

**April 25, 2010**

## For Your Information ...

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**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).

**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](http://www.redeemersa.org), under Ministries, then Community Groups, to find information on locations and leaders and fill out the online registration form.

## Sunday Schedule

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

## Nurseries

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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

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**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)  
**1221—Jr. High Youth** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)  
**1217—Sr. High Youth** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)  
**1219—Adult CE**  
**Auditorium—Pastor's Forum** (All ages)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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*April 25, 2010*

*Third Sunday after Easter*

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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 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**

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:26-27

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Mr. Jeff Judson

### **Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister:

**People:**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
Give thanks to the God of gods.  
Give thanks to the Lord of lords:  
To him who alone does great wonders,  
Who by his understanding made the heavens,  
Who spread out the earth upon the waters,  
Who made the great lights -  
The sun to govern the day,  
The moon and stars to govern the night;

**His love endures forever.**  
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Minister:      Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever!

\*Hymn of Adoration

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er  
2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be  
3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-  
4. That Word a-bove all earth-ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a-  
fail-ing; our help-er he a-mid the flood of  
los-ing; were not the right man on our side, the  
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
bid-eth; the Spir-it and the gifts are ours through  
mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing. For still our an-cient  
man of God's own choos-ing. Dost ask who that may  
truth to tri-umph through us. The prince of dark-ness  
him who with us sid-eth. Let goods and kin-dred  
foe doth seek to work us woe; his  
be? Christ Je-sus, it is he, Lord  
grim, we trem-ble not for him;  
go, this mor-tal life for al-so; his  
the  
craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cru-el  
Sa-ba-oth his name, from age to age the  
rage we can en-dure, for lo! his doom is  
bod-y they may kill: God's truth a-bid-eth  
hate, on earth is not his e-qual.  
same, and he must win the bat-tle.  
sure; one lit-tle word shall fell him.  
still; his king-dom is for-ev-er.

Words and Music by Martin Luther

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Westminster Shorter Catechism<sup>‡</sup>, Q/A. # 1, 2

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

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

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

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

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

**\*Song of Praise**

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

*Words and music by Darlene Zschech*

### Scripture Warning

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Minister: For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."  
Galatians 3:10-11

### Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**People: O Lord, how can we stand before you with our numberless and aggravated offenses? We have taken your grace for granted; it has failed to stun us today. We have arrogantly believed that we deserved your grace and thus have mocked your gospel. We have run after vain idols and thus forsaken your sufficiency. We have not loved your church that you bought with your own blood. Forgive us, Lord. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not interceded for the world around us. We have failed to be your priests and we have broken your covenant. Lord, it is only because of your compassions through Jesus Christ that we are not consumed. Lead us to repentance and save us from despair. Lord, we have no excuse, but we do have Jesus who has become sin for us so that, in him, we might become the righteousness of God. Help us to believe the gospel for your glory!**

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

### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 Timothy 1:15

Minister: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

\*Song of Renewal

Psalm 18



1. I love You, Lord! You are my strength, The Lord, my rock— my  
2. With cords of death on ev - ery side, I was as - sailed by  
3. He reached from heav'n and re - scued me from ma - ny wa - ters  
4. I there - fore will give thanks to You a - mong the na - tions

fort, my pow'r, My God, my hid - ing place, my shield, My  
floods of sin, en - tan - gled by the grave's strong cords, my  
swell - ing high; from those that hate me set me free, from  
all, O Lord; and I will sing the psalms of praise, to

horn of saf - ety, and my tow'r. Be - cause He's ev - er  
way with snares of death hemmed in. In my dis - tress I  
foes that strong - er were than I. In my dis - tress my sal -  
Your great name\_ will praise acc - ord. He to His king sal -

to be praised, Un - to the Lord I lift my cry; For  
called the Lord; my cry to God for help was clear. He  
foes came on; The Lord was my se - cu - ri - ty; He  
va - tion gives, to His an - oint - ed show His grace; His

I shall be de - li - vered thus from all the foes\_ who me de - fy.  
from His tem - ple heard my voice; my cry be - fore\_ Him reached His ear.  
brought me forth and gave me room, be - cause He took\_ de - light in me.  
mer - cy ev - er - more ex - tends to Dav - id and\_ his prom - ised race.

Words from Psalm 18; music by William B. Bradbury

**Extending the Kingdom of God**

The Rev. Paul Ryan

*Redeemer Serves: the City*  
*Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>*

**Prayers for Redeemer Church,  
San Antonio and 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

**"Gender, Marriage and the Gospel"**  
*Continuing the Series: The Church In the City*  
*1 Corinthians 11:2-16; 14:33b-35*

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

### Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,  
4. High king of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me Lord;  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

thou my best thought by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;  
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Words from an Ancient Irish Poem (ca. 8th cent.); Traditional Irish Melody*

Always Thou Lovedst Me

I sought the Lord and afterward I knew,  
He moved my soul, to seek Him, seeking me.  
It was not I that found O Savior true;  
No, I was found of Thee.

*Chorus:* I find, I walk, I love,  
But oh, the whole of love  
Is but my answer Lord, to Thee!  
For Thou wert long beforehand with my soul,  
Always, Thou lovedst me.  
Always, Thou lovedst me.

Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine enfold;  
I walked and sank not, on the storm vexed sea.  
'Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold,  
As Thou, dear Lord, on me. (Chorus 2x)

*Words anonymous; tune by Jonathan Card*

## Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me; they have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, while Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care,  
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee; think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee; God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

*Words by Henry Lyte; music by Bill Moore*

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Jesus Shall Reign

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'r the sun  
2. To him shall end - less prayer be made,  
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery 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 - e 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: 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; Jonathan Card, guitar;  
Michael Shay, trombone; Rob Eller, trumpet; Laura Sanders, flute;  
Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Jennifer Smith*

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# REDEEMER Highlights.....April 25, 2010

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## This Week

Today	11:15 a.m.	<b>Adult CE Class:</b> Part 3 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 1219.
Today	1:30-3:00 p.m.	<b>Sr. High Youth Community Groups:</b> Girls will meet at the Judson home, 205 E. Wildwood, 78212, and the boys at the Beham home, 265 W. Wildwood, 78212.
Tonight	6:00-7:15 p.m.	<b>Doctrine of the Church Class:</b> At the church office.
W Wednesday	10:00-11:30 a.m.	<b>Redeemer Women's Spring Series:</b> Part 4: "Perfectionism"-led by Pastor Gibbs. At Alamo Heights UMC, Room S107. Childcare is available on a limited basis—call 930-4480 to reserve childcare.
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	<b>Two's Company Dinner:</b> Formerly the "2010 Club", this group consists of folks who are engaged or married without kids. At Fralo's Pizza, Exit 551 from I-10 (Boerne Stage Rd, Leon Springs). Bring friends if you'd like. Contact Abby Fishero at abby.fishero@gmail.com for more information.

## Upcoming Events

May 2	1:30-3:00 pm	<b>Jr. High Youth Community Groups:</b> Boys will meet at the Beham home, 265 W. Wildwood, 78212, and girls will meet at the Randolph home, 417 Canterbury Hill, 78209.
May 4	6:30-7:30 a.m.	<b>Men's Downtown Breakfast:</b> At Mi Tierra in Market Square, 218 Produce Row, 78207.
May 5	6:30 p.m.	<b>Young Professionals 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday:</b> At the Harrison home, 110 La Jara, 78209. Dinner provided.
May 7-8		<b>Men's Spring Campout:</b> 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.
May 12	7:00 p.m.	<b>Newcomer's Dessert with Tom and Tara:</b> At their home, 219 Arcadia Pl, 78209. Get to know the Gibbs family and more fully Redeemer's vision.
May 16	12:00 p.m.	<b>Spaghetti Lunch:</b> Mark your calendars for a youth sponsored lunch in the cafeteria after CE!

## 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 & Membership .....Brandon 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  
Mercy/ Financial Aid.....Wes Bright, 826-3100  
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.....Wes Bright, 826-3100  
Women's Ministries.....Ann Bingham, 930-4503; Tara Gibbs, 930-4974  
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  
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## Serving Today

*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:* Sara Ames, 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

## Serving Next Week

*Worship Set-up/Take Down:* Marcus Rudd, Glen Glass, Jeff Brouillard, Steve Browne, Charley Hollimon  
*Greeters:* Sandy Alaniz, Craig & Liz Goedecke, James & Annie Camacho, Jordan McVicar  
*Communion Set-up/Take Down:* Ginny Glass, Marissa Bondurant  
*Nursery Set-up/Take Down:* Lisa Shay, Chris & Erin Specia  
*Nursery Greeter:* Trisha Hadler  
*Itty Bitty Babies:* Debra & Darrell Wagner *Crawlers:* Charlie & Jennifer Hargis  
*Cruisers & Climbers:* Ross & Stacy Van Klaveren  
*Younger Toddlers:* Wes & Elizabeth Bright; *Older Toddlers:* Ben & Rebekah Cairns  
*Training in the Pews:* Diane Deng, Bo & Bonnie Hannah  
*Cookies:* Julie Farrell, Tara Gibbs

## 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)	\$255,134
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$310,458
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$287,983
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 32,849)

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

## “Gender, Marriage and the Gospel”

<sup>2</sup> Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. <sup>3</sup> But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God. <sup>4</sup> Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, <sup>5</sup> but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head - it is the same as if her head were shaven. <sup>6</sup> For if a wife will not cover her head, then she should cut her hair short. But since it is disgraceful for a wife to cut off her hair or shave her head, let her cover her head. <sup>7</sup> For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. <sup>8</sup> For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. <sup>9</sup> Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. <sup>10</sup> That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. <sup>11</sup> Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; <sup>12</sup> for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God. <sup>13</sup> Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered? <sup>14</sup> Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, <sup>15</sup> but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. <sup>16</sup> If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God. ...As in all the churches of the saints, <sup>34</sup> the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. <sup>35</sup> If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church. **1 Corinthians 11:2-16; 14:33b-35**

**Main Idea:** There are few passages in the New Testament more difficult to understand and even harder to apply to our contemporary lives more than 1 Corinthians 11:2-16; 14:33b-35. Options abound: convenient avoidance; straight-forward acceptance; and out-right revulsion and rejection. Nevertheless, any focus on practice—then or now—ultimately falls short of discerning Paul’s important perspective on gender. What is it? What is God revealing through it? Here, Paul wants us to *recognize gender distinction* for what it is and *respect its God-given design*, all with a view to *realizing its glory in light of the Gospel*.

### 1) Recognize the distinction of gender

### 2) Respect the design of gender

- a) Equality
- b) Order
- c) Mutuality

### 3) Realize the glory of gender