



REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Zack Owens | November 28, 2021

"Pay Attention to Yourself, Pay Attention to the Flock"

- Acts 20

Prelude

Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Zack Owens

Assistant Pastor of Congregational Care

* Call to Worship

Psalm 28:6-9

Mr. Wright Busching

Director of Youth Ministries

"Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever."

Prayer of Invocation, Confession of Sin, Reminder of Pardon

Mr. Wright Busching

* Song of Preparation

"Oh Give Thanks Unto the Lord/High Praise"

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; yes, He is good *(Repeat)*
For He is worthy, worthy; He is good, yes, He is good

The Lord is high above the heavens And His glory above the nations
The Lord is high above the heavens And His glory above the nations (2x)

Give God the highest praise Acknowledging Him always
And all the people say Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

The Lord is high above the heavens And His glory above the nations
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* 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'ful 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)*

New Testament Scripture Reading

Acts 20:1-16

Mr. Wright Busching

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Herb Sanders, Ruling Elder

Scripture Reading and Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Zack Owens

Sermon Text

Acts 20

Sermon Title

"Pay Attention to Yourself, Pay Attention to the Flock"

*** Hymn of Faith**

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet,
and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King. Take my lips,
and let them be filled with messages from Thee, filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect,
and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose, ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart,
it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

*** Worship in Giving and Benediction**

Rev. Zack Owens

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Herb Sanders/Mrs. Martha Turner

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



SERMON NOTES

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"Pay Attention to Yourself, Pay Attention to the Flock"
- Acts 20

SERMON QUESTIONS

- Paul calls the Ephesian elders to pay attention to themselves, and he models this in his character/track record (v.18-21), rejection of self-preservation (v.24), and rejection of status (v.33-35). When you hold the mirror of God's Word up yourself, what do you see? Spend some time praying with the Psalmist: *"Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"* (Psalms 139:23-24)
- Paul then calls the elders to pay attention to all the flock, and he models this in his visitation (v.1-6), the resurrection of Eutychus (v.7-12), and in his core activities among them: testifying (v.21), declaring (v.26-27), caring (v.28), being alert (v.29-31), giving (v.32-35), and weeping (v.36-38). When you look through the window of God's Word into the church, what do you see/how can you care?
- John Stott says these elders *"must first keep watch over themselves, and only then the flock over which the Holy Spirit has made them responsible. For they cannot care adequately for others if they neglect the care and culture of their own souls."* What typically has your attention? What distracts you from caring for your own soul and the souls around you?
- Verse 28 teaches us that you are not your own. You belong to a flock that was bought with the precious blood of Christ. We belong to Christ – and here's the kicker – that means we belong to each other. How does this shape the way you relate to your shepherds/leaders? If you are a leader, how does this shape the way you care for your sheep?
- Paul declares the whole counsel of God, testifies to the Gospel of grace, feeds the sheep through his care, is alert to wolves from the outside and twisters from the inside, gives generously, and weeps due to sincere affection in the body of Christ. Spend time praying for these activities to become our joy and privilege with and for one another!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday

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.



Births

- William Benjamin Cloyd, 11-4-21, son of Ben and Katie Cloyd
See QR CODE for Take Them a Meal
- Malik Alexander Garner, 11-10-21, son of Robert & Keydra Garner
See QR CODE for Take Them a Meal

CALLS TO ACTION

14 Volunteers Needed to Open 11am Nursery

We want to open Nursery at the 11am Service and need 19 more volunteers so volunteers serve once a month. (Thanks to the 5 that signed up last week!) 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 Luncheon for Business Owners, Dec 3

The Redeemer School will be hosting an educational luncheon on Friday, Dec 3 for business owners to learn about the Children's Promise Act, legislation that allows Mississippi businesses to make a voluntary donation to TRS and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit for up to 50% of their state tax liability. Amerigo will be catering this free lunch. See QR CODE to register.

Children & Youth In-Service Training, Offered Dec 3, 6:30pm

***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.

RED Christmas Deliveries, Tues, Dec 14, 5:30pm

Join us for an evening of delivering Christmas gifts, visiting with, and singing Christmas carols to families in our church affected by disability. This is a tangible way we can love a dear population in our church. The gifts will be purchased and wrapped prior to the event. We will meet at Redeemer to pray before dividing into groups to drive to the homes. See QR CODE for more info & to sign up by December 9.

Receive the RCA Advent Calendar Digitally

The season of advent begins Sunday, Nov 28. Redeemer Community Arts created an advent calendar a few years ago that is now available in a digital format. Sign up to receive daily devotions alongside artwork—a guide to help readers contemplate the coming season of Christmas and the remembrance of the incarnation of our Savior. See QR CODE to sign up.

PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES

- *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.*

*****NEWS TO NOTE*****

Sanctuary Flower Display

The flower display in the Sanctuary today is provided by the Lusk children in honor of their parents' Marshall and Alice Lusk, 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Last Sunday School Dec 5

Last Sunday School for 2021 will be Dec 5. Sunday School will resume in 2022 with the following schedule:

Jan 16: Connect Sunday School (Children's SS resumes)

Jan 23: Serve Sunday School

Jan 30: Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers (no Children's SS)

Feb 6: Spring Sunday School Kickoff Brunch

Children & Youth Schedule

Last **Crossroads** (6th-8th): Wed, Dec 1

No Upside Down (K4-5th) on Dec 1.

Last **Rooted** (9th-12th): Sun, Dec 5

Rooted resumes Jan 23.

Upside Down & Crossroads resume Jan 26.

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 November 28

Baskin Jones, 601.212.6171

Sunday, Nov 28

- 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

Tuesday, Nov 30

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

Wednesday, Dec 1

- 6:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 am Mom's Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Crossroads
- 6:30 pm Wednesday Growth Groups

Friday, Dec 3

- 6:30 pm Children & Youth In-Service
Training

Saturday, Dec 4

- 8:30 am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Dec 5-Communion 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
- 5:00 pm Sunday Growth Groups
- 5:30 pm Rooted

COMING UP

- Sun, Dec 5** Last Fall Sunday School
- Mon, Dec 6** Session & Diaconate Meeting
- Sun, Dec 12** New Members Join
- Sun, Dec 12** No Sunday School
- Sun, Dec 12** Christmas Cantata & Dessert
- Tues, Dec 14** Christmas Deliveries
- Sun, Dec 19** No Sunday School
- Fri, Dec 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service
- Sun, Dec 26** No Sunday School
- Sun, Dec 26** Joint Service 10:30am
- Sun, Jan 2** Joint Service 10:30am

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, Jr., 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
Baskin Jones
Guin Kendrick
Cody McCain
Jonathan Shull
Jeremy Smith
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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?**

