



REDEEMER CHURCH

———— BANGALORE ————

Sunday, September 21, 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 to Redeemer

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.

Welcome & Announcements

Reflection

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

“All who are called to be elders are called to the sheep-intensive work of shepherding. They are called to exercise their leadership together for the benefit of the flock.”

— Timothy Witmer

“That’s why when Paul describes the qualifications for elders in his first letter to Timothy and his letter to Titus, he says two things: they should be able to teach us from the Scriptures, and they should be the kind of men to whom we can look and say, “That is the kind of Christian I want to be.” We need those things. We need examples, and we need to be cared for.”

— Sinclair Ferguson

“Pastoral leadership is rooted in the responsibility of living as an under-shepherd with eyes fixed on the Chief Shepherd.”

— Michael S. Wilder

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.

Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold, pure gold

*Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You, Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You, my Master
Ready to do Your will*

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship - from Psalm 99

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

Minister: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

People: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Minister: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

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.

Sovereign Over Us

There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
You meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear
You are working in our waiting
Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust

You are wisdom unimagined
Who could understand Your ways?
Reigning high above the heavens
Reaching down in endless grace
You're the lifter of the lowly
Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me
And Your promises are my delight

*Your plans are still to prosper
You have not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
Faithful forever
Perfect in love
You are sovereign over us*

Even what the enemy means for evil
You meant it for our good
You meant it for our good and for Your glory
Even in the valley, You are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good and for Your glory

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.

Only a Holy God/Holy, Holy, Holy

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

Come and behold Him

The One and the Only

Cry out, sing "holy"

Forever a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning

Our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

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: Great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we all like sheep have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way. You have graciously gathered us together like lambs. Your rod and staff have comforted us. You have caused us to lie down in green pastures beside still waters and have defended us from more and greater dangers than we know. But we have ignored your voice and distrusted your provision. We buck and bite and kick and have pushed others aside. Forgive us for our stiff necks, stubborn ways, and selfish attitudes, and lead us in paths of righteousness for the sake of your Son, our Good Shepherd. 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 1 Peter 2:9-10

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

Minister: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Together: Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith - from The Belgic Confession Article 30, "The Government of the Church"

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

Together: We believe that this true Church must be governed according to the spiritual order which our Lord has taught us in his Word. There should be ministers or pastors to preach the Word of God, and to administer the sacraments; there should also be elders and deacons who, together with the pastors, form the council of the Church. By these means they preserve the true religion; they see to it that the true doctrine takes its course, that evil men are disciplined in a spiritual way, and are restrained, and also that the poor and all the afflicted are helped and comforted according to their need. By these means everything will be done well, and in good order, when faithful men are chosen in agreement with the rule that the Apostle Paul gave to Timothy. Thanks be to God!

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 members and regular attendees. If you are a guest today, please feel no obligation to give.

All Sufficient Merit

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit
At my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit
Did what I could not

In love He condescended
Eternal now in time
A life without a blemish
The Maker made to die
The law could never save us
Our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless
Lamb had finally come

*It is done, it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full, all sufficient merit
Now my own*

I lay down my garments , any empty boasts
Good works now all corrupted
By the sinful host
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus
A crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgement
His righteousness is mine

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation
Shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted
Before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus
And thank Him for the cross

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. At times, a Prayer for the City will be offered by members, seeking God's mercy and blessing for our city.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

The Reading of God's Word

God speaks to us by His Word.

1 Peter 5:1-4

¹ So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Sermon - The Job Description of an Elder

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

1. The Elder's Hands
2. The Elder's Heart
3. The Elder's Head

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

Jerusalem

See Him in Jerusalem
Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him
Now they cry for murder
Such a frail and lonely Man
Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us

See Him there upon the hill
Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb He waits
Praying to the Father
See the King who made the sun
And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down
So that He could save them

See Him there upon the cross
Now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds
Takes the blood of Jesus
Feel the earth is shaking now
See the veil is split in two
And He stood before the wrath of God
Shielding sinners with His blood

See the empty tomb today
Death could not contain Him
Once the Servant of the world
Now in victory reigning
Lift your voices to the One
Who is seated on the throne
See Him in the New Jerusalem
Praise the One who saved us
Praise the One who saved us!

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.

Build My Life

Worthy of every song
We could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise
We could ever bring
Worthy of every breath
We could ever breathe
We live for You
Oh, we live for You

Jesus, the Name above
Every other name
Jesus, the only One
Who could ever save
Worthy of every breath
We could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

*Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
Show me who You are and fill me
With Your heart and lead me
In Your love to those around me*

And I will build my life
Upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust
In You alone and
I will not be shaken

Benediction - from 1 Corinthians 15:58

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: Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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.

Sermon Series: Calling Servant-Leaders for Redeemer

A team needs a captain. But a church needs a team that serves under the captaincy and Lordship of Jesus Christ. In September, Redeemer enters a joyful and prayerful season of seeking out those men whom God may be raising to serve as elders and deacons among us. These are not positions of prestige, but callings to humble service, spiritual care, and shepherding of Christ's flock.

Join us as together we reflect on what God's Word says about servant leadership, consider the biblical marks of faithful shepherds and stewards, and ask the Lord to raise up and equip such men for Redeemer's next chapter.

Let us pray with expectancy, trusting that Christ, the Chief Shepherd, will provide for His people as He has promised.

Ask the Pastor Q&R | September 28

In view of our officer nomination series, we will have the next 20-minute Q&R session after the service on September 28. Please bring your questions about the process and the sermons regarding raising qualified leaders for the offices of elder and deacon at Redeemer.

Women of Faith Book Study | October-November

What does the Bible have to say about women? Ladies, join us for a six-week book study as we examine the flaws and faith of seven women from ancient Israel whose lives will tell us about God, ourselves, and how God is working in the world. We'll meet Saturdays at 10 a.m. at Redeemer. Register by Wednesday, 24 September. Message Becky at +91 9686966457 with any questions.



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Redeemer Game Day | October 11

Let us gather as a church family for a joyful time of fun, games and fellowship! We will gather at the Ruah Recreation Centre, located off Doddagubbi Main Road, on Saturday, October 11th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch will be served, and it is a fantastic opportunity to bring a friend who is exploring Christianity or seeking a church home. Keep an eye on the Redeemer WhatsApp group for registration details.

Reformation Seminar | October 18

October is recognised by Protestants worldwide as Reformation month. Join us on Saturday, October 18th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm to hear talks on how the Protestant Reformation was a return to biblical Christianity.

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 95352 89184.

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.