

February 15, 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. **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

February 15, 2009

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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

“If we simply consider the obstacles that face our churches or the difficulties that we face as individuals, it is easy to conclude that we are overmatched and must inevitably fall short and fail. Humanly speaking, that may be an accurate assessment of reality. We have all sometimes felt like grasshoppers surrounded by giants on all sides. Our lives are full of impossible challenges, humanly speaking. Do you or I have the power within us to bring our neighbor to faith in Christ or to persevere in a difficult relationship at home or at work or to conquer personal besetting sin? Humanly speaking, none of us do. However, the eye of faith recognizes that in this world, reality is not accurately measured whenever we are ‘humanly speaking.’ This is *God’s* world, in which his Word and his promises must ultimately prevail.” Ian Duguid

“...and we never failed to fail, it was the easiest thing to do.” From the song *Southern Cross* by Crosby, Stills & Nash

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Jeff Judson

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

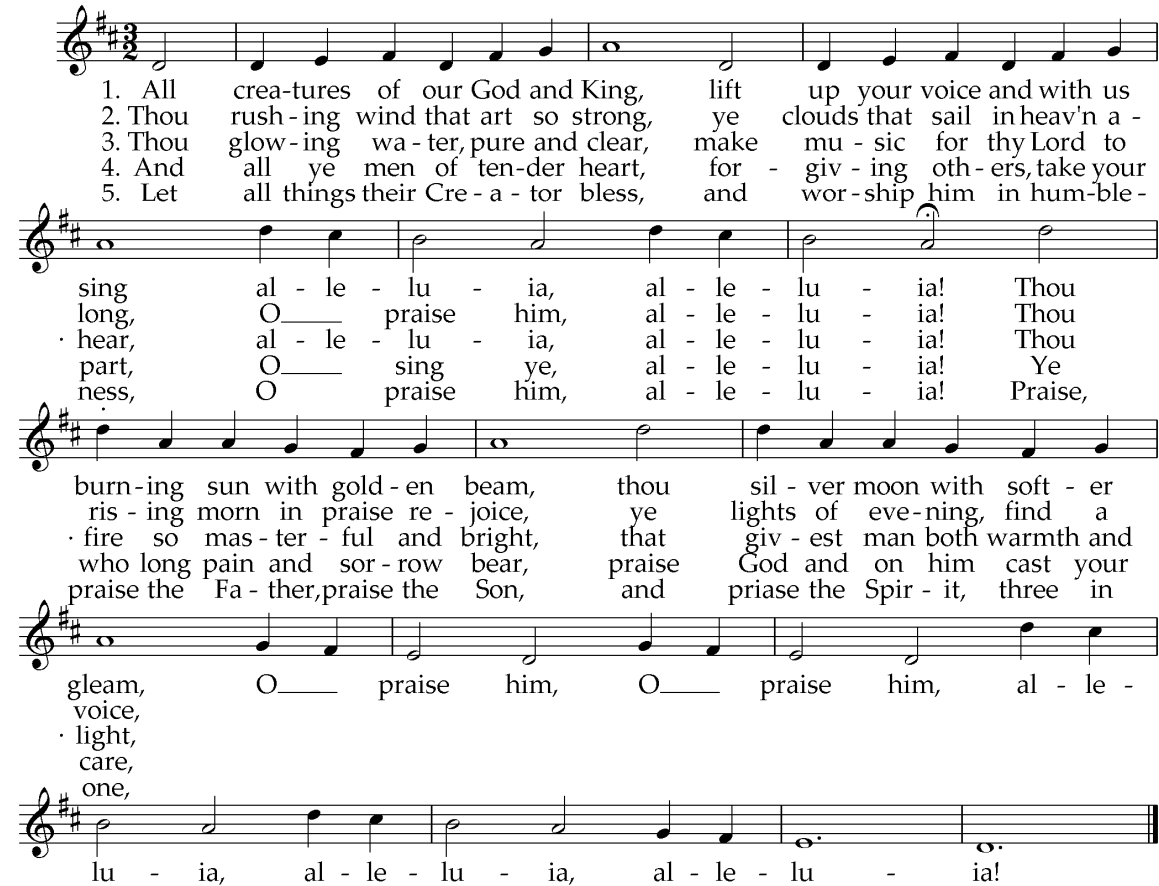
Minister: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

People: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Minister: Let us return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on us, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

***Hymn of Adoration**

All Creatures of our God and King



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a -
3. Thou glow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy Lord to
4. And all ye men of ten-der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your
5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble -
sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou
long, O — praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou
hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou
part, O — sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
ness, O — praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise,
burn-ing sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er
ris - ing morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a
fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and
who long pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your
praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and priase the Spir - it, three in
gleam, O — praise him, O — praise him, al - le -
voice,
light,
care,
one,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words by Francis of Assisi; Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Westminster Shorter Catechism[‡], Q/A. # 1, 2

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

All: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Minister: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

All: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

[‡] The Westminster Shorter Catechism, along with the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger Catechism, serve together as the statement of faith for Redeemer Presbyterian Church and the PCA. Formulated in the 17th century England, they are a second level of authority under the Scriptures and serve to explain what we believe to be the system of doctrine revealed in the Bible.

***Song of Praise**

O Lord, You're Beautiful

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

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

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

Words and music by Keith Green

Scripture Warning

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Minister: 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."
Exodus 34:6-7

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

John 3:16-17

Minister: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

***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, 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)

Words by Issac Watts; Music by Greg Thompson

***Scripture Reading**

Ms. Marissa Galt and Ms. Diane Deng

Isaiah 40:17-26

Mark 9:14-27

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*. 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

“Spies Like Us”

Continuing the Series: The Exodus—Moses and the People of God

Numbers 13:1-4; 16-33

Celebration of Holy Communion

Mr. Martinez

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 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

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want'. It consists of three staves of music in a 3/4 time signature, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines, with the first line of lyrics starting under the first staff and the final line ending under the third staff. The lyrics are: 1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he 2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet 4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he me to walk doth make with in the paths of will I fear none ill, for thou art with me; pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with sure - ly fol - low me: and in god's house for - lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by. righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake. and thy rod and staff me com - fort still. oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows. ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Words from Psalm 23; Music by Jessie Seymour Irvine

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied, to look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Words by Charitie Bancroft; music by Vikki Cook

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

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Jesus Lives, and So Shall I



1. Je - sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone for - ev - er!
2. Je - sus lives and reigns su-preme; and, his king-dom still re-main - ing,
3. Je - sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my pas-sions giv - ing,
4. Je - sus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sev - er,
5. Je - sus lives and death is now but my en-trance in - to glo - ry.

He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sev - er.
I shall al - so be with him, ev - er liv - ing, ev - er reign - ing.
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ev - er to his glo - ry liv - ing.
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, hence forth for - ev - er.
Cour-age, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life be-fore thee;

He shall raise me from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
God has prom-ised; be it must: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
Me he rais - es from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
None of all his saints is lost: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Je - sus is the Chris-tian's trust.

Words by Christian F. Gellert; Music by Johann Cruger

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

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

Postlude

**The Congregation Stands*

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; Patrick Shay, trumpet;
Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Carrie Alley*

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REDEEMER Highlights..... February 15, 2009

This Week

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| Today | 11:10 a.m. | Stewarding God's Generous Resources: Brandon Eggar will lead part 2 of this 4-week class on stewardship in the auditorium. Pastor's Forum will be held in Rm. 121. |
| Tonight | 6:00-7:15 p.m. | The Doctrine of the Church: 11-lesson leadership training class that is open to anyone, and required for those desiring church leadership. Call 930-4480. |
| Monday | 9:00-10:00 p.m. | RUF Bible Study: At Trinity University's Meditation Chapel. Call Justin, 267-7884. |
| Wednesday | 9:45-11:30 a.m. | Women's Morning Bible Study: Studying Ephesians. At Alamo Heights UMC. Room 107S. Free childcare. Call 930-4480. |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Women's Evening Bible Study: Studying Ephesians. At Kitty Inman's home, 819 Big Sky Bend, 78216. Call 930-4480. |
| Friday | 9:30- 11:30 a.m. | Redeemer Park Day: In Brackenridge Park. Call Brandi Rickels at 826-2628. |
| Friday-Saturday | | Winter Grace Women's Conference: The conference begins at 7:00 pm Friday, and will end at noon Saturday. Check-in at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville will be from 5:00-6:45 pm on Friday. See the map in the bulletin flyer for directions. Mary Jane Grooms will speak on the topic, "Hospitality: Reflecting the Love of Christ." Today is the last day to pay at the church. There will be table in the foyer to receive your check. |

Upcoming Events

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| March 6-7 | Intro to Redeemer Class: On Friday night, Mar. 6 th from 6:00-9:30 p.m. and Sat. morning, Mar. 7 th from 8:30-noon, Redeemer will hold its membership class. Call 930-4480 to sign up or sign up in the bulletin flyer. |
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Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Shimek 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Children’s Ministries.....Jill Higey 930-4480
Clerk of the Session.....Brandon Eggar, 930-4480
Community Life & Membership Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Financial (church).....Bob George 822- 2016
Local Missions.....James Sedgwick, 954-2698
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
Usher/ Greeter Coordination.....Jason Register 829-0747
Women’s Ministries.....Margaret Judson 822-5901; Heather Card 467-5792
World Missions.....Elizabeth Bright, 995-3600
Worship/ Event Assistance.....Ken Harrison 828-8864
Young Professionals Community.....Brandon Eggar 930-4480
YouthMatthew Beham, 930-4480
Redeemer Prayer Requests.....930-4480, ext. 330

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Serving Today

Nursery Greeters: Trisha Hadler
Infants 1 (9:30): Andrew & Melissa Douglas, Chris & Samantha Mann
Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Michael & Kelly Bozard, Jeannie & Gabby Martinez
Training in the Pews: Will & Carter Greendyke, Bernard & Georgianna Hildebrand, Briley Cigrang
Greeters: Ben & Destiny Ingram, Charlie & Jennifer Hargis, Aaron & Amanda Harding
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jeremy Whitley, Nathan Anderson, Rob Eller, Steve Browne, Marc Hadler
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Evie McVicar, Cara McVicar
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Larry Rickels, Joe & Carolyn Liller
Cookies: Cristina Fransen, Angel Whitley

Serving Next Week

Nursery Greeters: Jason & Lizette Crosson
Infants 1 (9:30): Craig & Liz Goedecke, Chris & Samantha Mann
Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Larry & Brandi Rickels, Amy & Elise Miller
Training in the Pews: Charlie & Jennifer Hargis, Jonathan & Heather Card, Anna Louise Judson
Greeters: Glen & Ginny Glass, Don & Connie Hendrix, Aubree Shay, Lisa Shay
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jeremy Whitley, Reeves Hollimon, Josh Brack, Paul Gravel, Marc Hadler
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Mary Williams, Elizabeth Bright
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Larry Rickels, Jason Higey, Dan Peavy
Cookies: Brandi Rickels, Elizabeth Bright

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

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD) \$ 76,350
Budgeted Expenses (YTD) \$104,388
Actual Expenses (YTD) \$ 96,154
Actual Ahead (Behind) (\$ 19,804)

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

Community Groups

Manny Alaniz--558-4714
& 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 Olderog--491-4101
& Jason Smith--257-0677
Henry Sauer--832-9892
& Jeremy Whitley--320-5520
Ralph Shay--488-2561

Please visit www.redeemersa.org
to find a community group near you.

Sermon Notes

“Spies Like Us”

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a chief among them." ³ So Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran, according to the command of the LORD, all of them men who were heads of the people of Israel. ⁴ And these were their names...¹⁶ These were the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua. ¹⁷ Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan and said to them, "Go up into the Negeb and go up into the hill country, ¹⁸ and see what the land is, and whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many, ¹⁹ and whether the land that they dwell in is good or bad, and whether the cities that they dwell in are camps or strongholds, ²⁰ and whether the land is rich or poor, and whether there are trees in it or not. Be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes. ²¹ So they went up and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, near Lebo-hamath. ²² They went up into the Negeb and came to Hebron. Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, were there. (Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) ²³ And they came to the Valley of Eshcol and cut down from there a branch with a single cluster of grapes, and they carried it on a pole between two of them; they also brought some pomegranates and figs. ²⁴ That place was called the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster that the people of Israel cut down from there. ²⁵ At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. ²⁶ And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷ And they told him, "We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸ However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. ²⁹ The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan." ³⁰ But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it." ³¹ Then the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are." ³² So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, "The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. ³³ And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them." **Numbers 13:1-4; 16-33**