

May 29, 2011

REDEEMER Highlights.....May 29, 2011

This Week

- Monday **Memorial Day:** The office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. **YP 1st Wednesday:** Young Professionals meet at the Harrison home, 110 La Jara, for worship, fellowship and a lesson led by Brandon Eggar. Contact Brandon, brandon@redeemersa.org, with any questions.

Upcoming Events

- June 5 12:00 p.m. **VBS Volunteer Lunch/Setup:** We'll have lunch after worship in the Edison Cafeteria then head over to Spanish Christian Church to set up and prepare for VBS.
- June 5 4:00-6:00 p.m. **Redeemer Ice Cream Social:** Invite your friends and family over to the Hargis home, 401 Ridgemont for fellowship and delicious ice cream. Please bring enough ice cream, homemade or store-bought, for you and your guests.
- June 6-8 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. **Vacation Bible School:** VBS will be held at Spanish Christian Church, 514 Santa Monica. Volunteers and children can register online at www.redeemersa.org, on the flyer insert, or the registration table in the foyer, following the worship service.
- June 10-19 **Peru Mission Trip:** Please remember our Peru Mission Team as they prepare to travel to Limatambo, Peru, to work with the children and missionaries at Casa Del Aguila School & Orphanage. Please also pray for their continuing fund raising efforts.
- June 12 **Congregational Meeting:** Held immediately after the morning worship service to vote on the Class of 2014 Officers. Elder candidates are Bob George and Manny Alaniz. Deacon candidates are Charlie Hargis and James Sedgwick.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

May 29, 2011

Fifth 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

“Adoption...is the highest privilege that the Gospel offers: higher even than justification. Adoption is a family idea conceived in terms of love, and viewing God as father. In adoption, God takes us into His family and fellowship, and establishes us as His children and heirs. To be right with God the judge is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the father is greater.” J. I. Packer

“When I am caught up in games, manipulations, self-delusions, power struggles, and distortions, and I forget the voice of the Father that says to me, ‘You are my son, Pete, whom I love,’ then I know that I have left home. I am lost and need to make the long, hard journey back.” Peter Scazzero

“When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.” Billy, age four

Welcome

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Minister: Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

***Hymn of Adoration**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

1. Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King; your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
5. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more. Lift
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n.
bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by John Darwall

Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism[‡], Q. #26

Minister: Who is God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: **[God is] the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.**

I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

[‡]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**

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. (repeat)

Words and music by Robert Davidson

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

The Rev. Victor Martinez

Minister: Let us examine ourselves in the light of the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ as given in the Beatitudes. Matthew 5:3-10 *After the Beatitudes are read please thoughtfully reflect on its truth and silently confess your sins.*

People: **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon & 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.

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Words and music by Stuart Townend

***Scripture Reading**

Dr. and Mrs. Jason Higey

Proverbs 3:1-6
Galatians 3:26-4:7

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 *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.

Please take a moment to fill out the **Guest Pad** located at the end of your aisle, and then pass it on down your row, so that everyone has the opportunity to sign in.

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

“Disciplined Sonship”

*Continuing the Series: Gaining a Christ-Centered Vision of Life
Hebrews 12:4-11*

“Disciplined Sonship”

⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.
⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." ⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?
⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:4-11

Main Idea: When encountering trials, persecution, temptations and the consequences for our failure, it is easy to feel anonymous and purposeless. The idea that through such struggles is found an important opportunity orchestrated by our God is even harder to grasp. Yet, these verses remind us that through every sort of hardship God’s disciplined hand upon his children should be discerned—discipline that both signifies our identity and serves his corrective purpose.

1) Signifies our sonship (7a)

- a) His love (6)
- b) Our legitimacy (7c-8)

2) Serves His corrective purpose (7b)

- a) Seeking our good (9-10)
- b) Sharing in His holiness (11)

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

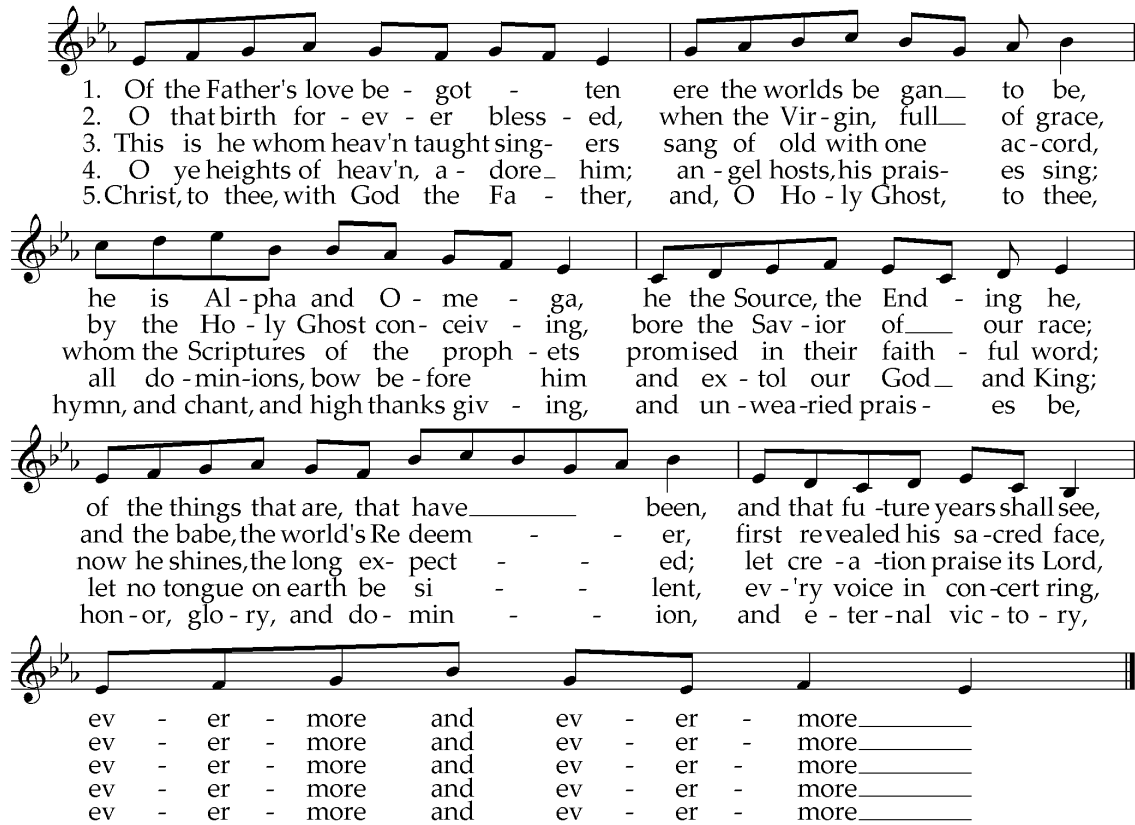
Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent,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

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 re - vealed his sa - cred face,
now he shines, the long ex - pect - 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)

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord.
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Words by Psalm 51; composer: unknown

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!

1. Re deemed, how I love to pro-claim it! Re deemed by the blood of the Lamb; re-
2. Re deemed and so hap-py in Je - sus, no lan - guage my rap-ture can tell; I
3. I think of my bless ed Re-deem-er, I think of him all the day long; I

deemed thro' his in - fi-nite mer - cy, his child, and for - ev - er, I am. Re-
know that the light of his pres-ence with me doth con - tin-ual-ly dwell.
sing, for I can-not be si - lent; his love is the theme of my song.

deemed, re deemed, re deemed by the blood of the Lamb; re -

deemed thro' his in - fi-nite mer-cy, his child, and for-ev-er, I am.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the first three lines of lyrics. The second staff continues the lyrics. The third staff features a melodic line with a long note on 'deemed' and a shorter note on 're', followed by a series of eighth notes for 'deemed by the blood of the Lamb; re'. The fourth staff concludes the piece with the final line of lyrics.

Words by Fanny Crosby; Music by A.L. Butler

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 - every tongue
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;
5. Let ev - ery creat - ure rise and bring

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

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

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

Words by Isaac Watts; Music by John Hatton

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: 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;
Jim Dante, flute; Rob Eller, trumpet; Michael Shay, trombone
Song Leader: Carrie Alley*

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Serving Today

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Marc Hadler, William Morales, Jake Gray, Reeves Hollimon, Charlie Hollimon
Greeters: Sandy Alaniz, Glen & Ginny Glass, Jake & Sharla Gray, Royce & Lauren Itschner, Heather Card
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Lewis & Bekah McNeel, Harriet Peavy
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Kent Harbaugh
Itty Bitty Babies: Larry & Brandi Rickels; *Crawlers:* Mary Williams, Stephanie Swords
Younger Toddlers: Henry & Mary Kessler Sauer *Older Toddlers:* Anna Sharp
Training in the Pews: Tobin & Gina Walker, Katherine & Charlie Hollimon
Cookies: Neeceia Eggar, Laura Kaupp, Yvonne Perez

Serving Next Week

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Toby Stolhandske, Sam Berenguer, Rob Bonclurant, Aaron Carter, Andy Douglas
Greeters: Larry & Sarah Watford, John & Sara Ames, Ben & Ann Bingham, Jon & Karri Cheney
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Jeannie Martinez, Haley Beham, Ann Bingham
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Peavy, Brian & Bebe Casey *Youth Helper:* Elizabeth Marx
Itty Bitty Babies: Craig & Liz Goedecke; *Crawlers:* Priscilla Basmeson, Ana Herrera
Younger Toddlers: Sandy Alaniz, Becca Shudak *Older Toddlers:* Liz Ketner, Kristen Marx
Training in the Pews: Dean & Laura Hobbs, Bob & Terry George
Cookies: Grace Vise, Debra Wagner

Redeemer Staff

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Brandon Eggar, Associate Pastor
Victor Martinez, Assistant Pastor
Michael Novak, RUF Pastor at Trinity
Brent Watkins, Music Ministries Director
Jill Higey, Children's Ministries Director
Matt Beham, Youth Director
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Wes Bright, Chairman
Craig Goedecke
Ken Harrison
Henry Sauer
Jeremy Whitley

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$387,721
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$366,104
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$342,799
Actual Ahead (Behind)	\$ 44,922

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

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. Will resume in the Fall.

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**

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

Christian Education will resume in the Fall.

Please use this extra hour to serve the people of Redeemer, both new and familiar, and your neighbors by exercising Christian hospitality through sharing a meal together.