



REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr. | November 20, 2022

"Human Deception Obliterated by God's Deliverance"

- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Reflection Quote

"The point is that when you become a member of the Christian family, with baptism as its mark and faith as its inward reality, you receive a new identity, and are launched on to a new lifestyle. Paul knows, of course, that this new identity and lifestyle doesn't work out automatically. That's why he's writing this letter! But once faith is present... the way is open to a different lifestyle, a whole new way of being human. It is then up to each Christian, with the help (of God) and support of the wider fellowship, to recognize the ways in which the deceitfulness of sin has distorted their thinking and behavior, and to find the way forward into God's new life." — Nicholas Thomas Wright

Welcome and Announcements

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* Call to Worship

Romans 8:28-39

Mr. Steve Lanier

Director of Outreach and Missions

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Steve Lanier

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 7:48, 50

Mr. Steve Lanier

"And he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' And he said to the woman, Your faith has saved you: go in peace."

* Song of Preparation

"Friend of God"

Who am I that You are mindful of me. That You hear me when I call.
Is it true that You are thinking of me? How You love me. It's amazing

**Chorus: I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God. He calls me friend. (Repeat)**

Who am I that You are mindful of me. That You hear me when I call.
Is it true that You are thinking of me? How You love me. It's amazing. **Chorus**

God Almighty, Lord of glory. You have called me friend. (Repeat) **Chorus**

*** Song of Praise**

"His Mercy Is More"

What love could remember no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all knowing,
He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam What Father, so tender, is calling us home He
welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (Chorus)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us His blood was the payment, His life was the cost We
stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, His mercy is more! (Chorus)

Covenant Baptism

Pastor Elbert McGowan

Jaden Jamal Burks, Covenant Child of Durrell and Andria Burks (8:00am)
Mills Elizabeth Wojohn, Covenant Child of Luke and Brittany Wojohn (11:00am)

Children's Church (Ages 4-6) 8:00 am Only (This week's word is F for Faith)

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for Giving

Mr. Gene Dent, Ruling Elder

Special Music

"I Surrender All"

Mrs. Candace Robins

All to Jesus, I surrender; All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee,
my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender; Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken; Take me, Jesus, take me now. Refrain.

All to Jesus, I surrender; Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me, May I know Thy pow'r divine. Refrain.

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan

Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Sermon Title

"Human Deception Obliterated by God's Deliverance"

*** Hymn of Response**

"Amazing Grace"

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear. And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear -- The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far, and Grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years -- Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we've first begun.

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Gene Dent/Betty Marsha Dent

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)

The Sacrament of Covenant (Infant) Baptism

As we read through the Word of God, it becomes clear that God's sovereign grace is embraced in the "covenant" framework of Scripture. By grace alone, God has *covenanted* with His people that He will have them to/for Himself from every nation, tribe, people, and language (Rev. 7). It is a covenant generally that embraces family solidarity (see Act 2:39; Act 16:31; Genesis 17:7). As noted elsewhere, "every person identified in the Bible as having a household present at his or her conversion also had the household baptized."

Because of God's covenant, all history marches forward to the time when God's covenant people will live in the New Jerusalem in a renewed world order enjoying fully their relationship with God: "they will be His people, and God Himself will be their God" (see Rev. 21:3).

Even today, Christ continues as "the Mediator of the new covenant" (Heb. 8), the one Mediator between God and man (1 Tim. 2). Salvation is covenant salvation: regeneration, justification, adoption, sanctification are covenant mercies. Baptism and the Lord's Supper, corresponding to/replacing the old covenant rites of circumcision and Passover, are covenant ordinances. God's law is covenant law, and keeping it is the truest expression of gratitude for covenant grace and loyalty to our covenant God. An understanding of this covenant of grace guides us through, and helps us appreciate, all the wonders of God's redeeming love.

Christians in our theological tradition believe that children of believers, infant children, are and should be included as members of the visible covenant community, the church. Why? Because we believe, based upon the Bible, that infant children of believers have the status of covenant children and therefore should be baptized, just as Jewish male infants previously had been circumcised. Again, why? Because, if infants are deemed members of the visible covenant community with their believing parents, it is fitting to give them the sign of covenant status and of their place in the covenant community.

Is there something magic about the water? No. Do baptized infants have no obligation to make a public profession of personal faith in Jesus Christ? Certainly, they do. When we celebrate the sacrament of covenant baptism, we publicly recognize a covenant child through the covenant sign of baptism as a child of at least one believing parent (1 Cor. 7:14), thus as a member of the visible church. At the same time, we are careful also to affirm that neither baptism nor being the child of believing parents will suffice to make that child a true believer. At some point, each baptized infant/child must personally turn from their sins and express their own faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The outward and visible sign in baptism is water. As water is poured down on the head of a child, we are reminded of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that delivers us from the penalty of sin (1 John 1:7) as well as the sanctifying virtue of the Holy Spirit delivering us from the power of sin (Romans 8:2).

¹Taken from notes in the Reformation Study Bible

²Paper on covenant baptism by Dr. Bryan Chappell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.



*** PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES ***

- 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.
- Rob Martin: recovery from brain aneurysm.
- Herb & Mary Sanders: as they grieve the loss of Herb's mother, Lillian Fair.

Calls to Action

Redeemer Engaging Disability Christmas Deliveries, Dec 14

Join us for an evening of delivering Christmas gifts, visiting with, and singing Christmas carols to families in our church affected by disability on December 14. Adults, children, families—all are welcome! We will meet at Redeemer at 5:30 pm to pray before dividing into groups to drive to the homes. If you can't help deliver on Dec 14, you can still help with help with purchasing and wrapping gifts beforehand. See QR Code for more information.

Join the Redeemer's Ball Planning Team

The Redeemer's Ball is coming up Feb 11. This event is a guardian/child dance and time of fellowship and fun as our covenant community bonds together. If you'd like to be apart of the design and planning team for this year's ball please email Jajuan at mrm-neil@redeemerjackson.com

*** NEWS TO NOTE ***

Thanksgiving Service, TONIGHT, Nov 20, 6pm

Join us on Sunday evening, Nov 20, as we practice gratitude and prepare our hearts for the Thanksgiving holiday with our Thanksgiving service at 6:00 pm. (Nursery will not be provided.)

Church Office Closed Nov 24-25

We will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday Thursday and Friday.

College Night: Bonfire, Soup & S'mores, Nov 30

College students take a break from studying to warm up with a bonfire, soup and s'mores at the Ware's house in Fondren on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:30. See QR Code for more information.

Last Day of Fall Sunday School, Dec 4

Fall Sunday School for all ages will conclude on Dec 4. A big thank you to everyone who taught in this important discipleship ministry in the life of the church!

Upcoming Schedule:

- No SS Dec 11, 18, 25, Jan 1.
- Jan 8: SS resumes with the Connect & Serve SS (1/8), a Congregational Meeting (1/15), and the SS Kickoff Brunch (1/22).

Children & Youth In-Service Training, Dec 10

Training this semester will focus on engaging children in our programs and families that are touched by disabilities. The training will last for two hours and light refreshments will be served. For more information, email please email mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com.



Welcome Tina Collier

Tina Collier has joined the church staff as our part-time Administrative Assistant, taking on the role previously held by Mary Sanders. Now if you email office@redeemerjackson.com, Tina is on the other end. Welcome Tina!

Redeemer Church, PCA

WEEKLY

Schedule

Sunday
School

9:45 AM

Sept 18 – Dec 4

Adults

Redeemer Explored: Room 109

Women's Class: Sermon on the Mount: Sanctuary

Biblical Sexuality in an Age of Confusion: Fellowship Hall

Paul & The Self: Room 200A (inside the Youth Room on the left)

Youth (6th-12th)

Biblical Worldview: Youth Room

Children (K4-5th)

K4-1st Grade: Stories of the Bible

K4: Room 203

K5 Classroom 1: Room 204

1st Grade: Room 205

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

2nd Grade: Room 202

3rd Grade: Room 207

4th-5th Grade: Bible Survey

4th Grade: Room 209/211

5th Grade: Room 210

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call for the Week November 20

Detrick Johnson, 601.672.7214

Sunday, November 20

- 8:00 am Worship Service
Live Stream Available
- 9:45 am Fall Sunday School
- 9:45 am Redeemer Explored
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Evening Service

Monday, November 21

Tuesday, November 22

- 6:00 pm GriefShare
- 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 23

- 6:30 am Women's Bible Study
MNA Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 24

Office Closed (Thanksgiving Observance)

Friday, November 25

Office Closed (Thanksgiving Observance)

Saturday, November 26

- 8:30 am Men's Basketball

Sunday, November 27

- 8:00 am Worship Service
Live Stream Available
- 9:45 am Fall Sunday School
- 9:45 am Communicants Class
- 11:00 am Worship Service

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
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 & Interim Youth Director
Jermaine Van Buren, Jr., Intern, Youth Ministry Assistant
Gabriel Garcia, Intern
Daniel Covert, Intern
Stephanie Morton, Assistant Youth Director
Ann Chestnut, High School Ministry Assistant
Felecia Marshall, Business Administrator
Tina Collier, Administrative Assistant

RULING ELDERS

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

DEACONS

Karl Arndt
Grafton Bragg
Philip Carter
Davidson Forester
Jon Fults
David Garner
Jake Garner
Levi Gill
John Hooker
Detrick Johnson
Baskin Jones
Guin Kendrick
Blaise King
Cody McCain
Greg Ross
Jonathan Shull
Ellis Tucker
Thomas Wallace

COMING UP

Nov 30: College Night Bonfire, Soup & S'mores
Dec 10: Children and Youth In-service and Training
Dec 11: No Sunday School
Dec 11: Christmas Cantata
Dec 14: Engaging Disability Christmas Deliveries
Dec 18: No Sunday School
Dec 25: No Sunday School
Dec 25: Combined Service (10:30)
Jan 1: No Sunday School
Jan 1: Combined Service (10:30)
Jan 25: Upside Down & Crossroads Resume
Feb 5: 18th Anniversary Service
Feb 11: The Redeemer 's Ball
Feb 26: Mission Month Begins
Apr 21-22: Redeemer Together

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