



**REDEEMER CHURCH**

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY  
**Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—May 21, 2023  
“Evidence of Being Indwelt by the Holy Spirit”  
— 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

## Reflection Quote

“Where the Spirit is active, believers will confess Jesus as Lord and live out this Lordship of Jesus in ways that lead to constructive building up of others, not to their destruction or competitive denigration.”  
~Paul Gardner

## Prelude

Musicians

## Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

## \* Call to Worship

*Ephesians 4:4-14*

Mr. Wilson Jamison  
Interim Youth Director

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

## Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Wilson Jamison

## Assurance of Pardon

*1 John 4:10*

Mr. Wilson Jamison

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

## \* Song of Preparation

“Awesome Wonder”

Provider, Defender, Master of the Universe, You know me.  
You are an Awesome Wonder. (Repeat)

Oh, what a wonder You are. Oh, You are an awesome wonder. (Repeat)

You know me, my weakness. You know just where I hurt the most,  
that's why I call You healer. (Repeat)

Oh, what a healer You are. Oh, You are an awesome healer! (Repeat)

Your kingdom, established. You rule the heavens and the earth. In my life,  
You are an awesome ruler! Oh, what a ruler You are. Oh, You are an awesome ruler.

You called me from darkness. You claimed my heart and made it Yours.  
That's why I call you Savior! (Repeat)

Oh, what a Savior You are. Oh, You are an awesome Savior.

\* **Song of Praise**

“Cornerstone”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness,  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus name.

**Chorus:** *Christ alone; cornerstone. Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.*

When Darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.  
My anchor holds within the veil.

Christ alone; cornerstone. Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all. He is Lord, Lord of all. *(Chorus) (Repeat)*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne.

**Covenant Baptism (8:00am Only)**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*Freddie Love Fair, Covenant Child of William and Anna Fair  
Xander McNeese, Covenant Child of Will and Anna McNeese*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Mr. Grant Callen, Ruling Elder

**Worship in Giving**

Mr. Grant Callen

**Congregational Chorus**

“O, How I Love Jesus”

There is a Name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest Name on earth.

**Refrain:** *O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,  
Because He first loved me!*

It tells me of a Savior's love, Who died to set me free;  
It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea. *(Refrain)*

It tells me what my Father hath in store for ev'ry day,  
And, tho I tread a darksome path, Yields sunshine all the way. *(Refrain)*

It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;  
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. *(Refrain)*

**Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**Sermon Text**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**Sermon Title**

“Evidence of Being Indwelt by the Holy Spirit”

\* **Hymn of Faith**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper He, amid the flood of  
mortal ills prevailing: For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and  
pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing;  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth,  
His Name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

\* **Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

\* **Departing Hymn**

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

**Prayer Intercessor Team**

Mr. Bill Wallace/Mrs. Alecia Wallace (8:00am)

Mr. Steve Ozier/Mrs. Gloria Ozier (11:00am)

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

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## **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).

<sup>1</sup>Taken from notes in the Reformation Study Bible

<sup>2</sup>Paper on covenant baptism by Dr. Bryan Chappell

*Redeemer Church*

# JESUS: BEAUTIFUL AND BELIEVABLE

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPELS

## SUMMER TEACHING TEAM



**MONTRE BROOKS**  
Former Church Planter  
New City Tulsa



**BRIAN CRAWFORD**  
Pastor  
City Light Church



**MIKA EDMUNDSON**  
Pastor  
Koinonia Church



**BRIAN GAULT**  
Asst. Pastor  
Redeemer Church



**ROY HUBBARD**  
Pastor  
New City Fellowship



**CHARLES MCNIGHT**  
Coordinator  
African American  
Ministries (MNA)



**JOHN  
ONWUCHEKWA**  
Founding Pastor  
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## SERMON QUESTIONS

- What are your thoughts about Mitchell Liester's medical journal?
- Is it safe to say that we are changed from the inside out when the Holy Spirit takes residence in us?
- Why is this a significant concern for Paul? Why should it matter to us?
- Pastor El mentioned four things to look for in our own lives that evidence the Holy Spirit's indwelling. Do you remember them?
- When did Jesus become your Lord? Do you remember? Who caused that?
- When you were converted, did you begin to care about others in a new way? Do you currently have compassion for others who experience the fracture of this fallen world? Who caused that?
- The antidote to our lack of compassion is pondering Christ's compassion for you. When did you last experience Jesus' merciful and loving heart?
- Holy Spirit gives glorious gifts to ALL of His people! Where do we see this in the OT? Are you surprised that He does the same now? What gifts has he given you? Are you using them at Redeemer? If not, why not? Read Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4 for help discerning them.
- Holy Spirit also changes the way we serve! What is the ultimate goal of our gifts?
- What would our church be like if we all committed to being led by the Spirit here? Is there anything the staff/leaders can do to assist you in discovering and using your gifts?

## 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.

### Graduates

- **High School:** Bethany Abraham, Nina Gault, David Norman
- **College:** Natalie Gault, Samuel Stackler
- **Post Graduate:** Jack Cutrer

### \*\*\* SEEKING TO SERVE \*\*\*

### Community Garden Workday, May 23

We will be planting seeds, pulling weeds, and performing routine maintenance in the garden. This event is open to all ages and levels of experience. Join us as we continue to cultivate and beautify our neighborhood garden as a way of loving our neighbors. See QR Code for more information and to sign up!

### RED Kid's Night Out (Respite Night), Jun 9

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 to sign up. See QR Code to sign up today!

### \*\*\* CALLED TO CONNECT \*\*\*

### Wednesday Night Fellowship, May 24, 6-7pm

Let's eat together this summer! We have 7 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals planned this summer as a simple and easy way to connect, even as we take a break from our regular rhythms and rest. Our first meal is a POT-LUCK style in the Fellowship Hall. If your LAST NAME starts with..

- A-I: bring a main dish
- J-Q: bring a side
- R-Z: bring a dessert

See QR Code for all the details.

### Women's Ministry Summer Book Study Begins, May 31

This book study, *United: Captured by God's Vision for Diversity* by Trillia Newbell is open to all women, ages 18+! We're particularly hopeful that women who have been less involved or struggled to find an in-road into community will jump in with us this summer. Whether you can make it to all eight weeks or just a few because of summer travels, please consider joining us & bring a friend along with you! We will meet on Wednesdays, from 6:45-8:00pm for 8 weeks, in the Redeemer Church Youth Room. Nursery, 0-3 provided. See QR Code for more information and to sign up today!

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

**Graduate Recognition**

We would like to acknowledge all those graduating from high school, college, or post-graduate work in our membership. If you or someone you know is graduating this year, please email the church office at: [office@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:office@redeemerjackson.com).

**End of Spring Sunday School**

Spring Sunday School ended May 7. Thank you to everyone who taught children, youth, or adults this spring. In our regular rhythm of rest, we will not have Sunday School May 14, 21, or 28. Sunday School will resume June 4 with a joint adult Sunday School class in the sanctuary being taught from the book *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund.

**Sabbatical Info Session, May 21, TODAY at 9:45am**

We are excited to be able to give the gift of Sabbatical to our pastor, Elbert McGowan. This has been in the works for a long time. To hear more details about the plan for Elbert's Sabbatical, we invite you to come to an informational session on May 21, during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:35), in the sanctuary. The time will cover both Elbert's plans and the church's plans in this season.

\*\*\* Redeemer Kids \*\*\*

K4-5th Grade

**May 28:** Punch-n-Brunch and Pastries-n-Planes

**Jun 1-3:** Kids With A Mission

**Jun 26-29:** Vacation Bible School

\*\*\* Redeemer Youth \*\*\*

6th-12th Grade

**6th Grade Meet & Greet, Jun 10**

Rising 6th Graders, the Youth Staff is so excited for you to join Redeemer Youth! Come by Belhaven Town Center with your family for a chance to meet your Youth Leaders. See the QR Code for more information.

**Redeemer Youth Summer Communication**

For the summer, Redeemer Youth will be using GroupMe to communicate about upcoming events and hangouts. If you would like to join the GroupMe, please reach out to Stephanie Morton at 678.554.8552.

## THIS WEEK

### Deacon on Call for the Week May 21

Jeremy Smith, 601.278.2260

### Sunday, May 21

- 8:00am Worship Service  
Livestream Available
- 9:45am No Sunday School
- 9:45am Sabbatical Info Session
- 11:00am Worship Service

### Monday, May 22

### Tuesday, May 23

- 5:30pm Community Garden Work Day
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, May 24

- 6:00pm Wednesday Night Fellowship
- 7:30pm Men's Bible Study

### Thursday, May 25

### Friday, May 26

### Saturday, May 27

- 8:30am Men's Basketball

### Sunday, May 28

- 8:00am Worship Service  
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## STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor  
Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship  
Zack Owens, Asst Pastor of Congregational Care  
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Jajuan McNeil, Director of Children's Ministry  
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Stephanie Morton, Assistant Youth Director  
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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

## RULING ELDERS

Grant Callen  
Tu Combs  
Gene Dent  
Scott Marshall  
Barry McCay  
Kelle Menogan, Sr.  
Marculis Mosby  
Paul Rankin  
Herb Sanders  
Andy Sauerwein  
William Stackler  
Trey Watkins  
Shelby Watts

## DEACONS

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

## COMING UP

May 28: Punch-n-Brunch and Pastries-n-Planes  
May 31: Women's Ministry Summer Book Study  
Jun 1-3: Kids With A Mission  
Jun 4: Adult Sunday School Resumes  
Jun 5: Session & Diaconate Meetings  
Jun 7: Wednesday Night Fellowship  
Jun 9: RED Kid's Night Out (Respite Night)  
Jun 10: 6th Grade Meet & Greet  
Jun 24: Women's Ministry Summer Gathering  
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