

July 25, 2010

REDEEMER Highlights.....July 25, 2010

This Week

Nursery Coordinator Needed: Do you love children? Do you have a desire to minister to the young families in our congregation? For a description of this 1-year volunteer position, or an application, please email Jill Higey at jillhigey@gmail.com.

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. **Jr. High Bible Study:** Continuing our Series: "Growing Up As Christians". We will meet at the Fitch home, 7 Seaton Green, 78209. Gate code is 7448.

Thursday 6:30 p.m. **Sr. High Bible Study:** Continuing our Series: "Growing Up As Christians". We will meet at the Beham home, 265 W. Wildwood, 78212.

Upcoming Events

July 29 6:30 p.m. **Women's Fellowship:** Meet us at Clay Casa for food and creative fun with glass fusion or pottery, plus an opportunity to support Strong Foundation. See bulletin insert for more details.

July 31 11:30 am.-4:00 p.m. **Sr. High Tubing trip in New Braunfels:** We will meet in Prince Solms Park and get lunch. Tube rental and lunch will cost around \$25. Please call Matt Beham (210) 508-7662 if you would like to arrange a ride.

August 7 **CE Teachers Training:** Training for all upcoming CE teachers will be held at the church office on Saturday, August 7th. More details to follow.

August 20 – 21 **Intro to Redeemer:** Interested in becoming a member at Redeemer or learning more about what we believe? We will hold a membership class beginning Friday evening, August 20th, and Saturday morning, August 21st. Call the office if you have any questions or would like to sign up, 930-4480.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

July 25, 2010

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 3:1-13

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. John Y. Ames

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*Hymn of Adoration

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light, nor
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine

light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most
want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy
an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all

bles - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, al -
jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove thy
praise we would ren - der; O help us to see 'tis

might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Words by Walter Chalmers Smith; Traditional Welsh Melody

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism[‡], Q. #32

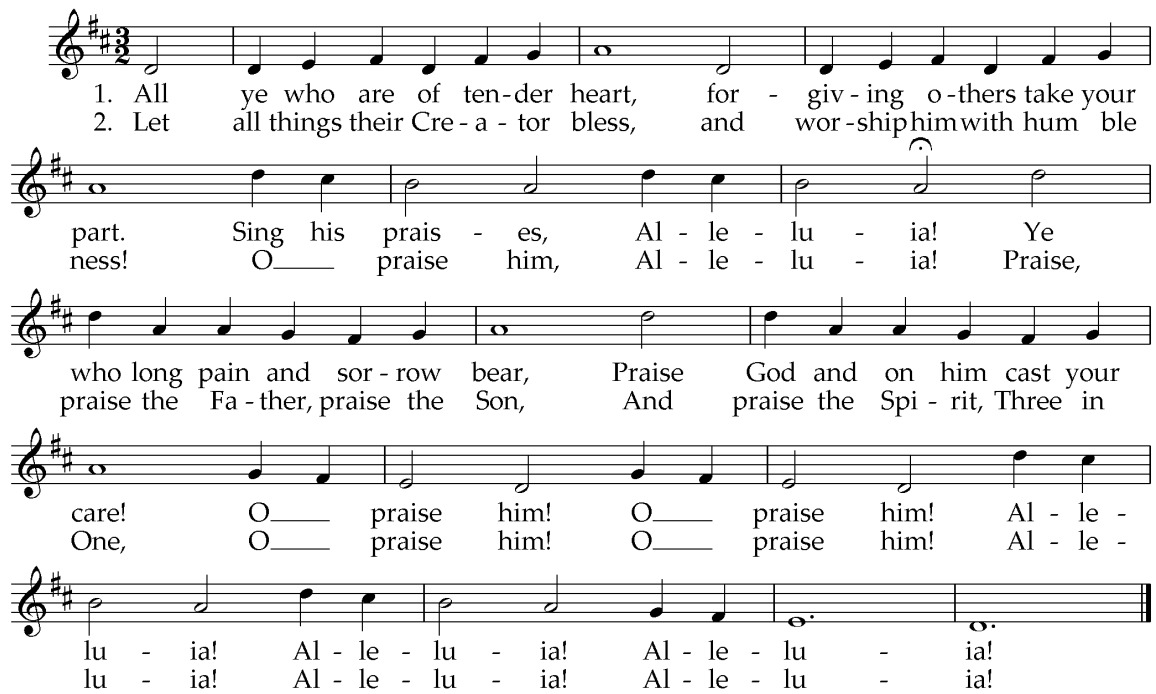
Minister: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

[‡]The Heidelberg Catechism originated in Germany in 1562 under the authority of Elector Frederick III, who ruled the most important German province, the Palatinate, from his castle in Heidelberg. He commissioned the preparation of a new catechism for guiding ministers and teachers in instructing people in the Christian faith.

***Song of Praise**

Doxology



1. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for - giv - ing o - thers take your
2. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him with hum - ble
part. Sing his prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Ye
ness! O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise,
who long pain and sor - row bear, Praise God and on him cast your
praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, And praise the Spi - rit, Three in
care! O — praise him! O — praise him! Al - le -
One, O — praise him! O — praise him! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Scripture Warning

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Minister: If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:6, 8, 10

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty God, we have sinned against you and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Adapted from John Knox's liturgy of 1560

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

2 Corinthians 5:17

Minister: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

***Song of Renewal**

All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night,
Yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will.
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place,
You bore the wrath reserved for me;
Now all I know is grace.

*chorus: Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me.
Oh, Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You. (chorus)

Words and music by Jordan Kauflin

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons (class of 2013)

Ruling Elders

Dr. John C. Browning
Mr. Jason S. Smith

Deacons

Mr. Ben R. Bingham
Mr. Craig T. Goedecke

Questions to the Candidates

Mr. Gibbs

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally, given to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Question to the Congregation

Mr. Gibbs

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders and deacons and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands

Mr. Jeff M. Judson

The Pronouncement

Mr. Gibbs

Charge to the Officers and the Congregation

Mr. Gibbs

**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. Eggar

“Praying for Glory”

First in the Three Part Series: Jesus Prayer in John

John 17:1-5

“Praying for Glory”

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. **John 17:1-5**

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 is the Lord of hosts;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts! The
 whole earth is full of His glo - ry, the whole earth is full of His glo - ry, the
 whole earth is full of His glo - ry; Ho - ly is the Lord!

Words from Isaiah 6:3; Music by Nolene Prince

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

Only in God Is My Soul at Rest

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

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

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

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

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

Words from Psalm 62; music by John Michael Talbot

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

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. Eggar

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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; Laura Gregory, violin; Becca Shudak, cello; Wes Bright, base;
Song Leaders: Jonathan Card & Stacy Van Klaveren*

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Serving Today

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Brian Casey, Larry Watford, Cristian Moza, Curtis Castleberry, Jonathan Briggs
Greeters: Wes Bright, Duncan & Grace Vise, Jeff & Sara Brouillard, Chris & Samantha Mann, Josh Alley
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Ann Bingham, Liz Goedecke
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Jason Higey, James & Annie Camacho
Nursery Greeter: Meredith Moza
Itty Bitty Babies: Ruth Anderson, Kent Harbaugh; *Crawlers:* James & Annie Camacho
Younger Toddlers: Chris & April Duvall; *Older Toddlers:* Toby & Krisanne Stolhandske
Youth Nursery Helpers: Margaret Fitch, Daria Galbraith
Training in the Pews: Tobin & Gina Walker, Bo & Bonnie Hannah, James & Andrew Laxton
Cookies: Julie Farrell, Lauren Browning

Serving Next Week

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jeremy Whitley, Chris Duvall, Jeff Brouillard, Duncan Vise, Gordon Zeigler
Greeters: Jason Register, Krisanne Stolhandske, Matt & Haley Beham, Marshall & Belinda White, Royce & Lauren Itschner
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Barbara Harrison, April Duvall
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Erick Faul, Chris & Erin Specia
Nursery Greeter: Trisha Hadler
Itty Bitty Babies: Wes & Elizabeth Bright; *Crawlers:* John & Sara Ames
Younger Toddlers: Steve & Carolyn Browne; *Older Toddlers:* Don & Connie Hendrix
Youth Nursery Helpers: Jessica Hairson, Anna Catherine Gibbs
Training in the Pews: Greg & Rachel Chaney, Royce & Lauren Itschner, Jimmy Dante
Cookies: Meredith Moza, Ashley Summers, Laura Hobbs

Redeemer Staff

Tom Gibbs, Senior Pastor
Brandon Eggar, Associate Pastor
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Session

Josh Alley, RE
Brandon Eggar, TE, Clerk
Tom Gibbs, TE, Moderator
Jeff Judson, RE
Jason Register, RE

Diaconate

Wes Bright, Chairman
Ken Harrison
Henry Sauer
Jeremy Whitley

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$449,061
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$567,910
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$560,070
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$111,009)

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.