



REDEEMER CHURCH

———— BANGALORE ————

Sunday, September 20, 2026

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.

“People do not drift toward holiness. Apart from grace-driven effort, people do not gravitate toward godliness, prayer, obedience to Scripture, faith, and delight in the Lord. We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated.”

– D.A. Carson

“I have ever found that when I have thought the battle was over and the conquest gained, and so let down my watch, the enemy has risen up and done me the greatest injury.”

– David Brainerd

“In heaven we shall appear, not in armor, but in robes of glory. But here our arms are to be worn night and day. We must walk, work, sleep in them, or else we are not true soldiers of Christ.”

– William Gurnall

“The Christian fight is a good fight – really good, truly good, emphatically good. We see only part of it as yet. We see the struggle, but not the end; we see the campaign, but not the reward; we see the cross, but not the crown. We see a few humble, broken-spirited, penitent, praying people, enduring hardships and despised by the world; but we see not the hand of God over them, the face of God smiling on them, the kingdom of glory prepared for them. These things are yet to be revealed. Let us not judge by appearances. There are more good things about the Christian warfare than we see.”

– J.C. Ryle

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.

Agnus Dei

Alleluia, alleluia!

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia, alleluia!

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia

Holy, holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

You are holy, holy

Are You, Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

Amen

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship - from Psalm 24:7-10

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

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

Together: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

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.

Blessed Assurance (City Alight)

All my attempts to be satisfied
Were vain and empty
Until the moment you rescued me
And your love filled me

No other love that I've ever known
Compares to you God
No other love that I've ever found
Has done what you've done

My soul sings
Now my soul sings

Ever my anchor
Ever my strength
Ever my portion
And all I need
Ever my healing
Ever my hope
Ever the truth that leads me home
That leads me home

*What blessed assurance
I've found in you
I've found in you
I won't be shaken I will not be moved
How steadfast your strong hand
Is keeping me
Is keeping me
I won't be shaken I will not be moved
Oh blessed assurance*

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.

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace
Is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more
For heaven now to give
He is my joy
My righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love
My deep and boundless peace

*To this I hold
My hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing, "All is mine!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

The night is dark,
but I am not forsaken
For by my side,
The Saviour He will stay
I labour on
In weakness and rejoicing
For in my need,
His power is displayed

*To this I hold
My Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won
And I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

No fate I dread;
I know I am forgiven
The future sure,
the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled
And suffered for my pardon
And He was raised
To overthrow the grave

*To this I hold
My sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing, "I am free!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

With every breath,
I long to follow Jesus
For He has said
That He will bring me home
And day by day,
I know He will renew me
Until I stand
With joy before the throne

*To this I hold
my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me!"*

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: Oh God who is coming, please forgive us for being forgetful about your reappearance. We have gone hours and even days without a thought of your return, though you have told us you will come like a thief in the night. We have spiritually slept when we ought to be awake. We have been spiritually “drunk” when we are called to sober mindedness. We have not been ready in all seasons to engage with darkness as children of the day. We have often forgotten that we have already been rescued by you, our conquering King who has won the war. In our amnesia and lethargy we haven’t lived and fought as those who will obtain salvation in Christ. Please forgive us, Lord of the battle!

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 Romans 5:6-9

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

Leader: The Lord assures us that our sins are paid for in Christ through Paul's letter to the church at Rome: “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.”

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Affirmation of Faith - The Canons of Dort V.8

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

Leader: Christian, what do you believe concerning the certainty that true believers will be preserved?

People: So it is not by their own merits or strength but by God's undeserved mercy that they neither forfeit faith and grace totally nor remain in their downfalls to the end and are lost. With respect to themselves this not only easily could happen, but also undoubtedly would happen; but with respect to God it cannot possibly happen, since his plan cannot be changed, his promise cannot fail, the calling according to his purpose cannot be revoked, the merit of Christ as well as his interceding and preserving cannot be nullified, and the sealing of the Holy Spirit can neither be invalidated nor wiped out.

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.

His Glory and My Good

I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith, I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

*To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God
For I know His glory is my good*

See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes, I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good

Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more?
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all?
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy, my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good
And with joy, my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good

Prayer for the City

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 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Sermon - Found to be Living as Sons at the Lord's Return

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

1. Be Alert for the Lord's Return (1-7)

- a. His Coming will be Surprising and Devastating for those in Darkness (2-3)
- b. Your Sonship will Keep Us From the Dread of Surprise at Christ's Coming (4-5)
- c. Be Awake and Sober (6-7)

2. Be Armed for the Lord's Return (8-11)

- a. Keep On in Faith, Love and Hope (8)
- b. Rest in Christ's Finished Work for You (9-10)
- c. Encourage One Another in the Gospel (11)

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

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all-in-all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His, and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
"He has done great things"
We will say together
We will feast and weep no more

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning,
Oh how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful One
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

Benediction - from Ephesians 5:10-13

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: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

People Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

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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 Community Groups

Bhartiya City CG	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays	5:30pm	Kelley Beth: +91 78999 30346
College Road CG	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays	5:00pm	Enoch: +91 77603 00155
Kothanur CG	1 st & 3 rd Sundays	5:00pm	Rakshith: +91 95352 89184

Current Sermon Series: Living in the Last Days | 1&2 Thessalonians

In a world marked by uncertainty, anxiety, and change, Paul's letters to the Thessalonians offer ancient wisdom for modern discipleship. These letters remind us: The last days are not primarily about dates and predictions. They're about faithfulness, holiness, and hope lived out today. As we study together, expect encouragement for anxious hearts, correction for wandering paths, and motivation for service in God's kingdom. Join us as we learn to wait actively, watch soberly, and work faithfully – until Jesus returns.

Confident Christianity: Saturdays in October and November

Ladies are invited to our annual large group study beginning October 4th! We will meet each Saturday morning at Redeemer from 10:00-11:30 AM. This year, we will study the book of Colossians together, focusing on our Saviour in all of his glory and beauty! We will only become "confident Christians" by looking at our Christ. Please reach out to any of the women's council members to register or with questions! (Kelley Beth, Susan, Annie, Samantha, and Jojou)



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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.