



REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

Reflection Quote

"The wonder and awe of Christmas can easily get overshadowed. In the hustle and bustle of this season, we often lose sight of what's most important. When we become familiar with things, we tend to quit examining them. We quit noticing them. We quit celebrating them as we once did. Familiarity tends to rob us of our wonder." - Paul David Tripp

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* Call to Worship

Luke 1:46-56

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding and Discipleship

"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.' And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home."

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Brian Gault

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7

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"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,"

* Song of Preparation

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!
All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.
Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

*** Song of Praise**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. (Refrain)

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. (Refrain)

O come, Thou Day-spring, from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. (Refrain)

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Questions 33-36

Rev. Brian Gault

Q.33 Why is he called God's *only-begotten Son*, since we also are children of God?

A. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are children of God by adoption, through grace, for Christ's sake.

Q.34 Why do you call him *our Lord*?

A. Because he has ransomed us, body and soul, from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with his precious blood, and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us his own possession.

Q.35 What do you confess when you say: *He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary*?

A. The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took upon himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, through the working of the Holy Spirit. Thus he is also the true seed of David, and like his brothers in every respect, yet without sin.

Q.36 What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

A. He is our Mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, in which I was conceived and born.

Pastoral Prayer and Worship in Giving

Mr. Marculis Mosby, Ruling Elder

Special Music

Mr. Arthur Philips

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus/ If It wasn't for the Lord/I Can See So Much”

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

If It wasn't for the Lord what would I do 3x. He's everything to me
He is water in dry places He's bread in a starving land
Jesus gave me comfort and he brought me with his powerful hand
He took away my sorrow He made my burdens light He's everything to me
I can see so much, see so much what the Lord has done for me
He brought me from a mighty long way

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Children's Church (Ages 4-6) 8:00 am only (*This week's word is G for Grace*)

Sermon Text

Hebrews 1:1-14

Sermon Title

"The Wonder of the Incarnation!"

Communion Hymn

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.
May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, This is victory.
May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto As I onward go.

Communion

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr. and the Elders

Communion Hymn

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

May His beauty rest upon me As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only Him.

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Steve Lanier/Mrs. Candace Robins (8:00am)
Mrs. Akida Mosby/Mr. Gene Dent (11:00am)

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

SERMON QUESTIONS

- The recipients of the epistle to the Hebrews were experiencing a loss of awe in the Lord. Can this happen to us?
- To restore worship and wonder, the author writes some of the Bible's richest language about God's character and the person and work of Christ. Why is this a much better way to stir awe than commanding them to do better, get it together, or try harder?
- When has the faithfulness of someone over a really long time or the unmatched durability of something moved you to wonder?
- Hebrews begins by declaring that the incarnation of Christ is wonderful because it continues God's ancient pattern of speaking to His people. How did God speak to His people in ages past? How often? In what ways? Who were the recipients? Why is it essential to connect the coming of Jesus to that larger story?
- There is also something unprecedented about the incarnation of Jesus! This, too, makes it wonderful!
- What impact did Jesus' coming have on redemptive time? Notice the contrast between "many times" and "these last days!" Can anyone claim to have this impact on time?
- What does this chapter teach us about the identity of Jesus? What is his relationship with creation? Furthermore, on the one hand, he is the Son of God. On the other hand, he is God! Can any other mere mortal claim these things?
- What did Jesus come to do (1:3b)? He came to make purification for our sins. Who else can do this? Where is Jesus seated now? What is the significance of being seated?
- The fitting response to this chapter is found in Hebrews 2:1. "Therefore, pay much closer attention to what we have heard." What if the antidote to the loss of wonder is listening, cherishing, and believing these words? How can you cultivate the habit of slowing down, sitting with God, and treasuring the truth of the Incarnation?

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.



*** 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.

CALLS TO ACTION

Christmas Fellowship Night, Dec 7, 6:30pm

Join us for a fun-filled night of fellowship & food as we celebrate the Christmas season together. Food will be provided. See QR Code to RSVP.

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 to RSVP.

Men's Ministry Pilgrimage to Zion, Feb 7

Men's ministry is taking a day trip to New Orleans for an NBA game on Tues, Feb 7. We'll see Zion Williamson and the Pelicans take on Trae Young and the Atlanta Hawks, a 6:30 tip on TNT. We'll leave around 2:15pm from the church parking lot and return around midnight. For more information or to purchase your ticket, please see QR code. Invite a friend. Bring your son!

*** NEWS TO NOTE ***

Last Day of Fall Sunday School, TODAY 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 Jajuan McNeil.

Christmas Cantata, Dec 11, 6:00pm

Join us for our annual Christmas Cantata as we celebrate Advent in song. Come early to get your seats. A dessert fellowship will follow, complete with coffee and hot chocolate. Nursery will be provided.

Joint 10:30 Worship Service, Dec 25 & Jan 1

Following our holiday pattern, on Dec 25 and Jan 1, instead of regularly scheduled morning services at 8:00am and 11:00am, we will have a joint service at 10:30am, which will also be livestreamed. We look forward to worshipping with you on Christmas and New Year's Day!

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

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 December 4

Guin Kendrick, 601.934.8326

Sunday, December 4

- 8:00 am Worship Service
Live Stream Available
- 9:45 am Last Fall Sunday School
- 9:45 am Redeemer Explored
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm Sunday Growth Groups

Monday, December 5

- 6:00 pm Session Meeting
- 6:00 pm Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, December 6

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

Wednesday, December 7

- 6:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 am Mom's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Christmas Fellowship Meal

Thursday, December 8

- 12:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Friday, December 9

Saturday, December 10

- 8:30 am Men's Basketball
- 10:00 am Children and Youth In-service & Training

Sunday, December 11

- 8:00 am Worship Service
Live Stream Available
No Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 6:00 pm Christmas Cantata

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

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 8: Connect & Serve SS
Jan 15: Congregational Meeting
Jan 22: SS Kickoff Brunch
Jan 25: Upside Down & Crossroads Resume
Feb 11: The Redeemer's Ball
Apr 21-22: Redeemer Together

