

September 9, 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**
11:10-12:00 noon **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)

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

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Reflection & Preparation

Thou didst love me before I loved thee,
 an enemy, a sinner, a loathsome worm.
Thou dost love me as a son,
 and weep over me as over Jerusalem.
Love brought thee from heaven to earth,
 from earth to cross,
 from the cross to the grave.
Love caused thee to be weary, hungry, tempted,
 scorned, scourged, buffeted, spat upon, crucified, and pierced.
Love led thee to bow thy head in death.
My salvation is the point where perfect created love
 and the most perfect uncreated love meet together;
For thou dost welcome me, like Joseph and his brothers,
 loving and sorrowing, but loving and rejoicing.
Thy love is not intermittent, cold, changeable;
 it does not cease or abate for all my enmity.

The Valley of Vision

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Justin G. Clement

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Minister: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

People: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

Minister: As far as the east is from the west, so does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

*Hymn of Adoration

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1. Glo-rious things of thee are spo-ken, Zi-on, cit-y of our God;
2. See, the streams of liv-ing wa-ters, spring-ing from e-ter-nal love,
3. Round each hab-i-ta-tion hov'ring, see the cloud and fire ap-pear
4. Sav-ior, if of Zi-on's cit-y I, through grace, a mem-ber-am,
he whose word can-not be bro-ken formed thee for his own a-bode:
well sup-ply thy sons and daugh-ters, and all fear of want re-move:
for a glo-ry and a cov-'ring, show-ing that the Lord is near:
let the world de-ride or pit-y, I will glo-ry in thy name:
on the Rock of A-ges found-ed, what can shake thy sure re-pose?
who can faint, while such a riv-er ev-er flows their thirst t'as-suage?
thus de-riv-ing from their ban-ner light by night and shade by day,
fad-ing is the world-ling's plea-sure, all his boast-ed pomp and show
With sal-va-tion's walls sur-round-ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
grace which, like the Lord, the giv-er, nev-er fails from age to age.
safe they feed up-on the man-na which he gives them when they pray.
sol-id joys and last-ing trea-sure none but Zi-on's chil-dren know.

Words by John Newton; Music by Franz Joseph Haydn

*Prayer of Invocation

Mr. Eggar

*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism[‡], Q/A. # 1, 2

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

All: **Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

Minister: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

All: **The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

[‡] The Westminster Shorter Catechism, along with the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger Catechism, serve together as the statement of faith for Redeemer Presbyterian Church and the PCA. Formulated in the 17th century England, they are a second level of authority under the Scriptures and serve to explain what we believe to be the system of doctrine revealed in the Bible.

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-
low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
Ghost; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tune: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

Mark 7:14-16; 21-23

Minister: And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

People: O Lord, forgive us for our failure to keep your commandments. We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives, yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed, lies and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money and read your Bible, yet inwardly we neglect justice, purity, love, encouraging speech and mercy. Lord, we should have done the latter without neglecting the others. We have thrust ourselves into the best positions, because we thought we deserved them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us—all of us and all of who we are—from the inside out.

Adapted from Luke 11:37-52

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 5:17

Minister: If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

*Song of Renewal

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace, be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet

Words by Anne Steele; Music by Kevin Twit

***Scripture Reading**

Ms. Bekah Stolhandske

Deuteronomy 7:6-11
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

**Prayers for Redeemer Church,
San Antonio & the World**

Mr. Jeff Judson

***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. Eggar

"A Loved Community"
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame_weighed down; now
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain: mine,
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend, for

scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown; O
mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dea - ly pain. Lo,
this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end? O

sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine! yet,
here_ I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place; look
make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be, Lord,

though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
on_ me with thy fa - vor, vouch safe to me thy grace.
let_ me nev - er, nev - er out live my love to thee.

Words by Bernard of Clairvaux; Music by Hans Leo Hassler

When All Thy Mercies

When all Thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.
Unnumbered comforts to my soul Thy tender care bestowed;
Before my infant heart conceived from whom those comforts flowed.

Chorus: Through all eternity to Thee, a joyful song I'll raise.
For oh, eternity's too short to utter all Thy praise!

When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou with health renewed my face;
And when in sins and sorrow sunk, renewed my soul with grace.
Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy. (*Chorus*)

Through every period of my life Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew. (*Chorus 2x*)

Words by Joseph Addison; music by Stephen Barnes

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

*Chorus: I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound for the Promised Land. (2X)*

No chilling winds or poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more (chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my father's face and in his bosom rest? (chorus)

Words by Samuel Stennent; Music by Christopher Miner

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

How Great Thou Art



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2. When thro' the woods and for-estglades I wan-der and hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy pow'r thro'-out the u-ni-verse dis-played. Then sings my
gran-deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing, he bled and died to take a-way my sin.
ra-tion, and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou art.

soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou

art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: how great thou

art, how great thou art!

***Benediction**

Mr. Eggar

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; Jonathan Card, guitar

Patrick Shay, trumpet; Michael Shay, trombone; Zach Ellis, bass

Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Jennifer Smith

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REDEEMER Highlights September 9, 2007

This Week

Today	11:10 a.m.	Christian Education Begins
Today	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.
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. 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.
Wednesday	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.

Upcoming Events

September 20	11:45 a.m.	Men's Bible Study Luncheon at Panchito's Restaurant (4100 McCullough Ave). Contact Jeff Judson for more info. 822-1292.
September 23	12:30- 1:30p.m.	Youth Sunday Lunch: we will be heading for lunch immediately after Christian Education. Details to come, and if you have any questions, please contact Patrick & Aubree Shay (383-0132).
September 26	7 p.m.	Missions Dessert: Come learn about Greg and Amy Sanderson's mission to Peru. Contact John Fitch for more info: jfitch@pol.net
September 27	7 p.m.	Women's Wine and Cheese Fellowship Night: Redeemer ladies and friends will gather at 305 West Kings Hwy, 78212, for an evening of fellowship. For more info, call 930-4480. Sign up on the flyer.
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): 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 Whitely, 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

Serving Next Week

Infants I (9:30): Kate Kinnaird
Infants II (9:30): Alex Kinnaird
Toddlers (9:30): Josh and Mary Alice MacDiarmid, Bekah Stolhandske
Training in the Pews: Andy and Kelly Muck
Greeters: John and Chrissy Fitch, Heather Card, Don and Connie Hendrix, Rhonda Laxton
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jeremy Whitely, Jake Gray, Marc Hadler
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Shelley Galbraith, Sara Ames
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Andrew Lerner
Cookies: Tara Gibbs, Carter Greendyke

Announcements

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

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$440,998
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$515,902
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$457,763
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 16,765)

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

Community Groups

John Ames – 828-6891
and Bowman Williams – 930-5915
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

“A Loved Community”

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**