

**March 15, 2009**

## For Your Information ...

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**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](http://www.redeemersa.org). For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America visit: [www.pcanet.org](http://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

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9:15-9:25 a.m. **Prayer**  
9:30-10:55 a.m. **Worship**  
11:10 a.m. **Christian Education**

## Nurseries

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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

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**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** (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

**Pastor's Forum** (All ages)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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*March 15, 2009*

*Third Sunday in Lent*

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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**

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:15-18

"...we...have the assurance of the Lord's settled purpose to bless us in Jesus Christ. No one can rob us of that blessing, and nothing can prevent us from inheriting its promises. ...People may come and go: some will let us down and hurt us, while others, no matter how faithful, will ultimately die and leave us on our own. But God will still be there. Fortunes may be made and lost, houses may burn, stock markets may crash, and cars will inevitably rust. Yet in Christ, we have an inheritance that no misfortune can touch. At the end of the day, only God remains, and those upon whom his blessing rests."  
Ian Duguid.

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Justin G. Clement

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

**Minister:** The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**People:** **Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!**

**\*Hymn of Adoration**

**Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be -  
2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his  
3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where  
4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make  
hold, the King of glo - ry waits; the  
char - iot is hu - mil - i - ty, his  
Christ the Rul - er is con - fessed! O  
it a tem - ple, set a - part from  
King of kings is draw - ing near, the  
king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, his  
hap - py hearts and hap - py homes to  
earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, a -  
Sav - ior of the world is here.  
scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.  
whom this King in tri - umph comes!  
dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,  
until the glorious crown be won.

*Words by Georg Weissel; Music from Psalmodia Evangelica*

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism<sup>†</sup>, Q. #32

Minister: Why are you called a Christian?

**All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.**

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<sup>†</sup>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**

Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

*Music by Charles Meineke*

## Understanding Ourselves Rightly

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Minister: The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the heart and test the mind.  
Jeremiah 17:9, 10

## Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Almighty, eternal, most just and gracious God, help us to know that all things are shadows, but you are substance; all things are quicksand, but you are mountain; all things are shifting, but you are anchor; all things are ignorance, but you are wisdom. You are thrice holy, yet my life abounds with apologies not made, repentance not completed, forgiveness not offered, brothers not respected, reputations not defended, peace not pursued, neighbors not loved, Sabbaths not kept, appetites not restrained, parents not honored, spouses not cherished, children not trained, prisoners not visited, strangers not clothed, hungry not fed, providences ignored, envy unchecked, prayers unspoken, fears not conquered, truth not defended, sheep not fed, feet unmoved, tongues unbridled, eyes unguarded, time wasted, talents wasted, treasure wasted. Lord Jesus, deliver me from these chains, from wretchedness of the old ways that still hang on, from the sugar of sin as well as its gall, so that with earnest heart searching I may come to you, cast myself on you, trust in you, cry to you and be delivered by you.**

*Prayer of confession from the 31st General Assembly of the PCA*

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 10:10-11

Minister: For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

## \*Song of Renewal

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

The love of Christ is rich and free;  
Fixed on His own eternally;  
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove;  
Long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be  
Their everlasting Surety;  
'Twas love that took their cause in hand,  
And love maintains it to the end.

*Chorus:* Love cannot from its post withdraw;  
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,  
Can turn the Surety's heart away;  
He'll love His own to endless day.

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood;  
And love will bring them safe to God;  
Love calls them all from death to life;  
And love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene,  
Nor aught from Him can Zion wean;  
Not all the wanderings of her heart  
Can make His love for her depart.

*(Repeat chorus)*

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love;  
In endless bliss, His own shall prove  
The blazing glory of that love  
Which never could from them remove.  
Which never could from them remove.

*Words by William Gadsby; Music by Sandra McCracken*

**\*Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hollimon

Psalm 2  
2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Mr. Martinez

**\*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

***"What Has God Wrought!"***

*Continuing the Series: The Exodus—Moses and the People of God  
Numbers 23:13-26*

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

## Psalm 91

1. Who with God Most High finds shel - ter  
 2. God's own truth, your shield and bu - ckler;  
 3. You have made the Lord your re - fuge,  
 4. You shall tram - ple ser - pents, li - ons,

in th'Al - might - y's shad - ow hides.  
 you will fear no ill by night;  
 God Most on High your dwe - lling place;  
 tread on all your dead - ly foes.

To the Lord I'll say, "My Ref - uge!"  
 nor the shafts in day - light ing,  
 no - thing e - vil shall be - fall you;  
 "For his love to Me I'll save him,

In my God my trust a - bides.  
 nor di - sease that shuns the light,  
 in your him, tent for no scourge you'll face;  
 keep him, for My name he knows;

From the fowl - er's snare He'll save you,  
 nor the plague that wastes at noon - day.  
 He will an - gels charge to keep you,  
 when he calls Me I will an - swer,

From the dead - ly pes - ti - lence;  
 At your side ten thou - sand fall;  
 guard you well in all your ways.  
 save and ho - nor him will I.

Co - ver you with out - spread pi - nions,  
 You will on - ly see this judge - ment  
 In their hands they will up - hold you  
 I will show him my sal - va - tion,

Make His wings your con - fi - dence.  
 which re - wards the wi - cked all.  
 lest your foot a stone should graze.  
 with long life will sa - ti - sfy."

Words from Psalm 91; Music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard

## Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

*Words by William Sleeper; music by Greg Thompson*

## Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!

1. Redeemed, how I love to pro-claim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; re-  
2. Redeemed and so hap-py in Je - sus, no lan - guage my rap-ture can tell; I  
3. I think of my bless ed Re - deem - er, I think of him all the day long; I

deemed thro' his in - fi-nite mer - cy, his child, and for - ev - er, I am. Re -  
know that the light of his pres-ence with me doth con - tin - ual - ly dwell.  
sing, for I can - not be si - lent; his love is the theme of my song.

deemed, re deemed, re deemed by the blood of the Lamb; re -

deemed thro' his in - fi-nite mer-cy, his child, and for-ev-er, I am.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics underneath. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff features a melisma on the word 'deemed', with a long note and a slur over the words 're deemed, re deemed by the blood of the Lamb; re -'. The fourth staff concludes the piece with the final line of lyrics.

*Words by Fanny Crosby; Music by A.L. Butler*

## The Offering

### Hymn of Blessing

#### O Day of Rest and Gladness

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:  
On Thee, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
Sing holy, holy, holy, to the great God Triune.

On Thee, at the creation, the light first had its birth;  
On Thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
On Thee, our Lord, victorious, the Spirit sent from heav'n,  
And thus on Thee, most glorious, a triple light was giv'n.

Thou art a port protected from storms that round us rise;  
A garden intersected with streams of paradise;  
Thou art a cooling fountain in life's dry dreary sand;  
From Thee, like Pisgah's mountain, we view our promised land.

Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls;  
To holy convocations the silver trumpet calls,  
Where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams,  
And living water flowing, with soul-refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining from this, our day of rest,  
We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blessed.  
To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;  
The church her voice upraises to Thee, blessed Three in One.

To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;  
The church her voice upraises to Thee, blessed Three in One.

*Words by Christopher Wadsworth; Music by Christopher Miner*

**\*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*

*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;*

*Jason Crosson, mandolin; Wes Bright, bass;*

*Michael Shay, trombone; Patrick Shay, trumpet;*

*Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Jennifer Smith*

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# REDEEMER Highlights..... March 15, 2009

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## This Week

During March		<b>Elder Nominations:</b> The Redeemer Session will receive nominations to the office of Elder throughout the month of March. Members may pick up a copy of the nomination forms and instructions in the foyer.
Today	11:10 a.m.	<b>Missions Update:</b> The men who went on the mission trip to Laredo will share about their trip. Future trips Redeemer has planned to Laredo will be discussed. There will also be a presentation about Urban Connection, a faith-based community development organization. There will be no Pastor's Forum today.
Today	12:30 p.m.	<b>Youth Lunch:</b> At EZ's in Sunset Ridge Shopping Center, 6498 N. New Braunfels Ave. Call Matt Beham, 508-7662.
Tonight	6:00-7:15 p.m.	<b>The Doctrine of the Church:</b> At the church office, 3737 Broadway, Suite 300. 930-4480.
Monday	9:00-10:00 p.m.	<b>RUF Bible Study:</b> At Trinity University's Side Chapel. Call Justin, 267-7884.
Wednesday	9:45-11:30 a.m.	<b>Women's Morning Bible Study:</b> Studying Ephesians. At Alamo Heights UMC. Room 107S. Free childcare. Call 930-4480.
Thursday	7:00-8:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Evening Bible Study:</b> Studying Ephesians. At Kitty Inman's home, 819 Big Sky Bend, 78216. Call 930-4480.
Friday	9:30- 11:30 a.m.	<b>Redeemer Park Day:</b> In Brackenridge Park; Call Brandi Rickels, 826-2628.
Fri-Sat	5:00 p.m.	<b>Men's Annual Spring Outing:</b> Camping on the Guadalupe River, bonfires, and thick steaks. Devotionals by Tom Gibbs, "Finding Confidence in Uncertain Times: Reflections on Romans 8". Call Henry Sauer, 310-6542 or Jeff Judson, 822-1292.
Friday	7:30 p.m.	<b>Youth Small Groups:</b> At Heather Shimek's home, 11047 Falling Water, 78249. Middle school girls, call Jessica Watkins for meeting place, 785-0912.
Saturday	6:30 p.m.	<b>2010 Mexican Fiesta and Game Night:</b> At the Bozard's home, 5422 Tomas Cir. 78240. You are a 2010er if you are married without children or are engaged. Call Kelly Bozard, 464-3682.

## Upcoming Events

March 22	11:10 a.m.	<b>Missions Update:</b> Come learn more about Redeemer's local and world missions, and how you can get involved!
March 28	6:00-10:00 p.m.	<b>Parents' Night Out:</b> To help fund their summer mission trips, the youth will host a night of childcare for parents of children ages 6 mos-12 yrs. old. At the Randolph's home, 417 Canterbury Hill, 78209. Pizza and drinks provided. You must register your children by March 20 <sup>th</sup> . Sign up in bulletin flyer, or email heather@redeemersa.org.
March 29		<b>Congregational Meeting:</b> Held immediately after the morning worship service to vote on the deacon candidates: Jeremy Whitley, Henry Sauer and Wes Bright.

## 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 & Outreach .....Victor 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  
Youth .....Matthew Beham, 930-4480  
Redeemer Prayer Requests.....930-4480, ext. 330

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## Serving Today

*Nursery Greeters:* Trisha Hadler

*Infants 1 (9:30):* Diane Deng, Chrissy Fitch, Laura Kaupp

*Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30):* Steve & Carolyn Browne, Deborah Briggs, Heather Shimek

*Training in the Pews:* Jason & Jill Higey, The Randolph Family, Elise Miller

*Greeters:* Andrew & Melissa Douglas, Justin Nylund, Stephanie Swords, Rick & Susan Basse

*Worship Set-up/Take Down:* Toby Stolhandske, Jerry Hesko, Walt Mays, Andy Muck, Gordon Zeigler

*Communion Set-up/Take Down:* Bekah Stolhandske, Linda Struble

*Nursery Set-up/Take Down:* Lisa Shay, The Laxton Family

*Cookies:* Destiny Ingram, Tara Gibbs

## Serving Next Week

*Nursery Greeters:* Jason & Lizette Crosson

*Infants 1 (9:30):* Paul & Rachel Gravel, Laura Kaupp

*Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30):* Jeff & Sara Brouillard, Sarah Fields, Bebe Camp

*Training in the Pews:* Greg & Rachel Chaney, Jason & Kacey Register, Zac Hendrix

*Greeters:* Jake & Sharla Gray, Matt & Haley Beham, The Fitch Family

*Worship Set-up/Take Down:* Toby Stolhandske, Chris Olderog, Don Hendrix, Mark Russell, Gordon Zeigler

*Communion Set-up/Take Down:* Kelly Bozard, Linda Zeigler

*Nursery Set-up/Take Down:* Lisa Shay, Dan Peavy, Nathan Anderson

*Cookies:* Redeemer Bakers

## Redeemer Staff

Tom Gibbs, Senior Pastor  
Brandon Eggar, Associate Pastor  
Victor Martinez, Assistant Pastor  
Justin Clement, RUF Pastor at Trinity  
Brent Watkins, Music Ministries Director  
Jill Higey, Children's Ministries Director  
Matt Beham, Youth Director  
Harriet Peavy, Office Administrator  
Heather Shimek, Assistant Administrator

## Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$146,637
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$179,168
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$169,363
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 22,726)

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

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## Sermon Notes

### “What Has God Wrought!”

<sup>13</sup> And Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another place, from which you may see them. You shall see only a fraction of them and shall not see them all. Then curse them for me from there." <sup>14</sup> And he took him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on each altar. <sup>15</sup> Balaam said to Balak, "Stand here beside your burnt offering, while I meet the LORD over there." <sup>16</sup> And the LORD met Balaam and put a word in his mouth and said, "Return to Balak, and thus shall you speak." <sup>17</sup> And he came to him, and behold, he was standing beside his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said to him, "What has the LORD spoken?" <sup>18</sup> And Balaam took up his discourse and said, "Rise, Balak, and hear; give ear to me, O son of Zippor: <sup>19</sup> God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? <sup>20</sup> Behold, I received a command to bless: he has blessed, and I cannot revoke it. <sup>21</sup> He has not beheld misfortune in Jacob, nor has he seen trouble in Israel. The LORD their God is with them, and the shout of a king is among them. <sup>22</sup> God brings them out of Egypt and is for them like the horns of the wild ox. <sup>23</sup> For there is no enchantment against Jacob, no divination against Israel; now it shall be said of Jacob and Israel, 'What has God wrought!' <sup>24</sup> Behold, a people! As a lioness it rises up and as a lion it lifts itself; it does not lie down until it has devoured the prey and drunk the blood of the slain." <sup>25</sup> And Balak said to Balaam, "Do not curse them at all, and do not bless them at all." <sup>26</sup> But Balaam answered Balak, "Did I not tell you, 'All that the LORD says, that I must do'?" **Numbers 23:13-26**

**Main Idea:** God was uniquely at work in the nation of Israel. And, in and through Christ that work continues in the Church today. There is no person, thing or nation, which can thwart God's purpose. By definition then, Israel [the Church] is the blessed, people of God. God delivers us. God protects us. God empowers us. *Because God has wrought us, his people, we can go forth, as his people.*

**1) Delivered from the past**

**2) Protected in the present**

**3) Empowered for the future**