



REDEEMER CHURCH

———— BANGALORE ————

Sunday, August 30, 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.

“Faithless is he that says farewell when the road darkens.”

– J.R.R. Tolkien

"This world is full of sorrow because it is full of sin. It is a dark place. It is a lonely place. It is a disappointing place. The brightest sunbeam in it is a friend. Friendship halves our troubles and doubles our joys."

– J.C. Ryle

“The Gospel gets really more advantage by the holy, humble sufferings of one saint, simply for the Word of righteousness, than by ten thousand arguments used against heretics and false worship.”

– John Collins

“As the wicked are hurt by the best things, so the godly are bettered by the worst.”

– William Jenkyn

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 Habakkuk 3:17-19

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

Leader: Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls

People: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

Together: God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

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.

Ancient of Days (CityAlight)

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear, for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me; I am not alone
O His love is sure, and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

*None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain
And ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of Days*

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King
Then my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

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.

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One
Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever!
(Let Your glory fill the earth)

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: Holy God, we confess to you that we are quick to forget in the darkness what we have believed in the light. We are so easily shaken in our faith by our afflictions, both small and large. When we have suffered even this week, in the deep wells of sorrow and the mundane frustrations, we have forgotten your goodness. We have often wasted our hours, days, and seasons of suffering, instead of stewarding our afflictions to grow in joyful holiness through dependency on Christ.

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 John 2:1-2

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

Leader: The apostle John reassures the repenting sinner through the following: "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Affirmation of Faith - from the New City Catechism Q & A 52

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

Leader: What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

People: It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

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.

Great Are You Lord

You give life; You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope; You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord!

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
“Great are You, Lord!”

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

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 3

¹ Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, ² and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith, ³ that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this. ⁴ For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you know. ⁵ For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.

⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you — ⁷ for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. ⁸ For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. ⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Sermon - How Not to be Surprised by Persecution's Suffering

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

1. Prepare Your Theology and Heart for Suffering (vv. 1-5)
2. Take Comfort in Others' Faithfulness in Suffering (vv. 6-10)
3. Pray to be Grounded through Suffering (vv. 11-13)

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

How Deep the Father's Love

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 turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

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

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

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.

How Great (Psalm 145).

I'll bless Your name, O God
Each day that I awake
From dawn to setting sun
Your greatness I'll proclaim
Your glory far exceeds
All human thought
So with each breath I'll bless
Your name, O God

Your gracious hand provides
For all who live and breathe
Your mercy runs to find
The helpless and the weak
When we call out to You
You hear our cries
And all our needs
Your gracious hand provides

Your name will be revered
By children yet to come
As generations sing
Of wonders You have done
Your strong and mighty deeds
Are always near
O God Most High
Your name will be revered

Forever without end
Creation will rejoice
When works of wicked men
You finally destroy
Your power we'll proclaim
Till Christ descends
And You will reign forever
Without end

*How great is the Lord
And greatly to be praised!
How great is the Lord our God
How great is the Lord
And greatly to be praised!*

Benediction - from Revelation 1:5b-7

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: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wait on account of him. Even so. Amen.

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.

Rest Month | September

During the month of September, we will take a collective pause from our regular Community Group and Discipleship Group gatherings as part of our Rest Month. We encourage all members to read the pastoral letter shared on the Redeemer WhatsApp community and consider how you might use this season for rest, renewal and reorientation. May this be a month of deeper rest in Christ, both for yourself and for those around you.

Community Sports Day | September 5

We warmly invite all members, visitors, and friends to join us for our church's annual Sports Day — a time of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition! Please save the date and mark your calendars. It will be at Machaxi Hermes Global Sports Centre from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, concluding with lunch. Consider bringing a friend, who might want to explore Jesus or our church. Sign up by sending a message to Trini.



Online Giving: please include "For Redeemer" in remarks

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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.