

**March 18, 2007**

## 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 Kerygma, our newsletter pronounced ke-rig'me, and other materials.

**Redeemer Presbyterian Church** is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a member of South Texas Presbytery. For more information about Redeemer Church visit: [www.redeemersa.org](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**  
9:30-10:45 a.m. **Worship**  
11:10-12:00 p.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

**Toddlers:** 19 months – 3 years

**Training the Pews:** 3 - 5 years

## Christian Education

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**Toddler I** (age 2)

**Toddler II** (age 3)

**Preschool I** (age 4)

**Preschool II** (age 5)

**Primary I** (ages 6-7)

**Primary II** (ages 8-9)

**Junior** (ages 10-11)

**Youth** (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 18, 2007*

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

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### **Reflection & Preparation**

“If the Gospel does not attract men, nothing will; I mean nothing which can do them good” C.H. Spurgeon

“[Abram’s] craven and tortuous calculations are doubly revealing, both of the natural character of this spiritual giant and of the sudden transition that can be made from the plane of faith to that of fear.” Derek Kidner

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. John T. Fitch

### **Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

**People: But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.**

Minister: After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

\*Hymn of Adoration

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1. Glo-rious things of thee are spo-ken, Zi-on, cit-y of our God;  
2. See, the streams of liv-ing wa-ters, spring-ing from e-ter-nal love,  
3. Round each hab-i-ta-tion hov'-ring, see the cloud and fire ap-pear  
4. Sav-ior, if of Zi-on's cit-y I, through grace, a mem-ber-am,  
he whose word can-not be bro-ken formed thee for his own a-bode:  
well sup-ply thy sons and daugh-ters, and all fear of want re-move:  
for a glo-ry and a cov-'ring, show-ing that the Lord is near:  
let the world de-ride or pit-y, I will glo-ry in thy name:  
on the Rock of A-ges found-ed, what can shake thy sure re- pose?  
who can faint, while such a riv-er ev-er flows their thirst t'as-suage?  
thus de-riv-ing from their ban-ner light by night and shade by day,  
fad-ing is the world-ling's plea-sure, all his boast-ed pomp and show  
With sal-va-tion's walls sur-round-ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
grace which, like the Lord, the giv-er, nev-er fails from age to age.  
safe they feed up-on the man-na which he gives them when they pray.  
sol-id joys and last-ing trea-sure none but Zi-on's chil-dren know.

Words by John Newton; Music by Franz Joseph Haydn

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism<sup>‡</sup>, Q/A #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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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

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,  
2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon light,  
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in the bloom - ing garb of Spring:  
and all the twink - ling star - ry host:  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or, thou,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, who  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er than  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now

my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
all the an - gels heav'n can boast.  
and for - ev - er - more be thine.

Words from Munster Gesangbuch; Music from Schlesische Volkslieder

### **The Law of God**

Matthew 22:37-40

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."

### **Public Confession**

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and mourn our many sins, which provoke most rightly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous to us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name. Amen.**

### **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**

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer who crushed the power of sin and death.  
My only Savior before the holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer. My life He bought; my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in Him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer; His faithfulness my standing place.  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace.  
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagles' wings.  
He crowns my life with lovingkindness; His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer who waits for me at gates of gold.  
And when He calls me, it will be paradise; His face forever to behold.  
His face forever to behold.

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And when He calls me, it will be paradise; His face forever to behold.  
His face forever to behold  
His face forever to behold.

*Words and music by Steve and Vikki Cook*

**\*Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. Josh MacDiarmid

1 Samuel 13:8-14

Mark 4:35-41

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Mr. Gibbs

**\*The Greeting of Peace**

Children, ages **three through five**, are dismissed through the side door to your right when facing the stage  
to *TRAINING IN THE PEWS*.

Minister: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as  
members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**The Sermon**

Mr. Gibbs

**"Faith Failures"**

*Continuing the series: What in the world are we here for?*

*Genesis 12:10-20*

## Preparation for Communion

### A Word About Communion at Redeemer:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ to refrain from partaking until doing so.

## The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord most high.**

## Prayer of Consecration

## Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! Hallelujah!**

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Holy Communion

Starting with the two front outer sections by rows, please form one line on the outer half of each center aisle. Upon approaching the front, please form a line in front of the first row of chairs of each outer section. After the two outer sections have partaken, the front center section should proceed. If seated in the back center section, please exit your row toward the left, form a line in front of the first row of chairs in the back center section, partake from those serving in the center cross-aisle, and then return to your row from the right side. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The center cup and inner circle of the tray contain grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles and return to your seat. Please use the remaining time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served.

## Prayers for Those Not Communing

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

Lord, Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

Lord, Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen. **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin**

## Songs of Communion

### Father, I Know That All My Life

The musical score is written in a single system with three staves. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate syllable placement. 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*

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*

## Come, Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with pow'r.  
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh,  
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all:  
Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him;  
This He gives you, this He gives you. 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! th' incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good

*Words by Joseph Hart; Music by Matthew Smith*

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Jesus Shall Reign

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun  
2. To him shall end - less prayer be made,  
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - every tongue  
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;  
5. Let ev - ery creat - ure rise and bring

does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;  
and prais - es thron - to crown his head;  
dwell on his love with sweet - est song;  
the pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains,  
pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;

his king - dom stretch from shore to shore,  
his name, like sweet per - fume, shall rise  
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim  
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,  
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
and all the sons of want are blest.  
and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Words by Isaac Watts; Music by John Hatton

**\*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*

*Assistant Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar*

*RUF Campus Minister: Rev. Justin G. Clement*

*Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano; Jonathan Card, guitar*

*Patrick Shay, trumpet; Michael Shay, trombone; James Romig, french horn*

*Jim Dante, flute; Wes Bright, bass*

*Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Jennifer Smith*

*(Music printed by permission: CCLI # 2357621)*

# REDEEMER Highlights.....March 18, 2007

## This Week

- Today            6- 7:15 p.m.    **The Doctrine of the Church:** This class will be held at the Redeemer Office (930-4480).
- Monday           9:00 p.m.        **RUF** (Reformed University Fellowship) will be held at the Meditation Chapel on Trinity's campus for worship, practical teaching, and fellowship. Contact Justin Clement, 267-7884.
- Tuesday          6:30- 7:45 a.m. **Men's Bible Study** will meet at Joseph's Storehouse bakery at St. Mary's and Mulberry. We are studying the book of James. Call 930-4480 for more info.
- Tuesday          9:30- 11:30 a.m. **Redeemer Park Day:** Informal play and fellowship at Brackenridge Park, behind the Witte Museum. Call Elizabeth Clement at 530-0522.
- Wednesday      10-11:30 a.m. **Ladies' Bible Study** at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, Room W201. Please join us. For info, call 930-4480.
- Friday            7-8:30 p.m.      **"Calvin, Christ and the Covenant":** Dr. Peter A. Lillback (President of Westminster Theological Seminary) will be speaking at Faith Presbyterian Church in San Antonio: 1307 Blanco Woods. Call 492-8038 for more info.

## Upcoming Events

- March 25-May 6            **Promoting the Gospel:** This Christian Education Class will be taught by Pastor Brandon Eggar. It will meet in the Band Hall following the worship service.
- April 6                      6:00 p.m.        **Good Friday Service:** Please join us for Redeemer's Good Friday Service at McCreless Hall. There will be no childcare available.

## Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy; Carri Jobe 930-4480  
Book Table/ Media ..... Brandon Eggar 930-4480  
Children’s Ministries.....Krisanne Stolhandske 930-4480  
Community Life & Outreach..... Brandon Eggar 930-4480  
Financial (church).....Bob George 822- 2016  
Local and World Missions.....John Fitch 824-5973  
Men’s Ministries.....Jeff Judson 822-1292  
Mercy/ Financial Aid.....Jake Gray 884-4729  
Music Ministry..... Brent Watkins 512-567-4045  
Pastoral Care (Membership, Doctrine, Illness, Counseling).....Tom Gibbs 930-4480  
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF).....Justin Clement 930-4480  
Training in the Pews.....Ralph and Debbie Shay 488-2561  
Usher/ Greeter Coordination.....Jason Register 829-0747  
Women’s Ministries.....Mary Williams 930-5915; Heather Card 467-5792  
Worship/ Event Assistance.....Ken Harrison 828-8864  
Youth ..... Patrick & Aubree Shay 383-0132  
Redeemer Prayer Requests.....930-4480, ext. 330

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## Serving Today

*Infants (9:30):* Catherine Zickgraf  
*Toddlers (9:30):* Bernard and Georgianna Hildebrand  
*Training in the Pews:* Charley and Katherine Hollimon  
**Greeters:** John and Dianne MacDiarmid, Matt and Rebecca Field,  
Kevin and Jane Wallace  
**Worship Set-up/Take Down:** Jeremy Whitley, Glen Glass, Wes Bright, John Ames  
**Communion Set-up/Take Down:** Evie McVicar, Milby Hartwell  
**Nursery Set-up/Take Down:** Lisa Shay, Cristian and Meredith Moza  
**Cookies:** Carrie Alley, Chrissy Fitch

## Serving Next Week

*Infants (9:30):* Reena Mathew  
*Toddlers (9:30):* Jason and Jill Higeey  
*Training in the Pews:* Ralph and Debbie Shay  
**Greeters:** Tobin and Gina Walker, Erin Scheideman, John Mullins,  
Charley and Katherine Hollimon  
**Worship Set-up/Take Down:** Jeremy Whitley, Quincy Davidson, Acero Valencia,  
Ryan McKenzie, John Ames  
**Communion Set-up/Take Down:** Jennifer Romig, Ginny Glass  
**Nursery Set-up/Take Down:** Lisa Shay, Ned Hodge  
**Cookies:** Laurie Moffett, Jessica Watkins

## Announcements

Christian Education (CE)  
will be held after the  
worship service.

## Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$114,127
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$158,930
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$111,412
Actual Ahead (Behind)	\$ 2,715

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

## Community Groups

John Ames – 828-6891  
and Bowman Williams – 930-5915  
and Ralph Shay – 488-2561  
Jonathan Card – 467-5792  
and Brian Jobe – 826-2204  
Brandon Eggar – 930-4480  
John Fitch – 824-5973  
and Henry Sauer – 832-9892  
Tom Gibbs – 930-4974  
Charley Hollimon – 829-5760  
and Jason Register – 829-0747  
Jeff Judson – 822-5901  
Clay Miller – 830-438-5218  
and Matt Pantsari – 497-1228  
Mark Randolph – 822-6057  
Jason Smith – 372-9337

## Sermon Notes

### “Faith Failures”

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. <sup>11</sup> When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, “I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, <sup>12</sup> and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. <sup>13</sup> Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.” <sup>14</sup> When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. <sup>15</sup> And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. <sup>16</sup> And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels. <sup>17</sup> But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. <sup>18</sup> So Pharaoh called Abram and said, “What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? <sup>19</sup> Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go.” <sup>20</sup> And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

**Genesis 12:10-20**