



## REDEEMER CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—April 13, 2025

*“The Struggle to Pray—and The Savior Who Helps (pt. 2)”*

—Matthew 6:9-10

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**Ministry Moment**

Ushering, Philip Carter

**Introit**

*“Ride On King Jesus”*

Ride on King Jesus!

No man can-a-hinder me.

Ride on King Jesus, Ride on!

No man can-a-hinder me, no man can-a-hinder me. *Repeat*

In that great getting up morning, fair thee well, fair thee well

In that great getting up morning, fair thee well, fair thee well. *Repeat as directed.*

No man can-a-hinder me, no man can-a-hinder me. *Repeat as directed.*

**\* Call to Worship**

*Psalm 100*

Rev. Wilson Jamison

Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin**

Rev. Wilson Jamison

**Assurance of Pardon**

*1 John 1:9*

Rev. Wilson Jamison

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**\* Song of Preparation**

*“Grace Like Rain”*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see, so clearly

*Chorus:* Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me  
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're washed away

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. *Chorus*

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun. *Chorus*

**\* Song of Praise**

*“Hosanna In The Highest”*

I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire—

The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.

I see His love and mercy, washing over all our sin

The people sing, The people sing:

*Chorus: Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!*

I see a generation, rising up to take their place—with selfless faith, with selfless faith  
I see a near revival, stirring as we pray and seek—we're on our knees, we're on our  
knees. *Chorus*

Heal my heart and make it clean; open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love like You have loved me

Break my heart from what breaks Yours;  
Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause  
As I walk from earth to eternity. *Chorus*

### **New Testament Scripture Readings**    *Galatians 4:1-7*

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

*Romans 8:12-17*

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Mr. Baskin Jones, Ruling Elder

### **Worship in Giving**

Mr. Baskin Jones

*\*\*Please find the Connect Pad on your pew at this time to sign in and pass it down the row.\*\**

*Visitors: If you would like to be contacted by the church, please include your email address*

*Thank you to those giving online.*

### **Choral Worship**

*"Perfect Praise"*

Redeemer Choir

O Lord how excellent!  
How excellent! How excellent!  
How excellent is Thy Name! Repeat

There is none like You, none like You, none like You.  
Jesus, excellent is Thy Name...

...in all the earth, in all the earth, in all the earth, in all the earth!

Jesus, excellent is Thy Name!

Every knee shall bow and every tongue  
confess that He is Lord! Jesus, excellent! Is Thy Name!

**Prayer of Illumination**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**Sermon Text**

Matthew 6:9-10

Pew Bible p. 811

**Sermon Title**

*The Struggle to Pray—and The Savior Who Helps (pt. 2)*

**\* Hymn of Faith**

*"Before The Throne of God Above"*

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
to look on Him and pardon me.

**\* Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**\* Departing Song**

*"Before The Throne of God Above"*

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and my God.

**Prayer Intercessor Team**

Mr. David Garner & Mrs. Tam Garner (8:00am)

Mr. Ellis Tucker & Mrs. Shirley Tucker (11:00am)

**\*Please Stand.**

**(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Connect Pad:** Please find the Connect Pad on your pew and sign in. This helps us keep track of Members and Visitors alike.



### **More Information:**

On the QR Code you'll find links to announcements and online giving.

### **\*\*\* PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES \*\*\***

- Family & Friends of Juanita Martin: As they grieve the loss of Juanita.
- Family & Friends of Katie Trotter: As they grieve the loss of Katie.
- Kathryn & Amile Wilson: As they grieve the loss of Kathryn's father.
- The Abraham Family; Ashley, Liz, Esther, Bethany and Arianna: As they grieve the loss of Lydia, and Liz's mother, Martha Lavallee.
- Nancy Beal: Recovery from knee replacement surgery.
- Grace Marsh: Treatment for cardiac issues.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.
- Tu & Caroline Combs: As Caroline undergoes treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.

### **Births**

*Bezalel Sower Gill & Perpetua Solace Gill, 4.08.25, Covenant Children of Levi & Kateri Gill.*

*See QR Code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for updates and Take Them a Meal.*

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

### **Help with Ushering**

We need more ushers to help greet, hand out bulletins, and collect the offering. We're calling all men and women who are at least 14 years old and have a welcoming presence to email Philip Carter at [philipccarter@gmail.com](mailto:philipccarter@gmail.com). Parents, you can bring your younger children to give them a vision for serving in the church.

### **Children & Youth Sunday, Apr 27**

Calling all Redeemer Youth! Do you sing or play an instrument? If you're interested in helping to lead worship during Children & Youth Sunday on Apr 27, reach out to Akida Mosby at [akidamosby@yahoo.com](mailto:akidamosby@yahoo.com) to find out how you can participate!

### **Letters for High School Grads**

On Apr 23, Redeemer Youth will celebrate our class of 2025 High School graduates! As a gift to them, we are collecting letters of encouragement, wisdom, and advice written "To the Class of 2025" from the Redeemer family to present to them. Would you consider writing a letter for us to include? Please email your letter to Stephanie Greer at [sgreer@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:sgreer@redeemerjackson.com) by Apr 16 for it to be included in the notebook.

### **Serve in the Nursery**

We are in need of volunteers for both the 8:00 and 11:00am services, as well as teachers for our 2 & 3 year old nursery Sunday school classes. Volunteering and teaching are great ways to help to shepherd some of the littlest of our flock. Contact Velma Warner at [vwarn@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:vwarn@redeemerjackson.com) to learn more and to serve!

### **Serve with RedeemerKids: Summer Children's Church Leaders**

RedeemerKids needs dedicated leaders to help teach and guide children in a fun, safe, and diverse environment as they learn God's word and gain a deeper understanding of our confessions and creeds. As a Children's Church Leader, you'll have the opportunity to make a lasting impact in the lives of kids from all backgrounds while growing in community with fellow volunteers. For more information or to sign up, contact [Jajuan McNeil](mailto:JajuanMcNeil@redeemerjackson.com) at [mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com) Summer Children's church meets four times, June 1, 15; July 6, 20. In order to have summer children's church we will need 2 teachers and 6 adult leaders to volunteer.

### **Serve with RedeemerKids: Summer Sunday School Teachers**

Redeemer Church is seeking dedicated leaders to serve in Sunday School, where you will teach the Bible, build relationships with children and their families, and create safe spaces for kids to explore and interrogate their faith. As a Sunday School Leader, you'll have the opportunity to make a lasting impact on young hearts and minds in a diverse and welcoming community. For Sunday school, we need 4 assistant leaders and 4 adult teachers. For more details or to sign up, please contact Jajuan McNeil at [mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com).

### **Collecting Donations for Teacher Appreciation Week, Mar 2-Apr 26**

Join us as we support and serve the great teachers of our community during Teacher Appreciation Week! We'll be taking donations from Mar 2-Apr 26 to use in gift bags that will be assembled and distributed as part of Saturday Serve on Apr 26. Look for the drop off bins in the fellowship hall and narthex! You can find more information, including a list of suggested items to donate, through the QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](http://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday).

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

### **Maundy Thursday Service & Fellowship Supper, Apr 17**

Maundy comes from the word "mandate," and on the night of the last supper, Jesus gave his disciples a mandate to love one another (John 13:34). He also explained that he was the way to the Father (John 14:6) and prayed that his disciples—including us today—would be one (John 17:11-21). Later that night he went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray (Matt 26:36-46). Please join us on Thursday, April 17 at 6:00 pm for our Maundy Thursday Service. Nursery will be provided.

### **RYA Contentment Bible Discussion, May 1**

Come join RYA for Tacos and scripture discussion at the McGowan home (address in RYA GroupMe). Please bring a taco topping to share! Contact Susanna Reese at [zanreese@gmail.com](mailto:zanreese@gmail.com) with any questions about the event. See QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](http://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) to join the RYA GroupMe.

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

### **Redeemer Officer Update**

As of the April 7 Session meeting, Guin Kendrick has rolled off the diaconate. Thank you, Guin, for your many years of faithful service, your thoughtful questions, and your pursuit of excellence. Your welcoming presence, passion for Jesus, curiosity, and wisdom will be missed.

### **Now Accepting Applications for the Director of Music Ministry**

Our search is underway for a Director of Music Ministry. This is a salaried, part-time position (targeting 25-30 hours/week) with potential to grow into full-time role. We are accepting applications through **May 17**. Know someone who might be interested? See QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](http://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) for more information.



## *Spring Adult Sunday School, Block 2*

**9:45-10:35am**

**2025 Spring Adult Sunday School, Block 2**

***begins Mar 30 and concludes May 11.***

### ***Gospel Conversations***

**Teachers:** Jerome Douglas, Marculis Mosby

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

Interested in having more meaningful conversations about your faith? Join us for our 'Gospel Conversations' Sunday School class! We'll explore practical tools and biblical principles to help you share the Gospel with confidence and clarity. Think of it as a chance to learn together in an encouraging environment.

We'll be using key chapters from Preston Perry's 'How to Tell the Truth' as a guide, sparking discussions and providing valuable insights. Whether you're just starting to explore how to talk about your faith or you're looking to refine your approach, this class is for you.

We'll focus on creating authentic connections and fostering genuine dialogue, so you can feel more comfortable and equipped to share the Gospel. Come join the conversation!

### ***Jonah: You Can't Outrun the Grace of God***

**Teacher:** Brian Gault

**Location:** Sanctuary

Jonah is about a violent city, a resistant prophet, and a merciful God. In 58 verses, there's a storm at sea, the conversion of pagan sailors, a prayer in the belly of a fish, the repentance of Israel's archenemy, and a prophet who's angry at God.

The story begins with Jonah running from the word of the Lord and the presence of the Lord. At the heart of the story is the mercy of God, that not only forgives the vilest of sinners, but also relentlessly pursues the heart of a prophet steeped in judgmental nationalism.

To rescue Jonah, God hurls a storm, and appoints a fish, a plant, a worm, and a scorching wind—all show Jonah (and by extension us!) the unsearchable depth of the grace of God.

### ***Redeemer Explored***

**Teachers:** Elbert McGowan, Jr., Barry McCay

**Location:** Room 109

Would you like to know more about Redeemer Church? Are you interested in becoming a member? If so, you need to take this class. Pastor Elbert McGowan, along with the elders, will teach this 7-week introductory course on the ins and outs of Redeemer Church and how you can get involved.

If you are ready to join Redeemer or have further questions, you will have the opportunity to meet with an elder at the end of the class (May 11).

**Spring Children & Youth Sunday School**  
**2025 Spring Children & Youth Sunday School began Jan 26**  
**and concludes May 11.**

**Youth (6th-12th): Ten Commandments**

**Location:** Youth Room

**HS Teachers:** Cadden Christie, Rob Vickery, Stephanie Greer, Wilson Jamison

**MS Teachers:** Anna Lois Callen, Lane Morgan, Josh Anderson,  
Stephanie Greer, Wilson Jamison

After God delivered Israel from Egypt, He gave the Ten Commandments to them. But what for? And does the law have any use today? We will address questions like these and more, such as, "What is the purpose of the law? How does Jesus relate to the law? What does God's law mean for me today?" By studying God's law, we will see the heart of the Law-maker, how Jesus fulfills the law, and how God's law applies to us today. If you are in 6th-12th grade, come join us as we study the Ten Commandments this Spring!

**Children's (K4-5th): Investigating God's Word**

This spring, RedeemerKids is continuing through "Investigating God's Word."  
All classes K4-5th Grade will be working chapter by chapter through Genesis 25-50.

**K4-K5: Room 209/211**

**Teachers:**

Morgan Barber, Sarah Love Crawford,  
Rachel Habarger

**1st Grade: Room 210**

**Teachers:**

Claire Graves, Krisan Parish

**2nd Grade: Room 207**

**Teachers:**

Haley Arndt, Tyler Espinoza, Kristen Owens

**3rd Grade: Room 205/206**

**Teachers:**

Andrea Burks, Page Callen,  
Christa Williams

**4th Grade: Room 204**

**Teachers:**

Samuel Bolen, Gabriel Garcia, Jake Garner,  
Angela Simpkins

**5th Grade: Room 202**

**Teachers:**

Liz Callen, Gene Everitt, Amanda McGuffey

**Nursery (2-3): The Gospels**

This spring, our Nursery Sunday School classes are learning about God's Son and God's love as they explore the Gospels, pointing them to Jesus and their need for Him.

**\*\*\* Redeemer Kids \*\*\***  
**K4-5th Grade**

**Save The Date: Kids With a Mission, May 29-31**

KWAM is for rising fourth and fifth graders and their parents; it gives the chance for our kids to lock hands with missions and missionaries here in Jackson. We want to promote our families loving where we live! See QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](http://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) for more information and to sign up.



**Children's Church, Apr 20**

Introduction to the Apostles Creed: "He descended into hades." 8:00am service only, for ages 4-5.

**Upside Down (K4-5th)**

Elementary students are invited to join us at Upside Down, our weekly time of fun, fellowship, and studying God's word! We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday Evenings, Jan 26-Apr 16 (not Mar 5, Mar 12) from 6:00-7:00pm. Contact Jajuan McNeil at [mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com) for more information.

**\*\*\* Redeemer Youth \*\*\***  
**6th-12th Grade**

**Youth Senior Night, Apr 23**

6th-12th graders, come join us at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner to celebrate our 2025 graduates! We will get to hear graduates' favorite memories from their time in Redeemer Youth, ways they've seen God at work, and what they're going to be doing after High School.

**Rooted (9th-12th)**

High Schoolers, we would love for you to join us for Rooted this semester. At Rooted, we get to unpack God's Word and enjoy fellowship together with some laughter (and food) along the way. We meet Sunday evenings, Jan 26-Apr 13 (not Mar 2, Mar 9) from 5:30-7:00pm in the Youth Room. For more information contact Wilson Jamison at [wjamison@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:wjamison@redeemerjackson.com).

**Crossroads (6th-8th)**

Join us for Crossroads, our weekly Youth Group gathering for Middle Schoolers. We play games, eat pizza, and get to study God's Word together! We meet on Wednesday's, Jan 26-Apr 16 (not Mar 5, Mar 12) from 6:00-7:30pm in the Youth Room. For more information contact Wilson Jamison at [wjamison@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:wjamison@redeemerjackson.com).

## THIS WEEK

### Deacon on Call Week of Apr 13

Seth Shannon, 563.528.5850

#### Sunday, Apr 13

8:00am Worship Service  
Livestream Available

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

5:30pm Rooted

#### Monday, Apr 14

6:00pm GriefShare

#### Tuesday, Apr 15

7:00am Women's Bible Study

4:15pm High School Girls Bible Study

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:30pm Women's Bible Study

#### Wednesday, Apr 16

9:00am Mom's Bible Study

6:00pm Upside Down

6:00pm Crossroads

6:00pm Women's Bible Study

6:00pm Habits of the Household

Book Discussion

6:00pm Hope Exchange

Community Group

#### Thursday, Apr 17

12:00pm Women's Bible Study

6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service  
& Supper

#### Friday, Apr 18

#### Saturday, Apr 19

8:30am Men's Basketball

#### Sunday, Apr 20

8:00am Worship Service  
Livestream Available

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

Various Sunday Growth Groups

## STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship

Zack Owens, Asst Pastor of Congregational Care

Wilson Jamison, Asst Pastor of Youth Ministry

Stephanie Greer, Assistant Youth Director

Jajuan McNeil, Director of Children's Ministry

Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant

Jerome Douglas, Dir Neighborhood Outreach & Missions

Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator

Corrie Keplinger, Communications & Events Coordinator

Tina Collier, Administrative Assistant

Josh Anderson, Intern

Joshua Coleman, Intern

Ian Deffenbaugh, Intern

Chael Williams, Intern

Interim Music Ministry Team:

Joyce Hamme, Arthur Phillips, Meg Mills, Akida Mosby

Haley Arndt, Women's Committee Chair

## RULING ELDERS

Karl Arndt

Grant Callen

Tu Combs

Gene Dent

Baskin Jones

Scott Marshall

Barry McCay

Kelle Menogan, Sr.

Marculis Mosby

CL Pearce

Herb Sanders

Andy Sauerwein

William Stackler

Rob Vickery

Trey Watkins

## DEACONS

Grafton Bragg

Philip Carter

Preston Denley

Davidson Forester

Jon Fults

David Garner

Jake Garner

Clayton Gressett

Reid Haygood

Detrick Johnson

Blaise King

Jonathan Lancaster

Lane Morgan

Greg Ross

Jaimar Scott

Seth Shannon

Jonathan Shull

Jeremy Smith

Ellis Tucker

Johnston Walker

Tamarco White

## COMING UP:

Apr 22: Community Garden Workday

Apr 27: Children & Youth Sunday

May 1: RYA Contentment Bible Discussion

May 5: Session & Diaconate Meetings

May 10: Community Garden Workday

May 20: Community Garden Workday

May 26: Church Office Closed-Memorial Day

May 29-31: Kids With a Mission

June 2: Session & Diaconate Meetings

June 4: Fellowship Potluck

June 18: Fellowship Potluck



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