



REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY
Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Brian Gault | January 10, 2021

"For His Steadfast Love Endures Forever"

- Psalm 136

Reflection Quote:

"God is good and necessarily so. God's essence does not conform to some external standard of goodness. God is essentially goodness itself. This essential attribute of God means that his other attributes (e.g., power, wisdom) are aspects of his goodness. His essence is good, so that he cannot do anything that is not good."

from Mark Jones in *God Is: A Devotional Guide to the Attributes of God*

Prelude

Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding and Discipleship

Mission Moment

Trey and Kiki Adams

Mission to the World, Thailand

* Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1-4; 118:29

Mr. Wright Busching

Director of Youth Ministries

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.' Let the house of Aaron say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.' Let those who fear the LORD say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.' Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Wright Busching

* Song of Preparation

"Again I Say Rejoice"

Rejoice in the Lord always, And again I say and again I say
Rejoice in the Lord always, And again I say and again I say rejoice

Come bless the Lord, come bless the Lord
Draw near to worship Christ the Lord. And bless His name His holy name

Declaring He is good (repeat) O that men would praise Him, O that men would praise Him

O that men would praise His name. Praise His name to the ends of the earth

* Song of Praise

"Jesus My Great High Priest"

Jesus, my great High Priest offered His blood and died.
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
His pow'rful blood did once atone, and now it pleads before the throne;
And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set; My Surety paid the dreadful debt;
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

Chorus: *Now I approach the throne, and I have confidence
Jesus, my great High Priest offered His blood and died.
Now I approach the throne, and I have confidence Jesus,
My great High Priest offered His blood and died for me.*

My Advocate appears for my defense on high;
The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say shall turn His heart, His love, away,
Shall turn His heart, His love, away. *(Chorus)*

Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell unknown
Put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace;
His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace. *(Chorus)*

Confessing the Faith

Mr. Wright Busching

Heidelberg Catechism

Q1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q2. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

Q28. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love.

For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Grant Callen (9:00 am)

Mr. Gene Dent (11:00 am), Ruling Elders

Scripture Reading and Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Brian Gault

Sermon Text

Psalms 136

Sermon Title

"For His Steadfast Love Endures Forever"

* Hymn of Faith

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, Spring-time and harvest; Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above--
Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(Refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth Thine own dear Presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

* Worship in Giving and Benediction

Rev. Brian Gault

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)



SERMON NOTES

Rev. Brian Gault | January 10, 2021

"For His Steadfast Love Endures Forever"

- Psalm 136

SERMON QUESTIONS

- In 2021, what habits would you like to start? What habits would you like to stop? How can your habits help shape your walk with God? What habits would grow the refrain 'For his steadfast love endures forever' into an automated response in your life?
- Read the reflection quote from Mark Jones out loud. Discuss the implications of that quote in your understanding of God's goodness. How would you argue for God's goodness from Scripture?
- Have there been times in your life where you have doubted the goodness of God? Talk about those circumstances. In hindsight, can you now see God's goodness in that season?
- How have you seen God's goodness and faithfulness manifested in your story? Are there specific times where you have 'tasted' his goodness and experienced that 'his steadfast love endures forever'?
- What would your life look like if you 'habitually rehearsed God's goodness' and 'For his steadfast love endures forever' became the refrain of your life?

Session Votes to Return to Phase 3

On Dec 3, the Session voted to move from Phase 4 back to Phase 3, effective immediately. Our Phase-In Plan is flexible and dynamic, enabling us to respond to circumstances as they change.

Here's what you need to know:

- We will still have Sunday worship services in-person and via livestream, but all other gatherings of over 20 people are suspended.
- Since we are now in Phase 3:
 - There will be **no Sunday School**
 - There will be **no Nursery**
- Beginning **Sunday, Dec 13**, we will have services at **9:00am & 11:00am**. The service will be livestreamed at 9:00am.
- Auxiliary large group meetings of over 21 people are suspended in Phase 3, though most of those ministries weren't meeting during the holidays anyway.
 - Auxiliary large groups include, for example: Sunday School, Growth Groups, Women's Bible Studies, Mom's Bible Study, Men's Gatherings, and Youth Ministry.
 - Groups of 20 or under may continue to meet if they wish, taking appropriate precautions.
- Small group gatherings and activities may continue.

Especially in this season, we want to continue to **emphasize Christian freedom**.

We have freedom in Christ to choose (1) to worship online in this season or (2) to gather together for in-person corporate worship. Please extend Christian charity to those who make a different choice.

For all the details of Phase 3, please go to: <https://redeemerjackson.com/2020/12/session-votes-to-move-back-to-phase-3-of-our-covid-plan/>.

PHASE-IN PLAN



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES

- Angela Forester & family, as they grieve the death of Angela's mom (Vicki Arnold) from MS, but celebrate her home going & that her suffering is over.
- Alton Smith, father of Jeremy Smith: hospitalized with COVID.
- Jean Vader, mother of Diane Johnston: peaceful transition to Nursing Home in CO.
- Kevin Bass, son of Kevin and Angela Bass: complications possibly related to Kawasaki disease or MIS-C.
- Members serving in front-line fields: medical, emergency, grocery, restaurant, home care, etc.
- All those who are in the high risk categories for Coronavirus.
- Lydia Abraham: Mito Disease, Stage 4 Liver Cirrhosis, pain management and wisdom for Doctors in her treatment. **For updates on Lydia, please visit:** <https://caringbridge.org/visit/lydiaabraham>.

BIRTHS

- Kase Owen McCay, 1-4-21, son of Brad and Olivia McCay
Take Them a Meal: <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=RSRJ1807&welcome=1>
- Charlotte Dean Wilson, 12-31-20, daughter of Amile and Kathryn Wilson
Take Them a Meal: <https://takethemameal.com/ADIJ6546>
- Caroline "Josie" Josephine Shuler, 12-23-20, daughter of Conrad and Emily Shuler
Take Them a Meal: <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=RWLL5141&welcome=1>

CALLS TO ACTION

Listen to the Bible on the Dwell App for Free

Dwell is a Bible-reading app that has a variety of Bible reading plans, voices, translations, music, and ways to listen. It's a great way to meditate on the Scripture. This \$29.99 value is our gift to you; members can sign up for FREE at: <https://dwellapp.io/signup/with/aYm2bm>.

2020 Year in Review via Zoom, Jan 17

Mark your calendar for Pastor Elbert's annual Year in Review Report on Sun, Jan 17, at 6:00pm via Zoom at: <https://redeemerjackson.com/event/2020-year-in-review/>. The Zoom platform (because of Phase 3 of our COVID plan), will allow for a Q&A at the end of the report.

NEWS TO NOTE

2020 Contribution Information

You will receive your official statement for tax purposes via email (if applicable) by January 15, 2021, or you can access your statement immediately through Breeze. Please email Felecia Marshall at: fmarshall@redeemerjackson.com or contact her directly (601-540-2817) with any questions you may have regarding your 2020 contributions.

Breeze Giving via Text

You can give through your Breeze account via text! To give, text \$Amount +General (or +Faith or +Covid) to our Text Giving Number: 601.653.1553. The first time you give via text, you'll get a link to connect you to your Breeze account, and then all your giving will be connected to your account. For a brief explanatory video: <https://support.breezechms.com/hc/en-us/articles/360003872514>.

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call for the Week of January 10

Detrick Johnson, 601.672.7214

Sunday, Jan 10

- 9:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship
Live Stream Available
No Sunday School
11:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship

Monday, Jan 11

- 5:15 pm Session Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 12

Wednesday, Jan 13

- 1:00 pm Mom's Bible Study (Virtual)

Thursday, Jan 14

Sunday, Jan 17 Baptism Sunday

- 9:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship
Live Stream Available
No Sunday School
11:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship
6:00 pm 2020 Year-in-Review Zoom Call

COMING UP

- Sun, Jan 17 Year-in-Review Zoom Meeting
Fri-Sun, Feb 26-28 Missions Conference
Fri-Sat, Mar 26-27 Redeemer Together
(Church-Wide Retreat)

STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor
Steve Lanier, Assistant to the Pastor
Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship
Zack Owens, Asst Pastor of Children & Families
Wright Busching, Director of Youth Ministries
Lara Jensen, Asst Director of Youth Ministries
Symeon Robins, Music Director
Candace Robins, Assistant Music Director
Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator
Felecia Marshall, Business Administrator
Mary Sanders, Administrative Assistant
Wilson Jamison, Intern

RULING ELDERS

Al Arnold
Grant Callen
Gene Dent
Tommy Dent
Scott Marshall
Barry McCay
Kelle Menogan, Sr.
Marculis Mosby
Otis Pickett, Sr.
Paul Rankin
Herb Sanders
Kelly Simpkins
Bill Wallace
Trey Watkins

DEACONS

Karl Arndt
Grafton Bragg
Philip Carter
Donnie Dieckman
Davidson Forester
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David Garner
Jake Garner
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Children's Bulletin



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My Worship Notes

Your name: _____

Date:

Preacher:



Scripture: _____

Open your Bibles to the Scripture.

Is it in the Old Testament or
in the New Testament? OT/NT

The Scripture is on _____ in my Bible.

Listen to the sermon and mark each time you hear:



<div></div>	<div>God</div>	<div>Jesus/Christ</div>	<div>Believe</div>
<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>

My favorite song we sang:



What are two things that were prayed for today?

1. _____

2. _____

1. What do we learn about God in this Scripture?

2. How does this good news change the way we think, feel, or live?



**Can you draw a picture from this scripture that helps
you remember God's Word?**

