



REDEEMER CHURCH

———— BANGALORE ————

Sunday, January 12, 2025

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome

Welcome to Redeemer Church! We are so glad you can be with us here today. We are thrilled to see God build this local church body for the furthering of His Kingdom in the neighbourhoods of North Bangalore and beyond. We know visiting a church can lead to a lot of questions and we'd love to help you find answers. Our website, redeemberbangalore.com, has details about our beliefs, vision and values. Check it out for more information about Redeemer Church, and chat with one of the elders if you have more questions.

About Our Worship Service

Our liturgy (i.e., worship service) follows the logic of the gospel and the historic pattern of God's covenant people. The main movements are as follows:

- Calling* - God takes the initiative, moves toward us with grace, and invites us to worship him.
- Cleansing* - God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children.
- Communion* - God nurtures us through his Word and invites us to His table to partake of his grace.
- Commission* - God blesses us and sends us out into His world as His ambassadors.

We realise that the flow and content of the service may be unfamiliar, so we've included a few notes under each element that offer some explanation. Feel free to participate actively or to just listen and observe.

Please feel free to take this worship guide with you to use for personal worship and devotional time throughout the week.

Reflection

Take a moment to pause and prepare your hearts for the service.

“The deepest motive for mission is simply the desire to be with Jesus where he is, on the frontier between the reign of God and the usurped dominion of the devil.”

— Leslie Newbigin

“Jesus did not simply come to the earth to conquer. He ascended to the right hand of the Father to receive his rightful rule. In doing this, his work as king culminates and continues. Kings sit down and are installed in order to rule.” — Patrick Schreiner

“Lift up your eyes and see the riches of the
All-sufficient King seated on his throne in glory
See his scepter that stretches the expanse of unmeasured space
Hear Him who holds all things together declare
‘All things are mine without exception’”

— Beautiful Eulogy

Please silence your phone before our worship service begins. Thank you.

Song of Preparation

The music team helps the congregation prepare their hearts to meet and be met by God, their Creator and Redeemer.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfilment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

Welcome & Announcements

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship - from Psalm 89:1-4

God invites and calls us to worship Him; we respond to His invitation.

Minister: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

People: For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

Minister: You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

Songs of Adoration

We sing praises to God and proclaim through song the good news of who God is and what He has done in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

*O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King

Prayer of Adoration

This is a prayer of praise and adoration for who God is. It focuses on the glory and honor of our great and mighty God, but also asks God to help us worship Him.

Psalm 8 (How Majestic is Your Name)

When I look at Your heavens
The moon and stars
You set in motion, oh God
I sing all glory and honour
What is man that You are mindful
The Son of Man that You would
Care for Him
We sing all glory and honour

*Oh Lord, our Lord
Oh, how awesome are Your ways
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth
Oh Lord, our Lord
May we see Your kingdom come
Father, may Your will be done
In all the earth*

In all the earth You gave dominion
To Your children
And You crowned them, oh God
With glory and honour
So we'll sing of Your name
Live our lives for
Your greatness, oh God
And Your glory and honour

The Earth is full of
The glory of God
Come make much of
The name above all names
Creation cries out
Every knee bows
Jesus, we crown You
Oh Lord, our Lord

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

Public Confession of Sin

Please be seated. We humbly confess our sin, expressing our unity even in our brokenness and collective need for God's grace.

Together: Most Holy and Merciful God, who has searched and known us, and are acquainted with all our ways, we confess before You our sinfulness and seek your forgiveness. We have failed in our duty; we have forgotten our high calling; we have fallen into many temptations. We have dishonored your name; we have injured our neighbors; we have hurt our own souls. Give us, we pray, the spirit of true repentance, that we may turn from our sins and forsake them with our whole heart; and in your great love, have mercy on us and absolve us from our guilt; for the sake of your dear son, our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

We take several moments of silence to meet with God individually, confess our sin, and seek His forgiveness and grace.

Assurance of Forgiveness - from Colossians 1:13-14

The words of assurance are declarations of God's forgiveness and redemption, spoken with joy.

Minister: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Rejoice! In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Together: Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith - from the Heidelberg Catechism, Question 49

We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.

Minister: How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

Together: First, he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven—a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to himself in heaven. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Song of Assurance & Offering

Please stand. As a worshipful response to the grace given to us in Jesus Christ and in obedience to the commands in Scripture, we take an offering during the worship service. This is primarily for the members and regular attendees. If you are a guest today, please feel no obligation to give.

Overcome

Seated above

Enthroned in the Father's love

Destined to die

Poured out for all mankind

God's only Son, perfect and spotless one

He never sinned but suffered as if He did

All authority, every victory is Yours

Saviour, worthy of honour and glory

Worthy of all our praise

You overcame

Jesus, awesome in power forever

Awesome and great is Your name

You overcame

Power in hand

Speaking the Father's plan

You're sending us out

Light in this broken land

All authority, every victory is Yours

We will overcome

By the blood of the Lamb

And the word of our testimony

Everyone overcome

Pastoral Prayer

Please be seated. The pastoral prayer is a prayer offered by an elder during the service of worship for, and on behalf of, the congregation.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

The Reading of God's Word - Acts 1:1-11

God speaks to us by His Word.

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Sermon - Bearing Witness to Christ

A sermon is not just teaching for living; it is mainly a time when God encounters His people through His Word.

1. Wait for the Restored Kingdom
2. Witness to the Ascended King

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

God invites His people to forsake their sins and feast with Him at His table.

Song of Communion

Carried to the Table

Wounded and forsaken
I was shattered by the fall
Broken and forgotten
Feeling lost and all alone
Summoned by the King
Into the Master's courts
Lifted by the Saviour
And cradled in His arms

*I was carried to the table
Seated where I don't belong
Carried to the table
Swept away by His love
And I don't see my brokenness anymore
When I'm seated at the table of the Lord
I'm carried to the table
The table of the Lord*

Fighting thoughts of fear
And wondering why He called my name
Am I good enough to share this cup?
This world has left me lame
Even in my weakness
The Saviour called my name
In His Holy presence
I'm healed and unashamed

You carried me, my God
You carried me

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

Song of Departure

Please stand. The Song of Departure is our joyful response to God's Word, sending us out to live as faithful witnesses of Christ in the world.

Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come

Give us Your strength, O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord, use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your gospel
Till our dying breath

*Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that everyone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard
Everywhere on earth
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come*

Benediction - from Jude 24-25

A benediction is a pronouncement of God's blessing. We don't bow our heads; instead, we lift them up and even hold out our palms to receive God's blessing as we are sent out to participate in His mission to North Bangalore and beyond.

Minister: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Together: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Announcements

Connect Card

We'd love to connect with you and learn how we can best serve you. If you're visiting for the first time or haven't yet plugged in, please take a connect card from the Welcome Table. You can drop it in the offering bag later in the service or hand it to one of our Welcome Team volunteers.

Redeemer Church - Hard Launch | 2 February

We are excited to announce that Redeemer Church will begin its regular weekly gatherings in February! After months of prayer and preparation, we're thrilled to step into this new season with faith.

Join us on Sunday, 2 February, at 4:04PM as we gather to worship, grow, and live out the mission God has called us to in our community. We welcome you and your friends to join us!

New Sermon Series | Fruit of the Spirit

Starting February 9th, we will begin a new 10-part sermon series titled "*Fruit of the Spirit: Growing in Christlikeness.*" This series will focus on the person and transformative work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of God's people. Through faith in Christ, we receive the gift of the Spirit, whose purpose is to shape us into the likeness of Jesus. While this transformation is gradual, it is inevitable. Over time, it will yield the fruit of Christ-like character. We'll explore how the Spirit empowers us to experience and embody qualities like love, joy, and peace in every season of life. Join us, and be sure to bring a friend along!

Online Giving:

Name: NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP Number: 00000034432824470 IFS Code: SBIN0017734
UPI ID: NEWCITYFELLOWSHIP@SBI

How do I connect at Redeemer?

Give Us Seven | To get to know us better, we ask that you “give us seven.” Join us for seven Sundays over the course of a couple of months. In doing so, you’ll come to learn who we are and what we believe, and experience the mission to which God has called us.

Join a Community Group | To grow in the Christian faith we must experience the gospel in the context of life with others. To that end, we encourage everyone to join a Community Group where we come together to eat, study, pray, and encourage each other throughout the week. To get plugged in, please contact Rakshith Prabhakar at 9535289184.

Serve | God builds his kingdom through his people. Your gifts, talents, and resources are needed at Redeemer, not only to support what God is doing in our midst, but also to ensure that the good news of the gospel is taking shape throughout our community and neighbourhood.

Prayers During Communion

A prayer for those searching for truth:

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. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

A prayer of belief:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared 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 and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin:

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of 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 author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.