

August 2, 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**
11:00 a.m. **No Christian Education**

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 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: 3 months – 9 months
Infants II: 10 months – 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

August 2, 2009

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 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

“But since Christ has so been imparted to you with all his benefits that all things are made yours, that you are made a member of him, indeed one with him, his righteousness overwhelms your sins; his salvation wipes out your condemnation; with his worthiness he intercedes that your unworthiness may not come before God’s sight. Surely this is so, we ought not to separate Christ from our selves or ourselves from Christ. Rather we ought to hold fast bravely with both hands to that fellowship by which he has bound himself to us.” John Calvin

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Bowman Williams

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Minister: Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

***Hymn of Adoration**

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow - er,
2. Sound - eth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;___
3. Ev - er as - cend - eth the song and the joy;___
4. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;___

wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more___
ring - eth the earth with his glo - ry and fame;___
ev - er de - scend - eth the love___ from on high;___
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;___

give ye to him who our bat - tle hath won,___
o - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flow - er
bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise___
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,___

whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.
ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow - er.
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
dy - ing in weak - ness, but ris - ing to reign.

Words by Horatius Bonar; Music from the Paris Antiphoner, 1681

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed¹

Minister: Christians, what do we believe?

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic² and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹ The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325) and was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and the person of Christ.

² The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

***Song of Praise**

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Tune: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter

The Law of God

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Minister: And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:37-40

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to you; we humbly confess our sins and implore your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart fervently. Neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to your lovingkindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. In the name of Jesus we make this prayer.

Adapted from the Book of Common Worship (1946)

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Minister: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Song of Renewal**

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

Alas and did my Savior bleed,
Did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a fool as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

(Chorus) The strangeness of love, my life in Your death.
In Your brokenness my wholeness revealed.
Your bonds are my freedom, Your sorrow my song,
And by Your wounds I am healed, I am healed.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do.

(Chorus) The strangeness of love, my life in Your death.
In Your brokenness my wholeness revealed.
Your bonds are my freedom, Your sorrow my song,
And by Your wounds I am healed. (*repeat chorus*)

Words by Issac Watts; Music by Greg Thompson

***Scripture Reading**

Mr. Rob Bondurant and Ms. Marissa Galt

Jeremiah 29:4-11

Acts 19:8-20

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

The Rev. Daniel J. Young
Eastern Regional Coordinator

Border Evangelism and Mercy Ministries (BEAMM), Mission to the World (MTW)

“God’s People of Grace and Peace”

Ephesians 1:1-14

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

Just As I Am

1. Just_ as I am, with - out one plea, But
 2. Just_ as I am, and wait - ing not, To
 3. Just_ as I am, though toss - ed a - bout, With
 4. Just_ as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight,

that Thy blood was shed for me, And
 rid my soul of one dark blot, To
 ma - ny a con - flict, ma - ny'a doubt, Fight -
 rich - es, heal - ing of the mind, Yea,

that Thou bid'st me come to Thee, O
 Thee Whose blood can cleanse each spot, O
 ings and fears with - in, with - out, O
 all I need in Thee to find, O

Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am, Thy love unknown,
 Hath broken every barrier down,
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words by Charlotte Elliot; music by William Bradbury

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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

Words by Samuel Trevor Francis; music by Thomas John Williams

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

At the Name of Jesus

1. At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow
2. At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
3. Hum-bled for a sea - son to re-ceive a name
4. In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
5. Broth - ers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true:
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot-less to the last,
crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour:
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word
all the heav'n-ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed.
let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Words by Caroline M. Noel; Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. You may go in peace.

Postlude

**The Congregation Stands*

*Senior Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs
Associate Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar
Assistant Pastor: Rev. Victor R. Martinez
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Brent M. Watkins*

*Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano; Jonathan Card, guitar;
Michael Shay, trombone; Patrick Shay, trumpet;
Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Carrie Alley*

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REDEEMER Highlights..... August 2, 2009

This Week

- Wednesday 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Middle School Youth Bible Study:** At the Beham's home, 265 W. Wildwood, 78212. Studying the Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness.
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. **Young Professionals 1st Wednesday:** At the Harrisons' home, 110 La Jara Blvd, 78209. Bring friends! Call 930-4480.
- Thursday 6:30-8:30p.m. **High School Youth Bible Study:** At Heather Shimek's home, 100 Lorenz #1201, 78209. Studying the Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness.
- Friday 9:30- 11:30 a.m. **Redeemer Park Day:** In Brackenridge Park; Call Brandi Rickels, 826-2628.

Upcoming Events

- August 11 7:00 p.m. **Newcomer's Dessert with Tom and Tara:** At their home, 219 Arcadia Pl., 78209. Get to know the Gibbs' family and more fully Redeemer's vision.
- August 21-22 **Intro to Redeemer Class:** On Friday night, Aug. 21st, from 6:00-9:30 p.m. and Sat. morning, Aug. 22nd, from 8:30-noon, Redeemer will hold its membership class. Call 930-4480 to sign up. A light dinner and breakfast will be provided.
- August 30 5:00-7:00 p.m. **Redeemer in the Park:** Redeemer will kick off the fall with a Sunday evening fellowship on the grounds of San Pedro Park. Invite friends and family!

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 & MembershipBrandon 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.....Ann Bingham, 930-4503; Tara Gibbs, 930-4974
World Missions.....Elizabeth Bright, 995-3600
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Serving Today

Nursery Greeter: Elizabeth Berenguer

Infants 1 (9:30): Rachel Gravel, Jill Waters

Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Wes & Elizabeth Bright, Stephanie Woodward, Bebe Camp

Training in the Pews: Greg & Rachel Chaney, Bonnie Anderson

Greeters: Dean & Laura Hobbs, Clay & Amy Miller, Justin Talarico, Stephanie Swords

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jeremy Whitley, Mike Davis, Chris Duvall, Rob Eller, Gordon Zeigler

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Heather Shimek, Jeannie Martinez

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Erick Faul, Anna Sharp, Bebe Camp

Cookies: Elizabeth Bright, Sarah Watford

Serving Next Week

Nursery Greeter: Georgianna Hildebrand

Infants 1 (9:30): Cristian & Meredith Moza

Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Jeff & Sara Brouillard, Debi Briggs, Marissa Gabrysch

Training in the Pews: Jason & Jill Higey, Marc & Tricia Hadler

Greeters: Larry & Brandi Rickels, Laura Kaupp, Will & Carter Greendyke

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jeremy Whitley, Justin Talarico, Brian Fishero, Craig

Goedecke, Gordon Zeigler

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Elizabeth Bright, Jeff & Nicky Sewell

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Erick Faul, Zach & Leah Ellis

Cookies: Ann Bingham, Linda Zeigler

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)	\$470,121
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$523,781
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$509,893
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 39,772)

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

Community Groups

Community Groups will resume in the Fall. For more information contact Brandon Eggar at 930-4480.

Sermon Notes

“God’s People of Grace and Peace”

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. **Ephesians 1:1-14**