

September 3, 2006

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**
11:00-12:00 a.m. **Christian
Education**

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

Toddler I (age 2)

Toddler II (age 3)

Preschool (ages 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)

Please see map at the **Welcome Station** for directions.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

September 3, 2006

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Reflection & Preparation

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable are his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” Romans 11:33-36

“What’s more likely; an all-powerful creator made the universe and then decided not to give any proof of his existence, or that he simply doesn’t exist at all and that we created *him* so that we don’t have to feel small?” from the movie *Contact*

“If Christianity were to die out in our culture, more than likely it would not be due to persecution, nor that people did not want to live up to its moral demands, it would go extinct because people became convinced that the Church’s God is old, intolerant and beneath their consideration.” Wade Bradshaw

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. John Fitch

Prelude

Call to Worship

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

People: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Minister: Shout for joy before the Lord, the King!

People: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Minister: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

All: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

*Hymn of Adoration

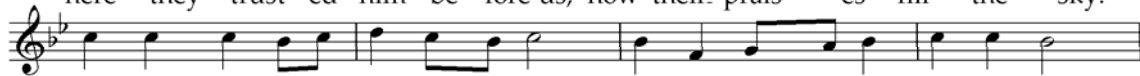
Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder



1. Let us love and sing and won-der, let us_praise the Sav - ior's name!
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied_ us when en - e - mies,
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tion threat en_ hard to bear us down!
4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and_point to mer - cy's store;
5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the_saints en throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has_quenched Mount Si - nai's flame:
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us_ ears and gave us eyes:
For the Lord, our strong sal - va tion, holds in_ view the con - qu'ror's crown:
when through grace in Christ our trust is, jus tice_smiles and asks no more:
here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their. prais - es fill the sky:



he has washed us_ with his_blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
he has washed us_ with his_blood, he pre sents_ our souls to God
he who washed us_ with his_blood soon will bring_ us home to God
he who washed us_ with his_blood has se - cured_ our way to God.
"You have washed us_ with your_blood; you are wor - thy, Lamb of God!"

Words by John Newton; Music from the Darmstadt Gesangbuch

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

***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.

* Doxology

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

Scripture Warning

Romans 3:20, 23; 6:23

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

People: **For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. For the wages of sin is death.**

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

People: **I, a poor sinner, acknowledge before you, my God and Creator, that I have terribly and in many ways sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as you, my Lord and God, know well, and I cannot deeply enough deplore. But I repent of these things, and am sorry for them, and heartily ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**

From the Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate (c. 1585)

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 John 1:5, 9

Minister: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***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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But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.
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Words and music by Stuart Townend

The Reception of New Members

Olin Johnson
Andrew Lerner
Cara McVicar
Andy, Kelly, Anna Beth* and Will[†]* Muck
Jackie Roberts[†]

* Non-communing members
[†]Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism

**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

“God, the Creator”

Continuing the series: What in the world are we here for?

Genesis 1:1,2

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 saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord most high.

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

Not What My Hands Have Done

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are arranged in five columns, each corresponding to a different verse. The first staff contains the first line of music and the beginning of the five verses. The second staff contains the second line of music and the continuation of the verses. The third staff contains the third line of music and the continuation of the verses. The fourth staff contains the fourth line of music and the continuation of the verses. The fifth staff contains the fifth line of music and the continuation of the verses.

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul; not
2. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin; thy
3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak; thy
4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine; and
5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might; he

what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole. Not
blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in. Thy
pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break. No
with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine. His
calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light. 'Tis

what I feel or do can give me peace with God; not
love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee, can
oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do; no
cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb, each
he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives; I

all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.
strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

Words by Horatius Bonar; Music by George William Martin

Always Thou Lovedst Me

I sought the Lord and afterward I knew,
He moved my soul, to seek Him, seeking me.
It was not I that found O Savior true;
No, I was found of Thee.

Chorus: I find, I walk, I love,
But oh, the whole of love
Is but my answer Lord, to Thee!
For Thou wert long beforehand with my soul,
Always, Thou lovedst me.
Always, Thou lovedst me.

Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not, on the storm vexed sea.
'Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold,
As Thou, dear Lord, on me (Chorus 2x)

Words anonymous; tune by Jonathan Card

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

Chorus: Approach, my soul, the mercy seat,
Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before His feet,
For none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea,
With this I venture nigh;
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee
And such, O Lord, am I (chorus)

Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
By Satan sorely pressed,
By wars without and fears within,
I come to Thee for rest (chorus)

Be Thou my shield and hiding place,
That, sheltered near Thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
And tell him Thou hast died! (chorus)

O wondrous love! To bleed and die,
To bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners, such as I,
Might plead Thy gracious name! (chorus)

Words by John Newton; music by Kevin Twit

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, our
2. Un - der the shad-ow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt se - cure; suf -
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame, from
4. A thou sand a - ges in Thy sight are like an eve - ning gone; short
5. The bu - sy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares, are



shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, to end - less years the same.
as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
carr - ied down - ward by the flood, and lost in foll' - wing years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day

7. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home

***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. Go in peace.

Postlude

**The Congregation Stands*

Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Assistant Pastor: Mr. Brandon S. Eggar

RUF Campus Minister: Rev. Justin G. Clement

Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano; Jonathan Card, guitar

James Romig, french horn; Patrick Shay, trumpet; Michael shay, trombone

Jim Dante, flute; Zach Ellis, bass; Joel Cook, cello

Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Jennifer Romig

(Music printed by permission: CCLI # 2357621)

REDEEMER Highlights September 3, 2006

This Week

Today	6- 7:15 pm	Intro to Christian Theology: This class is held every Sunday at the Redeemer Office (3737 Broadway, Ste.300). This class is required for those desiring to become a church officer.
Monday	9- 10:30 p.m.	RUF (Reformed University Fellowship): College students, join us in the Meditation Chapel on Trinity University's campus, for fellowship, singing and Bible study. Contact Justin Clement (267-7884).
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.
Tuesday	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.
Thursday	7 p.m.	Choir Practice: The Redeemer Choir is starting up! Meet at the Watkins' home (1410 W. Ashby Place). Contact Brent Watkins for info: 785-0912.
Friday	9:30- 11:30 a.m.	Redeemer Park Day: Informal play and fellowship at Orsinger Park, I-10 and Huebner Road. Call Elizabeth Clement at 530-0522.
Friday and Saturday		Foundations of Christian Marriage, taught by Pastor Tom Gibbs. Friday from 7- 9:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9- 11:30 a.m., 627 Lamont. Call 930-4480 to sign up or see flyer in the bulletin.

Upcoming Events

September 10	11 a.m.	To the Glory of God: A Study of Reformed Theology: This Christian Education Class will be taught by Pastor Brandon Eggar and elder, Jeff Judson. It will be every Sunday after the worship service.
September 12	6:30- 7:45 a.m.	Men's Bible Study: The Book of James: Every Tuesday at the Quarry Golf Club (Basse Road at Jones Maltsberger near the Quarry.) RSVP each week to Jeff Judson for a \$5 hot breakfast: jeff@jeffjudson.com.
September 16		Men's Golf Round: Contact Jason Register to sign up or for more info at jasonregister@carcomineral.com
September 23	11:30 a.m.	Autumn Grace Women's Luncheon: Pauly Long will be our speaker. Invite your friends for fellowship and focus on the grace of the Gospel for everyday. Sign up on the bulletin flyer or call Carri Jobe at 930-4480.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy; Carri Jobe 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Jim Faucett 602-0213
Children’s Ministries.....Krisanne Stolhandske 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 MinistriesJeff Judson 822-1292
Mercy/ Financial Aid.....Jake Gray 884-4729
Music Ministry..... Brent Watkins 512-567-4045
Pastoral Care (Membership, Doctrine, Illness, Counseling).....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.....Mary Williams 930-5915; Heather Card 467-5792
Worship/ Event Assistance.....Ken Harrison 828-8864
Youth Patrick & Aubree Shay 383-0132
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Serving Today

Infants (9:30): Matt and Cindy Pantsari
Toddlers (9:30): Jeff and Margaret Judson
Training in the Pews: Brian and Carri Jobe, Mark and Mary Ann Randolph
Greeters: Heather Card, Larry and Brandi Rickels, Ross and Stacey Van Klaveren
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Matt Pantsari, John MacDiarmid, Jim Stokes, Barry Laxton, Marc Hadler
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Mary Alice MacDiarmid, Cyndi O’Leary
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Tyler and Valerie Jorgensen
Cookies: Elizabeth Clement, Tabitha Whyte

Serving Next Week

Infants (9:30): Barry and Rhonda Laxton
Toddlers (9:30): Bill and Regan Luthin
Training in the Pews: Quincy and Anne Davidson, Jim and Donna Faucett
Greeters: Ryan and Cyndi O’Leary, West and Kendra Vita, Paul Gravel, Ned Hodge
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Matt Pantsari, Don Hendrix, Stephen Smith, Mark Randolph, Marc Hadler
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Milby Hartwell, Jodi Bremer
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Cristian and Meredith Moza
Cookies: Rhonda Laxton, Ann Bingham

Announcements

Christian Education (CE)
will be held after the
worship service.

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$387,120
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$429,357
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$419,062
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 31,942)

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

Community Groups

John Ames – 828-6891
and Ralph Shay- 488-2561
Jonathan Card- 467-5792
and Brian Jobe- 826-2204
Brandon Eggar- 930-4480
John Fitch – 824-5973
and Henry Sauer- 832-9892
Tom Gibbs – 930-4974
Charley Hollimon – 829-576
and Jason Register – 829-0747
Jeff Judson – 822-5901
Clay Miller – 830-438-5218
and Matt Pantsari-
Mark Randolph – 822-6057
Jason Smith – 372-9337
Bowman Williams – 930-5915

Sermon Notes

“God, the Creator”

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” **Genesis 1:1-2**

1. Who is this Creator?

2. What should I do with Him?