



REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr. | October 24, 2021

"Becoming Better Witnesses of Jesus to a Watching World"
- Acts 17:1-15

Reflection Quote

"We must wrestle with the tension between monastery and mission. We are not called to remain within cloistered walls, giving ourselves to prayer apart from social engagement with the world. Nor are we called to perpetually and indiscriminately be consumed with being active in the world. We are called to hold this dynamic tension before God. Why? Very simply, unless we do so, we have nothing to offer the world. The deeply formed mission is fundamentally about becoming a particular person and offering that to the world. This kind of mission is not just about activity; it's about being Christ for another. Anyone who belongs to Jesus is indwelt by his Spirit. This indwelling life is not simply for the purpose of private, mystical experiences; it's also for the purpose of being shared with the world around us. Deeply formed mission is first about who we are becoming before what we are doing. Our most effective strategy in reaching a world for Christ is grounded in the kind of people we are being formed into. The quality of our presence is our mission. And the good news is that Jesus doesn't wait for us to be perfect before inviting us into mission. On the contrary, being "perfect" disqualifies us from partnering with Jesus in mission. When you read the Bible, you'll see again and again that God doesn't call perfect people."

— Pastor Rich Villodas, *The Deeply Formed Life*
Musicians

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:9-12

Mr. Wright Busching, Director of Youth Ministries

"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. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."

Prayer of Invocation, Confession of Sin, Reminder of Pardon

Mr. Wright Busching

* Song of Preparation

"My God Is Awesome"

My God is awesome, He can move mountains.
Keep me in the valley, hide me from the rain.

My God is awesome, heals me when I'm broken,
Strength where I've been weakened, forever He will reign

Chorus: *My God is awesome, awesome, awesome, awesome*

My God is awesome, Savior of the whole world,
Giver of salvation, by His stripes I'm healed.

My God is awesome, today I am forgiven His grace is why I'm living,
Praise, His holy name (*Chorus*)

He's mighty (He's mighty), He's mighty (He's mighty)
He's mighty (He's mighty), He's mighty (He's mighty) Awesome, awesome

He's holy (He's holy), He's holy (He's holy)
He's holy (He's holy), He's holy (He's holy) Awesome, awesome

He's Great (He's Great), He's Great (He's Great)
He's Great (He's Great), He's Great (He's Great) Awesome, awesome

Deliverer (Deliverer), Deliverer (Deliverer)
Deliverer (Deliverer), Deliverer (Deliverer) Awesome, awesome

*** Song of Praise**

"Jesus, What a Beautiful Name"

Jesus what a beautiful Name Son of God Son of man
Lamb that was slain Joy and peace Strength and hope
Grace that blows all fear away Jesus what a beautiful Name

Jesus what a beautiful Name Truth revealed
My future sealed Healed my pain
Love and freedom Life and warmth
Grace that blows all fear away Jesus what a beautiful Name

Jesus what a beautiful Name Rescued my soul
My stronghold Lifts me from shame
Forgiveness security Power and love
Grace that blows all fear away Jesus what a beautiful Name

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Barry McCay, Ruling Elder

Choral Worship

"I Wanna Say Thank You"

Redeemer Choir

If I never live another day, If I never see a smiling face, If I never breathe another breath,
take another step. I wanna say thank You. If I never hear what's to be heard, If I never
speak another word, If I never see another sight, take another bite, I wanna say thank You.

Chorus: *Thank You for all that You've done thus far. Thank You for being the God that You are.
Thank You for food on my table. I know You're able. I wanna say thank You.*

If I never take another walk, If I never have another talk,
If I never hear another voice, make another choice, Lord,
I wanna say thank You. If I never scale the China wall, If I never see the Taj Mahal, If I never find
that special friend, over and back again. I just wanna say thank You. *(Chorus)*

Scripture Reading and Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Acts 17:1-15

Sermon Title

"Becoming Better Witnesses of Jesus to a Watching World!"

*** Hymn of Faith**

"Jesus Paid It All"

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me your all in all."

Refrain: *Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find Your power and Yours alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. *(Refrain)*

For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim,
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. *(Refrain)*

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete, "Jesus died my
soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

*** Worship in Giving and Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Prayer Intercessor Team

Dr. Barry McCay/Mrs. Ellen McCay

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)

SERMON QUESTIONS

- Read the reflection quote in the bulletin. What stands out to you? Have you experienced the tension between monastery and mission? Do you naturally gravitate to either pole?
- The book of Acts will repeatedly remind us of our identity as witnesses of Jesus to a watching and waiting world! Why is this necessary? Important?
- Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-12. It provides a helpful backdrop to Acts 17. One way Paul attested to the Lordship of Jesus was through his behavior while in Thessalonica. Describe it. Contrast it with the jealous Jews, the crowd, and the men of rabble. Why do you think he tells them to remember his conduct?
- When have you seen God use your integrity, friendliness, peacefulness, faithfulness, and diligence to cause non-believers to take notice?
- Paul does not stop at good behavior. He proceeds to teach them a better word - the Scriptures. Why might this be a showdown between the "words of God" and the "words of Caesar?"
- Everyone has a worldview. According to Greg Koukl, worldview entails answering four questions. Do you remember them? When Paul unpacks the necessity of Jesus' coming, death, resurrection, how was he placing Jesus at the center of reality and salvation? How is the story of Jesus a much better story than the false worldviews people embrace?
- Paul is accused of proclaiming another king, who is higher than Caesar. This was treason. Yet, it is true. How is Jesus a better king? Where do we see this in the text? Where do we see this in 1-2 Thessalonians? How might we remind the watching and waiting world of this?
- Pastor Villodas reminds us that we best do mission by first becoming the type of people who abide in Jesus. Have you personally marveled at the goodness of our King? Have the words of your King proven better than all others? Have you found him to be impeccably holy and magnetizing? What would it look like to cultivate this?

STAFF TRANSITIONS



At the October Session meeting, the Session enacted the long-planned staff transition.

As we announced in January 2021, **Steve Lanier** has begun the process of retirement. Steve has moved to 30 hours and will focus his attention on Outreach and Missions.



For the last 9 months **Zack Owens** has been shadowing Steve in areas of Congregational Care.

With Jajuan McNeil taking over Children's Ministry responsibilities in late September, Zack is moving into full-time into his new responsibilities in Congregational Care.



As of October 2021, here are the new titles and responsibilities:

Steve Lanier: Director of Outreach & Missions

Zack Owens: Assistant Pastor of Congregational Care

Jajuan McNeil: Director of Children's Ministry

For a complete listing of all our staff please see QR CODE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday

CALLS TO ACTION

Other Ways to Register your Attendance

Thanks for your feedback! We now have several other ways to register your attendance:

- 1) The "Advanced Sign In" button on the Coming Sunday Update.
- 2) A physical attendance card in the narthex.
- 3) As always, you can navigate to the link directly at: <https://redeemerjackson.com/this-sunday/>.



34 Volunteers Needed to Open 11am Nursery

We want to open Nursery at the 11am Service and need 34 volunteers in order to do so. If you can volunteer at the 11am service, please email Velma Warner at: vwarner@redeemerjackson.com to sign up. (Thanks to those who are already serving at the 8am service!)

TRS Pumpkin Patch

TRS is seeking donations of 30-40 small to mid-sized pumpkins, hay bales, and a trailer or tractor for an on-campus Pumpkin Patch! If you would like to help, please drop off pumpkins at TRS by October 26. The school office is open M-F, 7:30am-3:30pm. Please call 601.203.2106 with any questions.

Saturday Morning Men's Basketball

We play most Saturday mornings at Trinity Church, 8:30-10:30. To be added to the GroupMe, email Brian Gault at: bgault@redeemerjackson.com.

Children & Youth In-Service Training, Offered Nov 6 or Dec 3

***Required for all nursery, children, and youth volunteers*.** We will review our Child Safety Policies & Procedures – including supervision and reporting – as well as discuss the Mission and Vision of our Children and Youth Ministries. See QR CODE for more info & to sign up.

Join a Men's Gathering, Oct 26

Men's Gatherings begin a new topic for the last 4 weeks of the fall: Jesus & Sabbath. Gatherings meet on Tues from 12-1pm and Wed from 6:30-7:30am. Email Brian Gault at: bgault@redeemerjackson.com to be added to a GroupMe and join us!

NEWS TO NOTE

RYA Bonfire Night, Oct 28

Please join us at the Owens' home for a fun night of s'mores and cider on Thursday, October 28, from 6:30-8:30pm. Costumes welcome but not required. See QR CODE for more info.

Rooted Girls Mystery Party, Oct 29

All Rooted High School girls, come join us for a Mystery party game night on Friday, October 29, from 5:30-8:00pm. See QR CODE for more info.

Men's Ministry Pilgrimage to Zion, Nov 22

On Mon, Nov 22, we'll rent 2 15-passenger vans and head to New Orleans to watch Zion Williamson and the Pelicans take on the Minnesota Timberwolves. Seats are in the Lower Bowl, rows 2-16 for only \$38 to \$56. Smoothie King Center has particular COVID protocols in place. See QR CODE for more details & to secure your ticket.

Masks for Sanctuary Entrance & Exit

While we have Mask Optional seating, out of care for those who are more comfortable in Mask Required contexts, we are requesting everyone wear a mask as they enter and exit the sanctuary.

PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES

- Ronjanett Taylor and family, as they grieve the loss of her grandmother, Alberta Edwards.
- Members serving in front-line fields: medical, emergency, grocery, restaurant, home care.
- Lydia Abraham: Mito Disease, Stage 4 Liver Cirrhosis, pain management and wisdom for doctors in her treatment. **For updates on Lydia, please see QR CODE.**

Fall Festival, Oct 30

The Fall Festival is a fantastic way to meet our neighbors as well as have fun together as a church family! Bring the whole family for a fun night of costumes, games, candy, and family fun at Redeemer on Saturday, October 30 from 4:30-6:30pm. If you have children ages 0-5th grade, come and enjoy your time with them. If not, come and volunteer. We need you! Food provided. See QR CODE for more info & to sign up.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Fall Sunday School runs Sept 12 (Kickoff Brunch) – Dec 5

Fall Sunday School at Redeemer 9:45am-10:35am

ADULTS

Torah, From Paradise to the Promised Land: Sanctuary

One Another 101: Room 2A

Women's Class: The Ten Commandments: Room 103

Redeemer Explored: Fellowship Hall

YOUTH (6th-12th)

Biblical Relationships (Part 2): Youth Room

CHILDREN (K4-5th)

K4-1st Grade: Stories of the Bible

K4: Room 2C

K5 Classroom 1: Room 205

K5 Classroom 2: Room 203

1st Grade: Room 204

2nd-3rd Grade: Biblical Themes & Building Blocks of the Faith

2nd Grade: Room 218/219

3rd Grade: Room 220

4th-5th Grade: Bible Survey

4th Grade: Room 223/224

5th Grade: Room 105

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call for the Week October 24

Jon Fults, 601.212.3327

Sunday, Oct 24

- 8:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship
Live Stream Available
- 9:45 am Fall Sunday School
- 11:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship
- 4:30 pm Sunday Growth Group
- 5:30 pm Rooted

Monday, Oct 25

- 6:00 pm Micro-business Enterprise Class

Tuesday, Oct 26

- 12:00 pm Men's Gathering
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Oct 27

- 6:30 am Men's Gathering
- 6:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 am MOM's Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Upside Down/Crossroads
- 6:00 pm Hope Exchange Community Group
- 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:15 pm Redeemer Officer Training

Thursday, Oct 28

- 12:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm RYA Bonfire Night

Friday, Oct 29

- 5:30 pm Rooted Girls Mystery Party

Saturday, Oct 30

- 8:30 am Men's Basketball
- 4:30 pm Fall Festival

Sunday, Oct 31-Youth Sunday

- 8:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship
Live Stream Available
- 9:45 am Fall Sunday School
- 11:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship
- 5:30 pm Rooted

COMING UP

- Mon, Nov 1** Session & Diaconate Meeting
- Sat, Nov 6** Children & Youth In-Service Training
- Mon, Nov 22** Pilgrimage to Zion
- Fri, Dec 3** Children & Youth In-Service

Let Us Know You were Here!

Please aim your smart phone camera at the QR code and fill out the short attendance form. This helps us keep track of Members and Visitors alike, and also includes links to announcements, online giving, and prayer requests.



STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor
Steve Lanier, Director of Outreach & Missions
Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship
Zack Owens, Asst Pastor of Congregational Care
Wright Busching, Director of Youth Ministries
Symeon Robins, Music Director
Candace Robins, Assistant Music Director
Jajuan McNeil, Director of Children's Ministry
Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant
Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator
Wilson Jamison, Intern & Youth Ministry Assistant
Jermaine Van Buren, Intern
Stephanie Morton, Middle School Ministry Assistant
Ann Chestnut, High School Ministry Assistant
Felecia Marshall, Business Administrator
Mary Sanders, Administrative Assistant

RULING ELDERS

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

DEACONS

Grafton Bragg
Philip Carter
Davidson Forester
Jon Fults
David Garner
Jake Garner
John Hooker
Detrick Johnson
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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?**

