

THE BOOK OF

ACTS





ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr. | January 17, 2021

"He's Left Us With a Glorious Mission!"

- Acts 1:1-11

Prelude

Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* Call to Worship

Ephesians 2:1-10

Mr. Steve Lanier

Assistant to the Pastor

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Steve Lanier

* Song of Preparation

"Lord You Are Good"

Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever.

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People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation.

We worship You. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. We worship You for who You are.

We worship You. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. We worship You for who You are. *(Repeat)*

(Instrumental Interlude)

You are good all the time. All the time You are good. You are good.

* Song of Praise

"Graves Into Gardens"

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me

Man's empty praise and treasures that fade Are never enough

Then You came along and put me back together

And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus: Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You

Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness My failures and flaws

Lord You've seen them all And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley

And there's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again *(Chorus)*

Bridge: You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes

You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can

Bridge 2: You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies

You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can *(Chorus)*

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalms 67

Mr. Steve Lanier

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Paul Rankin (9:00 am)
Mr. Trey Watkins (11:00 am), Ruling Elders

Scripture Reading and Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Acts 1:1-11

Sermon Title

"He's Left Us With a Glorious Mission!"

*** Hymn of Faith**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper He, amid the flood of
mortal ills prevailing: For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and
pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing; Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

*** Worship in Giving and Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

***Please Stand.**
(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)



SERMON NOTES

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SERMON QUESTIONS

- Acts 1:1-11 recounts the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry before he ascended to the right hand of God. Here, we also hear his final words. What are they? They can be found in 1:7-8.
- Of all the things Jesus could have told his disciples, he told them in 1:8b, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Did he leave any doubt with respect to who they were and what he entrusted to them with?
- Why is this missional assignment and identity important?
- How does Luke show us why it is impossible for ordinary men, women and children to live this way? Pay attention to their response in v.6.
- How did the disciples view power, people, places, and this present age? (Think about the Gospel of Luke as well) How are we like them?
- Jesus knows them and knows that they need more than the command. They need divine enabling! This is why Acts 1:8a is vital to understanding this passage! Who will Jesus send to his disciples?
- There is much that could be said about Holy Spirit. In Acts 1, what does Jesus tell us the Spirit will do when He is poured out? Holy Spirit will change their view of power, people, places, and what they give themselves to in this present age! They will become powerful proclaimers of God's good news!
- Where, in your own life, have you neglected the Spirit's leading? Where, in your own life, can you repent and ask Holy Spirit for more of His beautifying presence and boldness? Who can you share the good news with in the near future?

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:

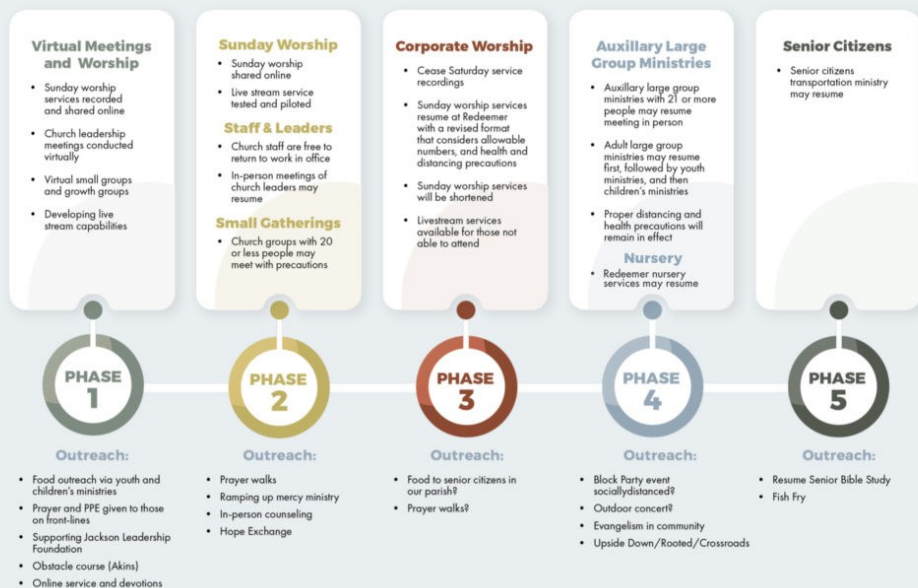
- We will still have Sunday worship services in-person and via livestream, but all other gatherings of over 20 people are suspended.
- Since we are now in Phase 3:
 - There will be **no Sunday School**
 - There will be **no Nursery**
- Beginning **Sunday, Dec 13**, we will have services at **9:00am & 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.
- 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>

CALLS TO ACTION

2020 Year in Review via Zoom, TONIGHT 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

New Chair of the Diaconate

At the Jan 4 Deacon's Meeting, Grafton Bragg was elected to succeed Karl Arndt as Chair of the Diaconate. Thanks to Karl for a faithful year of service, and thanks to Grafton for his willingness to serve. Please visit: <https://redeemerjackson.com/who-we-are/officers/> to see all our Officers.

2020 Contribution Information

You should have received your official statement for tax purposes via email (if applicable) by January 15, 2021. You can also 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 17

Baskin Jones, 601.212.6171

Sunday, Jan 17

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

Monday, Jan 18

Tuesday, Jan 19

Wednesday, Jan 20

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

Thursday, Jan 21

Sunday, Jan 24

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

11:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship

COMING UP

Mon, Feb 1

Session & Diaconate 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, Nurse Coordinator

Felecia Marshall, Business Administrator

Mary Sanders, Administrative Assistant

Wilson Jamison, Intern

RULING ELDERS

Al Arnold

Grant Callen

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Tommy Dent

Scott Marshall

Barry McCay

Kelle Menogan, Sr.

Marculis Mosby

Otis Pickett, Sr.

Paul Rankin

Herb Sanders

Kelly Simpkins

Bill Wallace

Trey Watkins

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Grafton Bragg

Philip Carter

Donnie Dieckman

Davidson Forester

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Children's Bulletin



REDEEMER CHURCH

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?**

