

May 16, 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**
12:00 p.m. **Spaghetti Lunch**

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Ascension Sunday

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

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. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

“I maintain that modern spiritual gifts are analogous to but not identical with the divinely authoritative gifts exercised by the apostles. Since there is no strict identity, apostolic teaching and the biblical canon have exclusive divine authority. On the other hand, since there is analogy, modern spiritual gifts are still genuine and useful to the church. Hence, there is a middle way between blanket approval and blanket rejection of modern charismatic gifts.” Vern Poythress

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Minister: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

***Hymn of Adoration**

All Creatures of our God and King

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a -
3. Thou glow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to
4. And all ye men of ten-der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your
5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble -

· sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou
· long, O — praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou
· hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou
· part, O — sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
· ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise,

burn-ing sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er
ris - ing morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a
· fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and
who long pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your
praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and priase the Spir - it, three in

gleam, O — praise him, O — praise him, al - le -
· voice,
· light,
· care,
· one,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words by Francis of Assisi; Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

***Affirmation of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism[‡] Q/A 27 & 28

Minister: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

All: Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Minister: Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?

All: Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

[‡] 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 17th 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**

Gloria Patri

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

Tune by Henry W. Greatorex

Scripture Warning

Mr. Eggar

Minister: For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

People: **For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. For the wages of sin is death. Romans 3:20, 23; 6:23**

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

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

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

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 5:8-9

Minister: God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

***Song of Renewal**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

Words and music by Stuart Townend

Extending the Kingdom

Mrs. Jill Higey

*Redeemer's Vacation Bible School at the
Guadalupe Community Center*

**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

"Prophecy and Tongues"
Continuing the Series: The Church In the City
1 Corinthians 12:31a; 14:1-20

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

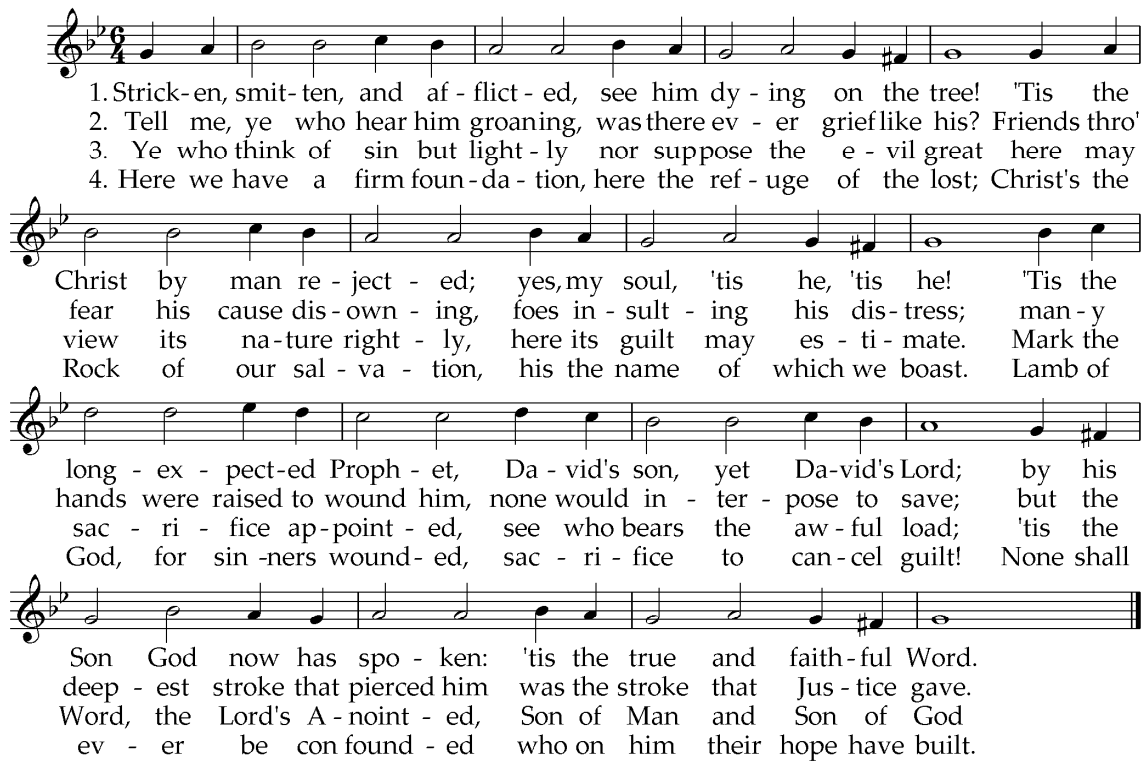
Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent,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

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1. Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the tree! 'Tis the
2. Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ev-er grief like his? Friends thro'
3. Ye who think of sin but light-ly nor suppose the e-vil great here may
4. Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, here the ref-u-ge of the lost; Christ's the
Christ by man re-ject-ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he! 'Tis the
fear his cause dis-own-ing, foes in-sult-ing his dis-tress; man-y
view its na-ture right-ly, here its guilt may es-ti-mate. Mark the
Rock of our sal-va-tion, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of
long-ex-pect-ed Proph-et, Da-vid's son, yet Da-vid's Lord; by his
hands were raised to wound him, none would in-ter-pose to save; but the
sac-ri-fice ap-point-ed, see who bears the aw-ful load; 'tis the
God, for sin-ners wound-ed, sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt! None shall
Son God now has spo-ken: 'tis the true and faith-ful Word.
deep-est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus-tice gave.
Word, the Lord's A-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God
ev-er be con-found-ed who on him their hope have built.

Words by Thomas Kelly; Tune: O Mein Jesu, Ich Muss Sterben

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast.
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

Dear Name, the Rock on which I build, my Shield and Hiding-Place,
My never-failing Treas'ry filled with boundless stores of grace.

By Thee, my prayers acceptance gain, although with sin defiled;
Satan accuses me in vain, and I am owned a child.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Words by John Newton; music by Alexander Reinagle

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

All for Jesus!



1. All for Je - sus! All for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran - somed pow'rs,
2. Let my hands per - form his bid - ding, let my feet run in his ways;
3. World - lings prize their gems of beau - ty, cling to gild - ed toys of dust,
4. Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;
5. O what won - der! how a - maz - ing! Je - sus, glo - rious King of kings,
all my thoughts and words and do - ings, all my days and all my hours.
let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, let my lips speak forth his praise.
boast of wealth and fame and plea - sure; on - ly Je - sus will I trust.
so en - chained my spir - it's vi - sion, look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.
deigns to call me his be - lov - ed, lets me rest be - neath his wings.

Words by Mary D. James; Music by John Stainer

***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; James Sedgwick, guitar;
Michael Shay, trombone; Rob Eller, trumpet;
Song Leader: Stacy Van Klaveren*

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REDEEMER Highlights.....May 16, 2010

This Week

- Today 11:15 a.m. **Adult CE Class:** Part 6 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 12:00 p.m. **Spaghetti Lunch:** Immediately after CE, let the youth serve you a spaghetti lunch in the Cafeteria. Donations are welcome, and will go towards summer youth retreats. A suggested donation is \$5/plate. Contact Matt Beham for more information, 508-7662.
- Tonight 6:00-7:15 p.m. **Doctrine of the Church Class:** At the church office.
- Monday 10:30-11:20 a.m. **Play Group:** Open Gym Playtime at Olympia Gymnastics for kids of all ages. Cost: \$5 per mobile child (walkers and up). 6925 East Sunbelt Dr, 78218. Olympia's phone number is 826-4296. Contact Kristen Eller at 834-8010 for more information.

Upcoming Events

- May 22 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Youth Outing to Medina Spillway:** All youth, their families and friends are invited to meet at 9:45 a.m. at the Park-n-Ride at IH-10 and 1604 to caravan/carpool out to the Medina Spillway. Caravan leaves at 10:00, and we will return to the Park-n-Ride by 3:30 p.m. Please bring your own lunch, modest swimwear, shoes to protect you from the rocks, and some water to keep you hydrated. Contact Matt Beham, 508-7662, for more information.
- May 23 12:30-2:00 p.m. **All Youth Lunch:** At the Williams' home, 536 Castano Ave, 78209. Bring your swimsuit and a towel if you want to jump in the pool.
- May 29 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Redeemer Serves: The City!** A day when teams from Redeemer will go throughout the city to serve, work and participate in mercy projects. Meet for prayer and breakfast at 8:00 in the Edison High School parking lot. Contact Victor Martinez, 930-4480 for more info.
- June 6 4:00-6:00 p.m. **Redeemer Ice Cream Social:** Invite your friends and family over to the Browning's house, 203 Tuttle, 78209, for fellowship and delicious ice cream. Please bring enough ice cream, homemade or store-bought, for you and your guests.
- June 13 11:00 a.m. **Congregational Meeting:** Held immediately after the morning worship service to vote on the Class of 2013 Officers. Elder candidates are John Browning and Jason Smith. Deacon candidates are Ben Bingham and Craig Goedecke.

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
Mercy/ Financial Aid..... Wes Bright, 826-3100
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: Marcus Rudd, Brian Fisher, Joao Chaves, Quincy Davidson, Charley Hollimon
Greeters: Sandy Alariz, Don & Connie Hendrix, Laura Kaupp, Erick & Laura Faul, David Dillon
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Tiffany Drewa, Elizabeth Conner
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, The Laxton Family
Nursery Greeter: Elizabeth Berenguer
Itty Bitty Babies: Cara McVicar; *Crawlers:* Barry & Rhonda Laxton
Cruisers & Climbers: Charlie & Jennifer Hargis
Younger Toddlers: Zach & Leah Ellis; *Older Toddlers:* Stephanie Woodward, Nell Glazener-Cooney
Training in the Pews: Jason & Jill Higey, Royce & Lauren Itschner
Cookies: Kacey Register, Sarah Watford

Serving Next Week

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Marcus Rudd, John Browning, David Dillon, Andrew Douglas, Charley Hollimon
Greeters: Sandy Alariz, Greg & Rachel Chaney, Ken & Barbara Harrison, Royce & Lauren Itschner
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Amanda Brack, Carole Wong
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Zach & Leah Ellis
Nursery Greeter: Meredith Moza
Itty Bitty Babies: Carter & Elizabeth King; *Crawlers:* Larry & Brandi Rickels;
Cruisers & Climbers: Curtis & Marian Castleberry
Younger Toddlers: Jessica & Nicole Castano; *Older Toddlers:* Samantha Mann, Janet Pursell;
Training in the Pews: Will & Carter Greedyke, Jessica Watkins
Cookies: Lauren Browning, Carole Wong, Sara Ames

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

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| Actual Giving (YTD) | \$298,973 |
| Budgeted Expenses (YTD) | \$372,001 |
| Actual Expenses (YTD) | \$364,818 |
| Actual Ahead (Behind) | (\$ 65,845) |

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

“Prophecy and Tongues”

^{31a} But earnestly desire the higher gifts. ...^{14:1} Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. ² For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. ³ On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. ⁴ The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. ⁵ Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. ⁶ Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? ⁷ If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played? ⁸ And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? ⁹ So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. ¹⁰ There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning, ¹¹ but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. ¹² So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. ¹³ Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵ What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶ Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷ For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹ Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. ²⁰ Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature. **1 Corinthians 12:31a; 14:1-20**

1) Clearing the field (12:7, 31a; 14: 1, 12)

2) Seeking the gifts (12:31a; 14:1)

- a) Tongues**
- b) Prophecy**

3) Thinking maturely (14:1a, 18-20)