

February 28, 2010

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 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 in the cafeteria during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the East end of Edison High School. Room numbers are listed below.

1116—Nursing Mothers
1119—Itty Bitty Babies: 3-7 mos.
1119—Crawlers: 8-12 mos.
1113—Cruisers & Climbers: 13-18 mos.
1120—Younger Toddler: 19-27 mos.
1122—Older Toddler: 28– 36 mos.
Cafeteria—Training the Pews: 3-5 yrs.

Christian Education

1122—Toddler I (age 2)
1120—Toddler II (age 3)
1200—Pre K- K (age 4-5)
1202—Primary I (ages 6-7)
1213—Primary II (ages 8-9)
1215—Junior (ages 10-11)
1219—Jr. High Youth (6th-8th)
1217—Sr. High Youth (9th-12th)
1221—Adult CE
Auditorium—Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

February 28, 2010

Second Sunday in Lent

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 service is broadcast in the lobby area immediately outside the auditorium for the convenience of parents whose children become restless during worship.

Reflection & Preparation

“There are, in the end, only two ways to read the Bible: *Is it basically about me or basically about Jesus?* In other words, *is it basically about what I must do, or basically about what he has done?* Until I see that Jesus fought the real giants (sin, law, death) *for me*, I will never be able to fight giants in life. Unless I see that Jesus made the big sacrifices *for me*, I will never be able to make the normal sacrifices of life. Unless I can see him forgiving me on the cross, I won't be able to forgive others. Unless I see him as forgiving me for falling asleep on him (Matt.27:45) I won't be able to stay awake for him. Tim Keller

“The drama of redemption is thus a great twofold odyssey, in which humanity, with the rest of creation loses its way and finds its way home only because God leaves home in order to bring everyone back.” Kevin Vanhoozer

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Jason Register

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness, the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

Minister: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

***Hymn of Adoration**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light, nor
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine

light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most
want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy
an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all

bles - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, al -
jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove thy
praise we would ren - der; O help us to see 'tis

might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Words by Walter Chalmers Smith; Traditional Welsh Melody

***Affirmation of Faith**

Adapted from the Belgic Confession¹, Article 23

Minister: What do you believe about forgiveness?

All: We believe that our salvation consists in the forgiveness of our sins for Jesus Christ's sake, and that therein our righteousness before God is contained, as David and Paul teach us when they declare a person to be happy to whom God imputes righteousness to him apart from works.

Minister: How do you come by such forgiveness?

All: We are justified "freely" or "by grace" through the redemption in Jesus Christ. And therefore we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are; not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits and leaning and resting on the sole obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him.

Minister: Does this forgiveness give you peace with God?

All: This is enough to cover all our sins and to make us confident, freeing the conscience from the fear, dread and terror of God's approach, without doing what our first father, Adam, did, who trembled as he tried to cover himself with fig leaves.

¹ The Belgic Confession is one of the oldest confessions of faith for the worldwide Reformed and Christian Church. Following the seventeenth-century Latin designation "Confessio Belgica," "Belgica" referred to the whole of the Netherlands, both north and south, which today is divided into the Netherlands and Belgium. The confession's chief author was Guido de Bräs, a preacher of the Reformed churches of the Netherlands, who died a martyr to the faith in the year 1567.

***Song of Praise**

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life. I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth; to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Words and music by Rick Founds

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.

People: **Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you love us, but we have not loved you. You have opened your heart to us, and in our pride we have spurned your care. You have given us all things, and we have squandered your gifts. We have grieved you and caused hurt to others, and we are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Cleanse us from our sin and receive us again into your household, that we might nevermore stray from your love but always remain within the sound of your voice.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Ezekiel 36:25-27

Minister: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes.

***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. Joseph Liller

Isaiah 65:8-13

James 1:22-27

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 rear door and into the cafeteria for 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

"Practicing our Participation"

Continuing the Series: The Church In the City

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

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 partake of the elements. 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

Upon usher's direction, starting front to back, please exit and form a line in front of your section. Return to your seat using the opposite aisle from which you exited. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles. Please use our communion time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served.

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

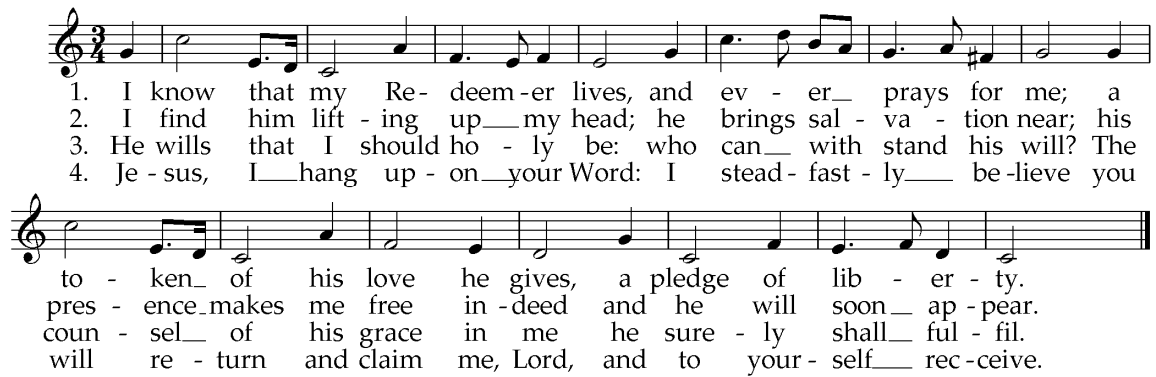
Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent,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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1. I know that my Re-deem-er lives, and ev-er_ prays for me; a
2. I find him lift-ing up__my head; he brings sal-va-tion near; his
3. He wills that I should ho-ly be: who can__with stand his will? The
4. Je-sus, I__hang up-on__your Word: I stead-fast-ly__be-lieve you

to-ken_ of his love he gives, a pledge of lib-er-ty.
pres-ence_makes me free in-deed and he will soon__ap-pear.
coun-sel_ of his grace in me he sure-ly shall__ful-fil.
will re-turn and claim me, Lord, and to your-self__rec-ceive.

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by George Frederick Handel

Father, I Know That All My Life

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Father, I Know That All My Life'. It consists of three staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered lines, with the first line starting under the first staff and the subsequent lines continuing under the second and third staves. The lyrics are: 1. Fa - ther, I know that all my life is_ por-tioned out for me; the_ 2. I__ would not have the restless will that hur - ries to and fro, seek- 3. I__ ask thee for the dai-ly strength, to__ none that ask de-nied, a__ 4. In__ ser - vice which thy will ap-points there are no bonds for me; my- chang-es that are sure to come, I__ do not fear to see: I ing for some great thing to do, or__ se - cret thing to know; I mind to blend with out-ward life, while keep-ing at thy side, con - se - cret heart is taught the truth that_ makes thy chil - dren free; a ask thee for a pres - ent_ mind, in - tent on pleas - ing thee. would be treat - ed as a__ child, and_ guid - ed where I go. tent to fill a lit - tle_ space, if__ thou be glo - ri - fied. life of self - re - nounc ing_ love is__ one of lib - er - ty.

Words by Anna L. Waring; Music by Charles Steggall

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

At the Name of Jesus

1. At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow
2. At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
3. Hum-bled for a sea - son to re-ceive a name
4. In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
5. Broth - ers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot-less to the last,
crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour:
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed.
let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Words by Caroline M. Noel; Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God, our Savior, be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and before all ages now and forevermore!

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;
Michael Shay, trombone; Wes Bright, bass; Rob Eller, trumpet; Laura Sanders, flute;
Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Stacy Van Klaveren*

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REDEEMER Highlights...February 28, 2010

This Week

February		Elder/Deacon Nominations: Today is the last day for the Session of Redeemer to receive nominations from the congregation for the 2013 classes of ruling elders and deacons, respectively. Nomination forms are available in the foyer and at the church office. Officer elections will be in June.
Today	11:15 a.m.	"Lord, Teach us to Pray" CE Class: Part 3 of a 7-week class taught by Brandon Eggar in Rm. 1221.
Today	1:30-3:00 p.m.	Sr. High Community Group: Please notice the time change pushed back 30 minutes. to allow everyone to get lunch beforehand. Boys will be at the Beham home, 265 W. Wildwood, 78212, and girls will be at the Judson home, 205 E. Wildwood, 78209.
Tonight	6:00-7:15pm	The Doctrine of the Church Class: At the church office.
Tuesday	6:30-7:30 a.m.	Men's Downtown Breakfast: At Mi Tierra in Market Square, 218 Produce Row, 78207. Victor Martinez will lead the group on "Faithfulness in Uncertain Times: Studies on 2 Timothy." For further info, contact Bowman Williams, 860-5404, or John Ames, 725-3630.
Wednesday	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Women's Morning Bible Study: At Alamo Heights UMC, 825 E. Basse, Rm. S107.
Wednesday	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. Call 930-4480 for more info.
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Play Group--Explore the Zoo: Meet outside the zoo's gate to tour the zoo. Please contact Kristen Eller at 834-8010 if you are planning to come.
Friday-Saturday		Intro to Redeemer Class: On Friday night, Mar. 5 th , from 6:00-9:30 p.m. and Sat. morning, Mar. 6 th , from 8:30 until noon, Redeemer will hold its membership class. Call 930-4480 to sign up, or sign up in the bulletin flyer.
Saturday	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Mercy Ministry: At the International Shelter. We will provide lunch, play some games, and maybe do a craft. Meet at the church office parking lot, 3737 Broadway, at 12:45 pm to caravan. Call Matt Beham for more info, 508-7662.

Upcoming Events

March 7	7:00 p.m.	Redeemer Fine Arts Series: At the Magik Theatre. "A Baroque Project" in collaboration with the Children's Chorus of San Antonio. Conductor: Ken-David Masur. Admission is free. Call 930-4480 for more info.
March 9	9:30-10:00 a.m.	Women's Tuesday Prayer: Meet to pray at First Baptist Church downtown in Webb Hall, Rm. 207. Contact Jeannie Martinez at 367-8854 if you will need childcare.
March 10	7:00 p.m.	Newcomer's Dessert with Tom and Tara: At their home, 219 Arcadia Pl, 78209. Get to know the Gibbs family and more fully Redeemer's vision.
March 11	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Men's Monthly Luncheon: At Panchito's Restaurant, 4100 McCullough Ave, 78212. Contact Larry Rickels, 896-1096 or Brian Casey, 323-7775 for more info. Tom Gibbs leads the group through the book of Philippians.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Rudd, 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Children's Ministries.....Jill Higey, 930-4480
Clerk of the Session.....Brandon Eggar, 930-4480
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Local Missions..... Victor Martinez, 930-4480
Men's Ministries..... Henry Sauer, 310-6542, John Browning, (713) 560-6211
Mercy/ Financial Aid..... Wes Bright, 826-3100
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.....Wes Bright, 826-3100
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World Missions.....Elizabeth Bright, 995-3600
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Serving Today

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Henry Sauer, Charlie Hargis, Don Hendrix, Bernard Hildebrand, Ben Bingham
Greeters: Jason Higey, Laura & Erick Faul, Melissa & Andrew Douglas, Abby & Brian Fishero
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Mary Williams, Amanda Brack
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Whyte, Anna Sharp, Nathan Anderson
Nursery Greeter: Meredith Moza
Itty Bitty Babies: Brandon & Elizabeth Woods; *Crawlers:* Barry & Rhonda Laxton
Cruisers & Climbers: Chris & April Duvall
Younger Toddlers: Marc & Trisha Hadler; *Older Toddlers:* Samantha Mann, Janet Pursell
Training in the Pews: Dean & Laura Hobbs, Larry & Brandi Rickels
Cookies: Julie Farrell, Laura Hobbs

Serving Next Week

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Rob Eller, Reeves Hollimon, Chris Mann, Royce Itschner, John Ames
Greeters: Jeannie Martinez, Nell Glazener-Cooney, Aaron & Amanda Harding, Glen & Ginny Glass, Shelley Galbraith
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Annie Camacho
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Larry Rickels, The Basse Family
Nursery Greeter: Trisha Hadler
Itty Bitty Babies: Lisa Shay, Laura Kaupp; *Crawlers:* Larry & Brandi Rickels
Cruisers & Climbers: Curtis & Marian Castleberry
Younger Toddlers: Mark Pomeroy, Rachel Manny; *Older Toddlers:* Jeff & Nicky Sewell
Training in the Pews: Greg & Rachel Chaney, Bernard & Georgianna Hildebrand
Cookies: Lisa & Analisa Rodriguez, Carrie Alley

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 Rudd, 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)	\$114,570
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$151,481
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$120,509
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 5,939)

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

“Practicing our Participation”

¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵ I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? ¹⁹ What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰ No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²² Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he? **1 Corinthians 10:14-22**

Main Idea: Our *participation* in Jesus Christ, through personal faith and repentance and made visible through the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, requires that our *practices* conform to Christ. We must practice our participation in Jesus!

1) The practices required

- a) **Fleeing idolatry (14-22)**

- b) **Furthering the mission (23-33)**

2) The blessing of our participation

- a) **Initiated into blessing**

- b) **Sustained by blessing**

- c) **Sharers of his blessing**