

September 2, 2007

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 Kerygma, our newsletter pronounced ke-rig'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**

9:30-10:45 a.m. **Worship**

Nurseries

Redeemer offers fully staffed nurseries for children ages newborn to 3 years of age. Redeemer encourages parents to utilize our *Training in the Pews* children's worship time during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the Northeast end of the McAllister Fine Arts Center. (See map at **Welcome Station**.)

Infants I: newborn – 9 months

Infants II: 10 – 18 months

Toddlers: 19 months – 3 years

Training the Pews: 3 - 5 years

Christian Education

Christian Education will resume on September 9th.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

August 27, 2007

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Reflection & Preparation

“Both are truth: the weapon of divine wrath that judges us, and the weapon of divine love that draws us to it. What is a verdict worth if it is devoid of truth? It is but tyranny, able to subjugate us but unable to make us honor it. But when truth becomes our judge and shows us what is reprehensible, we fall silent before our just judge. What is love without truth? It is selfishness in disguise, which does not truly want to help and which offers fellowship to us only to the degree considered beneficial by those who extend it. But when love comes to us in light of truth, we are truly those who are loved and called to fellowship. Then the Giver has given himself to us and has himself searched for us.” Adolf Schlatter

“What is important to appreciate is that the human responsibility—repentance, turning around, changing—is not urged *in order that* the government of God may come but, explicitly, ‘because’ God’s government is coming, whether we change or not. That is to say, we do not bring the kingdom by our changes; we ‘suffer’ the kingdom’s coming, either blessedly by going to our knees or banefully by turning our backs. . . . Indeed, the divine coming and its message *enables* the human moving and its change.” F. D. Bruner

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Clay R. Miller

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

Minister: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

*Hymn of Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy!



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord_ God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord_ God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty!
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Words by Reginald Heber; Music by John B. Dykes

***Prayer of Invocation** (*conclude with the Lord's Prayer*)

Mr. Gibbs

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 Apostles' Creed¹

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell². The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church³, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

¹ Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated in the 2nd century and developed into its present form by the 6th century.

² By referring to Jesus' descent into hell, the Christian embraces two truths. Firstly, Jesus received the full sentence of hell on behalf of his people while on the cross. Secondly, Jesus experienced the reign of death by remaining in the tomb after the crucifixion.

³ The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographic or language barriers.

***Song of Praise**

I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my king, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

(Repeat)

The Law of God

Matthew 22:37-40

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."

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

People: O Lord, I have a wild heart, and cannot stand before you. I am like a bird before a man. How little I love your truth and ways! I neglect prayer. My mind is a bucket without a bottom, with no spiritual understanding. My conscience is without conviction or contrition, with no sins to acknowledge. My heart is without affection, and full of leaks. Give me a broken heart that yet carries home the water of grace.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 John 2:1, 2

Minister: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Song of Renewal

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness
2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
3. When from the dust of death I rise
4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee,
5. O let the dead now hear thy voice;

my beau - ty are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst
for who aught to my charge shall lay? Ful -
to claim my man - sion in the skies, ev'n
whose bound - less mer - cy hath for me; for
now bid thy ban - ished ones re - joice; their

flam - ing worlds, in these ar - rayed, with
ly ab - solved through these I am from
then this shall be all my plea, Je -
me a full a - tone - ment made, an
beau - ty this, their glo - rious dress, Je -

joy shall I lift up my head.
sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
sus hath lived, hath died, for me.
ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.
sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness.

Words by John Wesley; Music by William Gardiner

***Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Chaney

2 Kings 1:1-8

Acts 19:1-12

**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*.

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

"Prophetic Fire"

Continuing the Series on the Gospel of Matthew: Thy Kingdom Come

Matthew 3:1-12

Preparation for Communion

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 to 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 is God, the Lord of Sa-ba-oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sa-ba-oth!

Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sa-ba-oth! Be - hold, His glo-ry fill-eth all the earth!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

Starting with the two front outer sections by rows, please form one line on the outer half of each center aisle. Upon approaching the front, please form a line in front of the first row of chairs of each outer section. After the two outer sections have partaken, the front center section should proceed. If seated in the back center section, please exit your row toward the left, form a line in front of the first row of chairs in the back center section, partake from those serving in the center cross-aisle, and then return to your row from the right side. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The center cup and inner circle of the tray contain grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles and return to your seat. Please use the remaining time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served.

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

Amazing Grace!

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his

saved a wretch like me! I
grace my fears re - lieved; how
have al - read - y come; 'tis he
Word my hope se - cures; he

once was lost, but now am found, was
pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the
grace has brought me safe thus far, and
will my shield and por - tion be, as long as

blind, but now I see.
hour I first be - lieved!
grace will lead me home.
long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied, to look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Words by Charitie Bancroft; music by Vikki Cook

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um-phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ our heav'n-ly King Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross Al - le - lu - ia!
who en-dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heav'n ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Robert Williams

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

This Is My Father's World

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The lyrics are: 1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and_ to my lis-t'ning ears, all
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the_ birds their car - ols raise, the
3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O__ let me ne'er for - get that
na - ture sings, and_ round me rings the mu sic of the_ spheres. This
morn - ing light, the_ lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's_ praise. This
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is__ the Rul - er__ yet. This
is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
is my Fa - ther's world: he__ shines in all that's fair; in the
is my Fa - ther's world: the__ bat - tle is not done; Je__
rocks and trees, of__ skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I__ hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - erywhere.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be__ one.

Words by Maltbie D. Babcock; Music by Franklin L. Sheppard

Reception of New Members

Rebecca Sharp

*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*

Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

RUF Campus Minister: Rev. Justin G. Clement

Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano

Patrick Shay, trumpet; Michael Shay, trombone

Song Leaders: Stacy Van Klaveren, Jennifer Smith

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REDEEMER Highlights September 2, 2007

This Week

- Today 11-11:10 a.m. **Parents of Children Meeting:** Please plan on attending if you have children ages birth-11 years. We will meet immediately after the service for 10 minutes in the back of the auditorium.
- Today 6- 7:15 p.m. **Intro to Christian Theology:** This class will be held every Sunday at the Redeemer Office (3737 Broadway, Ste. 300). This class is open to anyone. It is required for those desiring to become a church officer. Call 930-4480.
- Monday 9:00 p.m. **Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)** meets in Trinity University's Side Chapel—An evening of singing, Bible study, and fellowship. All are welcome: the lost, the found, the burned out, the bored, the cynical, and the spiritual.
- Tuesday 9:30- 11:30 a.m. **Redeemer Park Day:** Informal play and fellowship at Brackenridge Park, behind the Witte Museum. Call Elizabeth Clement at 530-0522.
- Thursday 7 p.m. **Newcomer's Dessert with Tom and Tara** at their home (219 Arcadia Pl., 78209). This informal time is designed to help you get to know the Gibbs and more fully understand Redeemer's vision. Call 930-4480.
- Saturday 3:00 p.m. **2010 Club Tubing Event:** If you are married, but don't have kids yet, you are part of the 2010 club! We will be meeting to tube down the Comal River in New Braunfels. Contact Ross and Stacy Van Klaveren for more info (210) 653-2717.

Upcoming Events

- September 9 11:15 a.m. **Christian Education Begins**
- September 9 11:15 a.m. **Women's Kickoff Meeting:** Join us during the CE hour to learn what's in store for Women's Ministry this Fall.
- September 12 9:45-11:30 a.m. **Women's Bible Study Begins:** We will be studying Romans. Every Wednesday at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church (on Basse), room W201. Childcare is free, but your children must be registered. Please fill out the flyer and place in the offering plate or call the office, 930-4480.
- October 13 9-10 a.m. **Agape Walk for Life:** Mark your calendars and contact Mary Ann Randolph at mrand522@swbell.net for more info.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy; Carri Jobe 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Children's Ministries.....Jill Higey 930-4480
Community Life & Outreach..... Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Financial (church).....Bob George 822- 2016
Local and World Missions..... John Fitch 824-5973
Men's Ministries.....Jeff Judson 822-1292
Mercy/ Financial Aid.....Jake Gray 884-4729
Music Ministry..... Brent Watkins 785-0912
Pastoral Care (Membership, Doctrine, Illness, Counseling).....Tom Gibbs 930-4480
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF).....Justin Clement 930-4480
20+ Singles Community.....Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Training in the Pews.....Ralph and Debbie Shay 488-2561
Usher/ Greeter Coordination.....Jason Register 829-0747
Women's Ministries.....Margaret Judson 822-5901; Heather Card 467-5792
Worship/ Event Assistance.....Ken Harrison 828-8864
Youth Patrick & Aubree Shay 383-0132
Redeemer Prayer Requests.....930-4480, ext. 330

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Serving Today

Infants I (9:30): Janice Preston

Infants II (9:30): Cyndi O'Leary

Toddlers (9:30): Carter and Elizabeth King, Shelley Galbraith

Training in the Pews: Ben and Ann Bingham

Greeters: Jerry and Genean Hesko, Jake and Sharla Gray, Clay and Amy Miller

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jeremy Whitley, Paul Gravel, Bernard Hildebrand, Kendall Proctor, Marc Hadler

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Heather Shimek, Mary Williams

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Jordan and Kitty Inman

Cookies: Jessica Castano, Anita Ramirez

Serving Next Week

Infants I (9:30): Mary Ann Randolph

Infants II (9:30): Mark Randolph

Toddlers (9:30): Sven and Charle Hoerschgens, Marla Smith

Training in the Pews: Ralph and Debbie Shay

Greeters: Jeff and Margaret Judson, Tyler and Valerie Jorgensen, Ben and Ann Bingham

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jeremy Whitley, Glen Glass, Josh Alley, Mark Randolph, Marc Hadler

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Ginny Glass, Barbara Harrison

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Jordan McVicar

Cookies: Elizabeth Bright, Tabitha Whyte

Announcements

There will be no Christian Education today. CE will resume on September 9th .

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$394,231
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$500,997
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$448,842
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 54,611)

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

Community Groups

John Ames – 828-6891
and Bowman Williams – 930-5915
and Ralph Shay – 488-2561
Jonathan Card – 467-5792
and Josh Alley – 731-0880
and Wes Bright – 826-3100
Brandon Eggar – 930-4480
John Fitch – 824-5973
and Henry Sauer – 832-9892
Tom Gibbs – 930-4974
and Ross Van Klaveren – 653-2717
Charley Hollimon – 829-576
and Jason Register – 829-0747
Jeff Judson – 822-5901
and Larry Rickels – 826-2628
Victor Martinez- 509-7716
Clay Miller – 830-438-5218
and Jerry Hesko – 659-3004
Mark Randolph – 822-6057
Jason Smith – 372-9337
and Jason Higey – 354-7444

Sermon Notes

“Prophetic Fire”

¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” ⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” **Matthew 3:1-12**