
carr - ied down-ward by the flood, and lost in foll'-wing years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day

7. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home

***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; James Romig, french horn

Jim Dante, flute; Zach Ellis, bass

Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Stacy Van Klaveren

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REDEEMER Highlights.....January 7, 2007

This Week

- 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** will resume meeting at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, Room W201. Please join us. Call the church office for more info, 930-4480. Childcare donation: \$5
- Friday 9:30- 11:30 a.m. **Redeemer Park Day:** Informal play and fellowship at Orsinger Park, I-10 and Huebner Road. Call Elizabeth Clement at 530-0522.

Upcoming Events

- January 23 6:30- 7:45 a.m. **Men's Bible Study** will resume. The Study meets at Joseph's bakery at St. Mary's and Mulberry. We are studying the book of James. Call 930-4480 for more info.
- February 4 11:30 a.m. **Redeemer's Anniversary Celebration Luncheon** will be held after the worship service at McAllister.
- February 6 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/ MediaBrandon Eggar 930-4480
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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
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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
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Serving Today

Infants (9:30): Sara Ames
Toddlers (9:30): Milby Hartwell, Dwayne Bess
Training in the Pews: Charley and Katherine Hollimon
Greeters: Bob and Terry George, Marc and Trisha Hadler,
Josh and Mary Alice MacDiarmid
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jason Smith, Wes Bright, Matt Field, Ben Bingham
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Valerie Jorgensen, Barbara Harrison
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Rick Basse, Kitty Inman, Stephen Ribble
Cookies: Elizabeth Clement, Cyndi O’Leary

Serving Next Week

Infants (9:30): Susan Basse
Toddlers (9:30): Lindsay Bartels, Matthew Beham
Training in the Pews: Jake and Sharla Gray
Greeters: Ross and Stacy Van Klaveren, Wes and Elizabeth Bright,
Roger and Jessica Castano
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jason Smith, Josh MacDiarmid, Carter King,
Don Hendrix, Ben Bingham
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Sara Ames, Ann Bingham
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Rick Basse, Ned Hodge
Cookies: Tabitha Whyte, Kacey Register

Announcements

There will be no Christian Education (CE) this week.

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

“Resolutions or Remembrance”

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ! — ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. **Ephesians 4:17-24**