

November 22, 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, our newsletter, the Kerygma (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 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 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.

Little Bitty Babies: 3-7 months
The Crawlers: 8-12 months
Cruisers & Climbers: 13-18 months
Younger Toddler: 19-27 months
Older Toddler: 28-36 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)
Jr. High Youth (6th-8th grades)
Sr. High Youth (9th-12th grades)
Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

November 22, 2009

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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. 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

"As society's complexity and government's regulatory role increase, so does recourse to law. This is both cause and effect of the weakening of the democratic culture of persuasion, and of habits of accommodation." George Will

"...the Greeks were in fact...notorious for their love of going to law... The law courts were one of their chief entertainments... [Some of the Corinthian Christians] had brought their litigious tendencies into the Christian church." William Barclay

"...our priorities tend to be warped toward the values of this age rather than of the age to come. Here we have need of deep reformation. Most legal actions on the part of Christians are predicated on 'rights' and 'the pursuit of property' in the present age. [Our thinking needs to be] genuinely overhauled on these matters..." Gordon Fee

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Jason Register

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

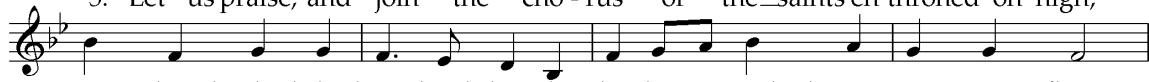
Minister: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

***Hymn of Adoration**

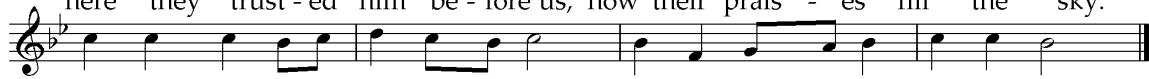
Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder



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

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q. #27 & 28

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**

I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my king, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.
(Repeat)

Words and Music by Laurie Klein

The Law of God

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Minister: And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:37-40

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O most great, just and gracious God. You condemn the ungodly, but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ. We confess that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have dishonored and neglected those around us. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have run into temptations, and the sin, which we should have hated. We are careless, ignorant, rash and presumptuous against your commands, promises, threats, mercies and judgments. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. Be reconciled to us, and let the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from all our sins. Amen.

Adapted from Richard Baxter's The Savoy Liturgy (1661)

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Minister: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Song of Renewal**

Arise, My Soul, Arise

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

(Chorus)

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

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

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

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

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Kevin Twit

***Scripture Reading**

Mr. Brian Casey & Ms. Ruth Anderson

Psalm 73:1-3; 11-18

Romans 12:16-21

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

"Litigious Lies"

Continuing the Series: The Church In the City

1 Corinthians 6:1-8

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, upon usher's direction, 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 outer circle of the tray contains grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles.

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

Amazing Grace!

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
saved a wretch like me! I
grace my fears re - lieved; how
have al - read - y come; 'tis
Word my hope se - cures; he
once was lost, but now am found, was
pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the
grace has brought me safe thus far, and
will my shield and por - tion be, as long as
blind, but now I see.
hour I first be - lieved!
grace will lead me home.
long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

Words by John Newton; Traditional American Melody

Only in God Is My Soul at Rest

Only in God is my soul at rest, in him comes my salvation.
He only is my Rock, my strength and my salvation.

My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be afraid at all.
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be moved.

Only in God is found safety when enemies pursue me.
Only in God is found glory, when I am found meek and found lowly.

My stronghold, my savior, I shall not be afraid at all.
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be moved. (repeat)

Only in God is my soul at rest, in him comes my salvation.

Words from Psalm 62; music by John Michael Talbot

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me.
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess.
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place.
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face.
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss.
My sinful self, my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Words by Elizabeth C. Clephane; Music by Christopher Miner

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

All for Jesus!

1. All for Je - sus! All for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran - somed pow'rs,
2. Let my hands per - form his bid - ding, let my feet run in his ways;
3. World - lings prize their gems of beau - ty, cling to gild - ed toys of dust,
4. Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;
5. O what won - der! how a - maz - ing! Je - sus, glo - rious King of kings,
all my thoughts and words and do - ings, all my days and all my hours.
let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, let my lips speak forth his praise.
boast of wealth and fame and plea - sure; on - ly Je - sus will I trust.
so en - chained my spir - it's vi - sion, look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.
deigns to call me his be - lov - ed, lets me rest be - neath his wings.

Words by Mary D. James; Music by John Stainer

***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. You may go in 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;
James Sedgwick, percussion; Michael Shay, trombone;
Brandon Woods, saxophone, Bonnie Anderson, clarinet;
Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Jennifer Smith*

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REDEEMER Highlights... November 22, 2009

This Week

- Today 2:00-3:30 p.m. **Middle School Community Groups:** Girls will be at the Randolph home (417 Canterbury Hill, 78209), and the boys will be at the Beham home (265 W. Wildwood, 78212).
- Tonight 6:00-7:15 p.m. **Intro to Christian Theology:** At the Church office.
- Wednesday 10:00-11:30 a.m. **Women's Morning Bible Study:** No Bible study this week.

Upcoming Events

- December 1 6:30-7:30 a.m. **Men's Downtown Breakfast:** At Mi Tierra in Market Square, 218 Produce Row, 78207. For further info, contact Bowman Williams, 860-5404, or John Ames, 725-3630.
- December 2 7:00 p.m. **Young Professionals 1st Wednesday:** At the Harrison home (110 La Jara, 78209) for a night of worship, fellowship, and Bible study. For more info, call 930-4480.
- December 3 10:00 a.m. **Play Group:** Ride the Train at the San Antonio Zoo. Meet in the Parking Lot outside the Ticket Office. Cost: \$2.50 for ages 3-11, \$3.00 for ages 12+. Contact Kristen Eller at robandkristen@hotmail.com for more info.
- December 3 7:00 p.m. **Men's Pub Night:** At the Lion and the Rose at Blanco and 410 (842 NW 410). Contact Marc Hadler, 542-4392, for more info.
- December 6 6:30 p.m. **Redeemer Christmas Party & Outreach:** Bring your friends for fellowship, beautiful music and a delicious dinner to celebrate the Christmas season with our Redeemer family at the Westin Riverwalk. Sign up in the bulletin flyer, and place your check in the offering plate. Your check is your reservation.
- December 10 11:45-1:00 p.m. **Men's Monthly Luncheon:** At the Lighthouse Café, 4212 McCullough Ave, 78212. Contact Larry Rickels, 896-1096 or Brian Casey, 323-7775 for more info.
- December 12 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. **Redeemer Christmas Baskets:** Join in the preparation and delivery of Christmas Baskets for our neighborhood community centers. Please indicate in the bulletin flyer whether you will participate in both the assembly and delivery of the baskets. Invite friends, co-workers, neighbors to this great volunteer opportunity. Contact Bowman Williams, 930-5915, for more info.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Shimek, 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Brandon Eggar 930-4480
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Clerk of the Session.....Brandon Eggar, 930-4480
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Men's Ministries.....Jeff Judson, 822-1292; Henry Sauer, 310-6542
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Serving Today

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Ken Harrison, Quincy Davidson, Mark Pomeroy, Craig Goedecke, Charley Hollimon

Greeters: John & Sara Ames, Milby Hartwell, Bekah Stolhandske, Andrea Beham

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Cara McVicar, Ann Bingham

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Whyte, Zach & Leah Ellis

Nursery Greeter: Lizette Crosson

Itty Bitty Babies/Crawlers: Justin & Elizabeth Clement, Quincy & Anne Davidson

Younger Toddlers: Higey/Hildebrand CG

Older Toddlers: Toby & Krisanne Stolhandske

Training in the Pews: Tobin & Gina Walker, Ralph & Debbie Shay

Cookies: Abby Fishero, Kacey Register

Serving Next Week

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Ken Harrison, Reeves Hollimon, Kendall Proctor, Brian Fishero, Charley Hollimon

Greeters: Ross & Stacy Van Klaveren, Bebe Camp, John & Lauren Browning

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Linda Zeigler, Sara Ames

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Whyte, Jordan McVicar, Ned Hodge

Nursery Greeter: Jill Higey

Itty Bitty Babies/Crawlers: Cara McVicar, Evie McVicar/Craig & Liz Goedecke

Younger Toddlers: The Castano Family

Older Toddlers: Stephanie Woodward

Training in the Pews: Will & Carter Greendyke, Larry & Brandi Rickels

Cookies: Janet Pursell, Debra Wagner

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

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

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$700,334
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$808,012
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$777,496
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$77,162)

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

“Litigious Lies”

¹When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? ² Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? ³ Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! ⁴ So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? ⁵ I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, ⁶ but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? ⁷ To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded? ⁸ But you yourselves wrong and defraud- even your own brothers!

1 Corinthians 6:1-8