

April 18, 2010

For Your Information ...

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.

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.

Pastor's Forum: This is an opportunity to ask the pastor questions regarding the sermon, about Redeemer Presbyterian Church and the PCA, as well as other questions concerning the Christian life. Takes place in the auditorium during Christian Education, which begins at 11:15 a.m.

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.

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

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Second Sunday after Easter

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 and Preparation

“Heaven rightly perceived results not in retreat from this world’s concerns but in wholehearted commitment to the purposes of God. When we rest assured of future blessing and present security, there is nothing to hold us back from committing ourselves fully to the work of ministry.” Bryan Chapell

“To be a Christian is to be obliged to engage the world, pursuing God’s restorative purposes over all of life, individual and corporate, public and private.”
James Davison Hunter

“The essential thing ‘in heaven and earth’ is . . . that there should be long obedience in the same direction; there thereby results, and has always resulted in the long run, something which made life worth living.” Friedrich Nietzsche

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

***Hymn of Adoration**

Holy, Holy, Holy!



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord - God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord - God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty!
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Words by Reginald Heber; Music by John B. Dykes

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism[†], 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.

[†]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 faith.

***Song of Praise**

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

His mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning,

New every morning.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord.

Great is Thy faithfulness.

Words from Lamentations 3:22-24; music by Robert Davidson

Scripture Warning

Mr. 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

Galatians 2:20

Minister: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

*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. Curtis Castleberry

Genesis 1:26-28, 31

Acts 23:6-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Mr. Gibbs

***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

"The Now of Resurrection"

Continuing the Series: The Church In the City

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

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 Fette

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

Amazing Grace!

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

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

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

Words by John Newton; Traditional American Melody

Only in God Is My Soul at Rest

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

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

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

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

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

Words from Psalm 62; music by John Michael Talbot

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um-phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ our heav'n-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heav'n ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

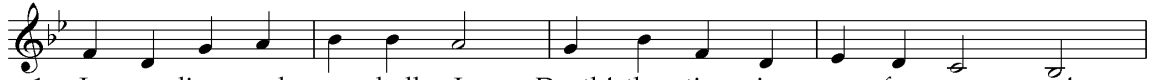
suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Robert Williams

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: Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.

People: **Hallelujah! Our Lord God Almighty reigns.**

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: *(with great volume)* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

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;
Becca Shudak, cello; Laura Gregory, violin;
Song Leader: Stacy Van Klaveren*

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REDEEMER Highlights.....April 18, 2010

This Week

Today	11:15 a.m.	Adult CE Class: Part 2 of "Living Eastered Lives: A six-week study on the Resurrection and its Implications for Living the Christian Life." Taught by Brandon Eggar in Room 1221.
Today	1:30-3:00 pm	Jr. High Youth Community Groups: Boys will meet at the Beham home, 265 W. Wildwood, 78212 from 1:00-1:45, and then Matt will take the boys to the Olmos Park party on Alameda Circle on the top of the hill for fajitas and a climbing wall experience. The girls will meet at the regular time, 1:30-3:00 pm at the Randolph home, 417 Canterbury Hill, 78209.
Tonight	6:00-7:15 p.m.	Doctrine of the Church Class: At the church office.
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Play Group: Come play at the Landa Library Playground. Contact Kristen Eller at 834-8010 for more information.
Wednesday	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Redeemer Women's Spring Series: Part 3: "Marriage"; Ladies of Redeemer and guests are invited to this series of informal, moderated meetings regarding topics based on selected readings, which will be available on the book table the week before each study. At Alamo Heights UMC, Room S107. Childcare is available on a limited basis--call 930-4480 to reserve childcare.
Friday	4:00-6:30 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Fiesta Party: At the Gibbs home, 219 Arcadia Place, 78209. We will hit a piñata, throw cascarones and jump in the pool. Light snacks will be provided. Please wear modest swimwear.
Saturday		King William Fair Fundraiser: Come serve lemonade and funnel cakes in the King William district art fair and parade! Proceeds will help raise funds for youth retreats, RUF trips, and for those going on the Ukraine trip. If you'd like to work, shifts will be 8:30am-6:00pm, 8:30am-2:00pm, or 1:30pm-6:00pm. We need to fill 72 shifts. For those not working, come out to the Fair and support these groups by purchasing a funnel cake or lemonade. Contact Matt Beham for more information, 508-7662.

Upcoming Events

April 25	1:30-3:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Community Groups: Girls will meet at the Judson home, 205 E. Wildwood, 78212, and the boys at the Beham home, 265 W. Wildwood, 78212.
April 28	7:00 p.m.	Two's Company Dinner: Formerly the "2010 Club", this group consists of folks who are engaged or married without kids. At Fralo's Pizza, Exit 551 from 1-10 (Boerne Stage Rd, Leon Springs). Bring friends if you'd like. Contact Abby Fishero at abby.fishero@gmail.com for more information.
May 7-8		Men's Spring Campout: At the Medina River Spillway. Camping along the beautiful Medina River just below Medina Lake dam. Devotions led by Justin Clement on "Becoming Men of Uncensored Honesty Before the Lord" from the Psalms. Contact John Browning, 713-560-6211 or Henry Sauer, 310-6542.

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
Community Life & MembershipBrandon Eggar, 930-4480
Financial (church)..... Bob George, 822- 2016
Local Missions..... Victor Martinez, 930-4480
Men's Ministries..... Henry Sauer, 310-6542, John Browning, (713) 560-6211
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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
Women's Ministries.....Ann Bingham, 930-4503; Tara Gibbs, 930-4974
World Missions.....Elizabeth Bright, 995-3600
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Serving Today

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jason Smith, Craig Goedecke, Marshall White, Brandon Woods, Jonathan Briggs

Greeters: Jeremy Whitley, Gordon & Linda Zeigler, Darrell & Debra Wagner, Brandon & Elizabeth Woods

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Sarah & Larry Watford, Barbara Harrison

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Peavy, Anna Sharp, Nathan Anderson

Nursery Greeter: Elizabeth Berenguer

Itty Bitty Babies: Mark & Mary Ann Randolph; *Crawlers:* Chris & Erin Specia

Younger Toddlers: Jeff & Sara Brouillard; *Older Toddlers:* Aaron & Sarah Gill

Training in the Pews: Jill Waters, Edward & Cristina Fransén

Cookies: Priscilla Basmeson, Debra Wagner

Serving Next Week

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jason Smith, Elgin Wong, Manny Alaniz, Nathan Anderson, Jonathan Briggs

Greeters: Jeremy Whitley, Tobin & Gina Walker, Bowman & Mary Williams, Micah & Julia Yoder

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Ann Bingham, Debra Wagner

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Peavy, The Basse Family

Nursery Greeter: Meredith Moza

Itty Bitty Babies: Ruth Anderson, Georgianna Hildebrand; *Crawlers:* Brandon & Elizabeth Woods

Younger Toddlers: Brian & Abby Fishero; *Older Toddlers:* Jeannie & Gabby Martinez

Training in the Pews: Diane Deng, Bo & Bonnie Hannah

Cookies: Linda Zeigler, Ann Bingham

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)	\$233,110
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$289,459
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$285,721
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 2,611)

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

“The Now of Resurrection”

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

Main Idea: Because our victory has already been secured by the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, we must unswervingly dedicate our lives to him. In other words, **the now of the resurrection is our *present discipleship of the Lord.***

1) Present belief in the truth of the Gospel

2) Present resolve to further the Gospel

- a) Purity of life
- b) Fervor of proclamation
- c) Sacrificial service

3) Present confidence in the triumph of the Gospel

- a) Kept from despair
- b) Sustained for service