



REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Dr. Irwyn Ince—February 5, 2023

“Living By Resurrection Power”

- Ephesians 1:15-23

Prelude

Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* **Call to Worship**

Psalm 148

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Minister: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Congregation: for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.

Minister: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children.

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:3-4

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

“If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.”

* **Song of Preparation**

“I Love to Praise Him”

Chorus: *I love to praise Him (I love to praise His name)*

I love to praise Him (I love to praise His name)

I love to praise Him (I love to praise His name)

I love to praise (I love to praise) His holy name (Repeat)

He's my rock (He's my rock, my rock, my sword, and shield)

He's my wheel (He's my wheel) in the middle of the wheel

I know He'll never (I know He'll never, never let me down)

He's just a jewel (He's just a jewel) That I have found

Oh hallelujah (hallelujah) Hallelujah (hallelujah) I love to praise His name (Repeat).

I love to praise His holy name

* **Song of Praise**

“King of Kings”

In the darkness We were waiting Without hope Without light
Till from heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit Three in one
God of glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross For even in your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake you died (*Chorus*)

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs

And the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored And the church of Christ was born

Then the Spirit lit the flame Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel Shall not faint By His blood and in His name In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me (*Chorus*)

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Bill Wallace, Elder Emeritus

Worship in Giving

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Children's Church (Ages 4-6) 8:00am only (This Week 's word is J for Jesus)

Parents: After worship in giving, you are welcome to send your child (4-6) to children's church before the end of special music.

Special Music

"If Thou Be Glorified" Mr. Peter Davis, Rev. Zack Owens,
Mr. Tim Stanford and Mr. Paul Rankin

Father, I know that all my life Is portioned out for me,
The changes that are sure to come I do not fear to see;

Refrain: I ask Thee for a present mind Intent on pleasing Thee. (2x)

I would not have the restless will That hurries to and fro,
Seeking for some great thing to do Or secret thing to know;

Refrain: I would be treated as a child, And guided where I go. (2x)

I ask Thee for daily strength, To none that ask denied,
A mind to blend with outward life While keeping at Thy side;

Refrain: Content to fill a little space, If Thou be glorified. (2x)

In service which Thy will appoints There are no bonds for me;
For my inmost heart is taught the truth That makes Thy children free.

Refrain: And a life of self renouncing love Is one of liberty. (2x)

Content to fill a little space, if Thou be glorified.

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Dr. Irwyn Ince
Coordinator of Mission to North America (MNA)

Sermon Text

Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon Title

"Living by Resurrection Power"

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons (11:00 am)

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr. and Session of Redeemer Church

* **Communion Hymn**

"Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain: Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Refrain*)

Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Refrain*)

Communion

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr. and the Elders

*** Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Irwyn Ince

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Bill Wallace/Mrs. Alecia Wallace (8:00am)
Mr. Herb Sanders/Mrs. Mary Sanders (11:00am)

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

24-6. The day having arrived, and the Session being convened in the presence of the congregation, a sermon shall be preached after which the presiding minister shall state in a concise manner the warrant and nature of the office of ruling elder, or deacon, together with the character proper to be sustained and the duties to be fulfilled. Having done this, he shall propose to the candidate, in the presence of the church, the following questions, namely:

- 1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?**
- 2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?**
- 3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?**
- 4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder (or deacon, as the case may be) in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?**
- 5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?**
- 6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?**

The ruling elder or deacon elect having answered in the affirmative, the minister shall address to the members of the church the following question:

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a ruling elder (or deacon), and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

The members of the church having answered this question in the affirmative, by holding up their right hands, the candidate shall then be set apart, with prayer by the minister or any other Session member and the laying on of the hands of the Session, to the office of ruling elder (or deacon). Prayer being ended, the members of the Session (and the deacons, if the case be that of a deacon) shall take the newly ordained officer by the hand, saying in words to this effect:

We give you the right hand of fellowship, to take part in this office with us.

The minister shall then say:

I now pronounce and declare that _____ has been regularly elected, ordained and installed a ruling elder (or deacon) in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such he is entitled to all encouragement, honor and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

After which the minister or any other member of the Session shall give to the ruling elder (or deacon) and to the church an exhortation suited to the occasion.

SERMON QUESTIONS

- In our society and world, what are the primary purposes of power?
- How does the world pursue wisdom and knowledge?
- What, according to the Scripture passage, is the purpose of God's power towards Christians?
- How, according to this passage, do we obtain wisdom and knowledge, and what is its purpose?
- What differences would it make in our lives if we lived more and more like recipients of the riches of God's glorious inheritance?

New Officers

Elders

Tu Combs
Andy Sauerwein
William Stackler

Deacons

Reid Haygood
Johnston Walker

Guest Preacher

Dr. Irwyn Ince



Dr. Ince was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY to Mrs. Margaret Ince and Mr. Irwyn Ince, Sr. In 1987 he met the former Ms. Kim Shepard-El. The two were married in 1992 and are the proud parents of four wonderful children and two grandchildren. Following his graduation from City College of NY in Harlem with a Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering, he began his professional career as a systems engineer and

project engineering manager in the Washington-Baltimore Metropolitan area. In this role he designed and implemented radio communications systems for state and local government clients.

Sensing a call to ministry he began to pursue a Masters degree with Reformed Theological Seminary, Washington, DC on a part-time basis while continuing his engineering career. Following his graduation in 2006 Dr. Ince helped plant City of Hope Presbyterian Church in Columbia, MD. During those years he maintained his connection to RTS DC by serving as a teaching assistant in Greek and Hebrew courses.

In 2016, he received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Covenant Theological Seminary. His dissertation was on Identity Formation in Diverse Churches. He firmly believes that the ministry of reconciliation demonstrated in the local church by the gathering of people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and ethnicities, is the natural outworking of a rich covenantal theological commitment. From 2018 to 2021 he shared this vision through his role with the Institute for Cross-Cultural Mission and Grace DC.

In 2018, Dr. Ince was unanimously elected to be the 46th PCA General Assembly moderator – the first African-American elected to the position.

In addition to his passion for his family and for ministry, Dr. Ince is gleefully committed to coffee and CrossFit. When he's not spending time with his family or preaching and teaching in the church, you can find him coaching classes at a local CrossFit gym in DC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.
- Gloria Ozier and family: As they grieve the loss of Gloria's sister, Donna Alexander.
- Anna Splaingard and family: As they grieve the loss of Anna's mother, Sara Wilmesherr, who passed away unexpectedly on January 10. See QR Code for *Take Them a Meal*

Birth

Elijah Franklin Akins, 1-25-23, son of Chad and Olivia Akins, see QR Code for Take Them a Meal

CALLS TO ACTION

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. See QR Code for more information. Invite a friend. Bring your son! SOLD OUT!

GriefShare Begins, Feb 9

GriefShare is an 13-week program offered to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Facilitators from Redeemer will lead a support group on Thursday nights this Spring. Please email Steve Ozier at: steveozier2@gmail.com for more information. See QR Code to RSVP.

Middle School Roller Skating Night , Feb 9

Middle School students (6th-8th grade), come fellowship and roller skate with us at Spinners in Florence on February 9 from 6-7:30pm! Skating will be free, but bring money if you want to buy food there. Contact Stephanie Morton 678.554.8552 to sign up by Feb 6.

RYA Bowling at Fannin Lanes, Feb 10

Join Redeemer Young Adults for a night of bowling and fun at Fannin Lanes on Friday, February 10 from 6-8pm! All are welcome! RSVP by texting Daniel Covert at 601.527.5205.

Second Saturday Serve, Feb 11

We will have a team in the Broadmoor Neighborhood Garden, from 9:00am-12:00pm preparing for spring planting by clearing away debris, moving dirt, and laying out the design for what will be planted where. We need people who enjoy gardening (or want to learn more!). Families with kids of all ages are welcome. Please bring gloves, any garden tools you may have, drinking water, and work clothes. See QR Code to sign up today!

The Men's Gathering Begins, Feb 14

We will gather for 8 weeks this Spring (Feb 14 - Mar 7 and Mar 28 - Apr 18) to look at Scriptures around two aspects of Jesus' character: Purity & Self-Control. We meet outside behind the church office from 12-1pm on Tuesdays, and we ask men to commit to 5 of the 8 weeks. See the QR Code for more information and to sign up.

RYA & Brian Gault on Justice, Feb 16

Join Redeemer Young Adults on Thursday, February 16 for a discussion on Justice led by Brian Gault! We seek to address core questions and concerns of young adults by pointing to Biblical truth, sound theology, and practical application. During this time together, there will be time for fellowship, singing and teaching. RSVP by texting Daniel Covert at 601.527.5205.

Stories of God's Faithfulness, Feb 17

Psalm 78 calls us to tell the coming generation of the Lord's glorious deeds. High schoolers, join us for dinner and a conversation with Herb and Mary Sanders to hear stories of God's faithfulness in their lives. Join us Friday, February 17, from 6:00-7:30pm at the home of Hermes and Alleen Tomás, 2445 N. Cheryl Dr. Jackson, MS. Email Stephanie Morton at: smorton@redeemerjackson.com or 678.554.8552.

RED Kids Night Out (Respite Night), Feb 17

This is a night for parents with children touched by disability to take a night off while we provide respite care for their children. We are planning to have food, games, crafts, and a Bible lesson for the kids. We need both volunteers to help care for the children (disabled children and their siblings) and families touched by disability needing respite. See QR Code to sign up.

High School Guys Small Group Begins, Feb 21

High school guys, come and join us for a 5 week small group focusing on the Lord's Prayer. Each week, we will consider a petition of the Lord's Prayer and spend time praying together. If you are interested or have any questions, reach out to Wilson Jamison 205.540.0369.

Women's Ministry Galentine's Brunch, Feb 18



Ladies & girls of all ages, please plan to come join us for our Galentines' Brunch Feb 18 from 10:30am-12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have food and a variety of fun activities for you to enjoy as you spend the morning fellowshiping with one another. *Nursery is available for children 0-3, but we need to know you're planning to use it! * Registration deadline for

childcare is Feb 12, and RSVP's are helpful for everyone else so we can best plan for food & fun! See QR Code to sign up!

*** NEWS TO NOTE ***

Anniversary Celebration, Feb 5, 9:45am

Join us this Sunday, Feb 5 in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate our 18th anniversary with food and fellowship between services. Bring the whole family! Children's Sunday School and Nursery will not be available.

At the 11:00am service the new officers will be ordained and installed.

Elder: Tu Combs, Andy Sauerwein, William Stackler

Deacon: Reid Haygood, Johnston Walker

Sunday School Schedule

As we move into Sunday School for the Spring, here is the upcoming schedule:

Feb 5: 18th Anniversary Reception, Fellowship Hall

Feb 12: Adult & Youth SS begins

Redeemer Explored Begins Feb 19

If you are interested in joining Redeemer or know someone who is, Redeemer Explored is a Sunday School class that explores who we are and what we believe. Pastor Elbert leads this class during the Sunday School hour (9:45 - 10:35am), for 10 weeks from Feb 19 - April 16. Email Brian Gault at: bgault@redeemerjackson.com for more information or to hold your seat in the class.

2023 Missions Month Begins Feb 26

Missions month will begin on Sunday, February 26 with guest speaker, Dr. Mike Campbell, Senior Pastor Old Cutler Presbyterian Church. Instead of packing everything into one week-end, we're going to spread things out over one month between February 26 and March 26. See QR Code for more information.



Blaise King Now Diaconate Chair

The Chair of the Deacons rotates every year, and this month, Blaise King has stepped in to be the chair for 2023. Please support him and his family in prayer as he leads our congregation in this way.

Many thanks to Jake Garner who served faithfully in this role in 2022. We're grateful for your leadership!



Familiar Face, New Role

We are excited to welcome Mary Sanders back to the Redeemer staff in a new position: Communications & Events Coordinator. Mary will re-join Tina and Felecia in the office, but will now specialize in coordinating communications and events. Office@redeemerjackson.com will now be answered by Mary.

Redeemer Ball, Feb 11

This opportunity is for age 4-13 year-old children who attend Redeemer Church or The Redeemer's School. It is a parent-child dance that brings together Redeemer Church and The Redeemer's School to spend time with one another and enjoy an evening together on Saturday, from 4:30-6:30pm. We will meet in the Redeemer Church Fellowship Hall, and light, individually packaged snacks will be provided.

See the QR Code to RSVP by February 8.



THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call for the Week February 5

John Hooker, 601.209.4446

Sunday, February 5 Communion

- 8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available
9:45am 18th Anniversary Reception
11:00am Worship Service
18th Anniversary Service/
Ordination & Installation Service
5:30pm Rooted
Various Times-Sunday Growth
Groups

Monday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7

- 2:15pm Men's Ministry Pilgrimage to Zion
7:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 8

- 6:30am Women's Bible Study
9:00am Mom's Bible Study
6:00pm Hope Exchange
6:00pm Upside Down
6:00pm Crossroads
6:00pm Men's Bible Study
6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Thursday, February 9

- 12:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Middle School Roller Skating
6:00pm GriefShare Begins

Friday, February 10

- 6:00pm RYA Bowling at Fannin Lanes

Saturday, February 11

- 8:30am Men's Basketball
9:00am Second Saturday Serve
9:00am Middle School Girls Breakfast
Gathering
4:30pm Redeemer's Ball

Sunday, February 12

- 8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm Rooted

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STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor
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, Interim Youth Director
Stephanie Morton, Assistant Youth Director
Jermaine Van Buren, Jr., Intern, Youth Ministry Asst
Gabriel Garcia, Intern
Daniel Covert, Intern
Ann Chestnut, High School Ministry Assistant
Felecia Marshall, Business Administrator
Mary Sanders, Communications & Events Coordinator
Tina Collier, Administrative Assistant

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

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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

Feb 14: Men's Gatherings Begin
Feb 16: RYA & Brian Gault on Justice
Feb 17: Kid's Night Out (Respite Night)
Feb 17: Stories of God's Faithfulness
Feb 18: Galentine's Day Brunch
Feb 21 High School Guys Small Group Begins
Feb 26: Missions Month Begins
Mar 5: Communicants Class Begins
Mar 23: RYA & Pastor El on Anxiety
Mar 24: Youth Girls Night
Mar 31-Apr 1: Biblical Sexuality Seminar
Apr 7: RYA MS Braves Home Opener Friday
Apr 21-22: Redeemer Together

