

May 10, 2009

For Your Information ...

Guests! We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Give us an opportunity to meet you today and introduce ourselves by staying around for coffee in the foyer after the service. Also, please assist us by **filling out the Guest Pad** when it is passed during worship.

Welcome Station: Located in the foyer, our Welcome Station is designed to assist you in understanding the ministry of Redeemer. Please help yourself to the 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. For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America visit: 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

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

Nurseries

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

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 (7th-12th grades)

Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

May 10, 2009

Fourth 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 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

“The love of Christ is not only the foundation for our personal hope, but our incarnation of that love is our only hope for being effective for Christ with others.” Paul David Tripp

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Justin G. Clement

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

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis -
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to
bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like
tress; praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to
knows; in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues
gone; but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en -
face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers
me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him,
chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him,
us from all our foes; praise him, praise him,
dures un - chang - ing on. praise him, praise him,
all in time and space, praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
praise him, praise him, praise the high E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Words from Psalm 103; Music by John Goss

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism[‡], 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.

[‡]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**

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

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Minister: Therefore I still contend with you, declares the LORD, and with your children's children I will contend. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. Jeremiah 2: 9, 11, 13

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Isaiah 1:18

Minister: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Song of Renewal

Que Sería de Mi

¿Qué sería de mi si no me hubieras
alcanzado?
¿Dónde estaría hoy si no me hubieras
perdonado?
Tendría un vacío en mi corazón vagaría
sin rumbo, sin dirección.

Sino fuera por tu gracia y por tu amor.
(2X)

Sería como un pájaro herido que se
muere en el suelo.
Sería como un ciervo que brama por
agua en un desierto.

Sino fuera por tu gracia y por tu amor.
Sino fuera por tu gracia y por tu amor.
Sino fuera por tu gracia y por tu amor.

What Would Be of Me

What would be of me if you hadn't
reached out to me?
Where would I be today if you hadn't
forgiven me?
I would have an emptiness in my heart,
I would be wandering without direction.

If it hadn't been for your
grace and your love. (2X)

I would be as a wounded bird
dying on the ground.
I would be as a deer panting for
water in a desert.

If it hadn't been for your
grace and your love.
(3X)

Words and music by Jesús Adrián Romero

***Scripture Reading**

Dr. and Dr. Carter King

Psalm 33:1-5, 18-22

Romans 5:1-11

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*. 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. Eggar

"Loving God, Loving Others"

1 John 4:7-21

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 outer 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

Of The Father's Love Begotten

1. Of the Father's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be gan_ to be,
2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full_ of grace,
3. This is he whom heav'n taught sing - ers sang of old with one ac - cord,
4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore_ him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
5. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the Source, the End - ing he,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of_ our race;
whom the Scriptures of the proph - ets promised in their faith - ful word;
all do - min - ions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our God_ and King;
hymn, and chant, and high thanks giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be,

of the things that are, that have_ been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
and the babe, the world's Re deem - er, first revealed his sa - cred face,
now he shines, the long ex - spect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,
let no tongue on earth be si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring,
hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

ev - er - more and ev - er - more_____
ev - er - more and ev - er - more_____
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Words by Aurelius Prudentius; Music from the 12th Century (Plainchant)

There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit, 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit, 'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit, 'til the work on earth is done.

Words and music by Keith Green

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Words by George Matheson; music by Christopher Miner

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, our
2. Un - der the shad-ow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt se - cure; suf -
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame, from
4. A thou sand a - ges in Thy sight are like an eve - ning gone; short
5. The bu - sy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares, are



- shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, to end - less years the same.
as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
carr - ied down - ward by the flood, and lost in foll' - wing years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day

7. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home

Words by Isaac Watts; Music by William Croft

***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; Carlos Ramos, guitar;

Patrick Shay, trumpet; Michael Shay, trombone; Wes Bright, bass;

Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Jennifer Smith, Carlos Ramos

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REDEEMER Highlights.....May 10, 2009

This Week

- Today 11:10 a.m. **"The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit" CE class:** Part 3 of this 4-week class, held in Rm. 121, and led by Brandon Eggar.
- Today **Sr. High Youth Mission Trip Registration Due** as well as the \$50 deposit. Submit forms to Matt Beham during the CE hour. Please make checks payable to Redeemer Presbyterian Church.
- Thursday 11:45-1:00 p.m. **Men's Monthly Luncheon:** At the Lighthouse Café, 4212 McCullough Ave, 78212. Contact Jeff Judson, 822-1292.
- Friday 9:30- 11:30 a.m. **Redeemer Park Day:** In Brackenridge Park; Call Brandi Rickels, 826-2628.

Upcoming Events

- May 16, 23 **RUF Host Homes:** RUF students traveling from New Mexico State and universities in Arizona to the RUF Summer Conference in Panama City, FL, will need homes to stay in on their way there and back, Saturday, May 16th and 23rd. If you are able to host any number of students and bring them to Redeemer the following Sundays, please contact Justin Clement at jclement@ruf.org.
- May 17 12:15 p.m. **Sr. High Youth Mission Trip Meeting:** Immediately after CE in the upstairs foyer. Pizza and drinks will be provided.
- May 21 7:00 p.m. **Baby Shower:** At Harriet Peavy's home, 627 Lamont, 78209, to honor Kim Scott, Erin Specia, Liz Goedecke, Stacy Van Klaveren, and Carolyn Liller. Call Anne Davidson regarding a group gift, 683-9168.
- May 22 6:00 p.m. **Youth Small Groups and Open Mic Night Practice:** In the Youth Room at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church on Basse Rd. Small groups will be from 6-7p.m. and practice from 7-9p.m.
- May 23 7:00 p.m. **Youth Open Mic. Night:** In the Youth Room at Alamo Heights UMC, 825 E. Basse, 78209. Youth and adult acts welcome. Sign up now! Free admission, although donations are welcome to help fund summer mission trips. Call Matt Beham, 508-7662.
- May 29 7:30 p.m. **The Redeemer Fine Arts Series** presents Brent Watkins in a solo piano concert at Trinity University's Ruth Taylor Recital Hall. Program to include works by Beethoven, Chopin, Ravel, Prokofiev and Liszt. Admission is free.

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 & 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.....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
YouthMatthew Beham, 930-4480
Redeemer Prayer Requests.....930-4480, ext. 330

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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Serving Today

Nursery Greeters: Bernard & Georgianna Hildebrand

Infants 1 (9:30): Lisa Shay, Evie McVicar

Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Cristian & Meredith Moza, Sara Ames, Sarah Fields

Training in the Pews: Greg & Rachel Chaney, Sevee Alaniz

Greeters: Jonathan & Debi Briggs, Elizabeth Berenguer, Jeff & Margaret Judson

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Henry Sauer, Jerry Hesko, Erick Faul, Quincy Davidson, John Ames

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Genean Hesko, Barbara Harrison

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Whyte, The Laxton Family

Cookies: Rhonda Laxton, Laura Sedgwick

Serving Next Week

Nursery Greeters: Trisha Hadler

Infants 1 (9:30): Aaron & Amanda Harding

Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Steve & Carolyn Browne, Reeves & Halli Hollimon

Training in the Pews: Jason & Jill Higey, Edward & Cristina Fransen, Margaret Fitch

Greeters: Bowman & Mary Williams, Janet Pursell, Daniel & Sylvia Player

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Henry Sauer, Rob Eller, Greg Chaney, Brian Casey, John Ames

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

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Whyte, Nathan Anderson, Jason Higey

Cookies: Laura Hobbs, Jeannie Martinez

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)	\$275,369
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$310,505
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$295,764
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 20,395)

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

Community Groups

Manny Alaniz--558-4714

& Victor Martinez--509-7716

Josh Alley--862-8305

& 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

Henry Sauer--832-9892

& Jeremy Whitley--320-5520

Ralph Shay--488-2561

Please visit www.redeemersa.org
to find a community group near you.

Sermon Notes

“Loving God, Loving Others”

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. **1 John 4:7-21**