



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Wilson Jamison—April 27, 2025

“Growing in Brotherly & Sisterly Love”

—1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Wilson Jamison

Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry

Introit

“Ancient of Days”

Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto The Ancient of Days
From every nation all of creation bow before The Ancient of Days

Chorus: Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare your glory

Every knee will bow at your throne in worship

You will be exalted oh God, and Your Kingdom will not pass away,
Oh Ancient of Days!

* Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:6-9

Mr. Jerome Douglas

Director of Neighborhood Outreach & Missions

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Jerome Douglas

Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 32:5

Mr. Jerome Douglas

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

* Song of Preparation

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Chorus: Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

“Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.”

Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should, be blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering.
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. *Chorus*

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

*** Song of Praise**

"Worthy is The Lamb"

Thank you for the cross, Lord Thank you for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came
and gave amazing grace

Thank you for this love Lord, thank you for the nail pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know is
Your forgiveness and embrace

*Chorus: Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious
High and lifted up, Jesus Son of God
The Treasure of Heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb*

Old Testament Scripture Reading *Leviticus 19:9-18*

Mr. Jerome Douglas

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Barry McCay, Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Rev. Wilson Jamison

****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

"More Than Anything"

Redeemer Choir

I lift my hands in total adoration unto You.
You reign on the throne, for You are God and God alone.
Because of You my cloudy days are gone, I can sing to You this song
I just want to say that I love You more than anything
Love me in Your Arms; You were my shelter from the storm
When all my friends were gone, You were right there all along
I've never known a love like this before.
I just want to say that I love You more than anything
I love You Jesus, I worship and adore You
Just want to tell You — Lord, I love You more than anything

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Wilson Jamison

Sermon Text

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Pew Bible p. 987

Sermon Title

Growing in Brotherly & Sisterly Love

* Hymn of Faith

"Isaiah 43"

When you pass through the water I will be with you,
and the waves they will not overtake you.
Do not fear for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Chorus: For I am the Lord Your God. (Women echo). Repeat.
For I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I am the Lord. (Women echo: Do not fear.)
I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)
I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)
I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)
I am the Lord. (Unison.)

* Benediction

Rev. Wilson Jamison

* Departing Song

"Isaiah 43"

When walk through the fire you'll not be burned
and the flames they shall not consume you.
Do not fear for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine. *Chorus*

Prayer Intercessor Team

Dr. Barry McCay & Mrs. Ellen McCay (8:00am)
Mr. William Stackler & Mrs. Amy Stackler (11:00am)

Sanctuary Flowers in Honor of Diane Danforth

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)

SERMON QUESTIONS

- What from the sermon was encouraging? What was challenging?
- Who are some people that God has placed in your life as godly examples? Spend time thanking God for them. What would it look like for you to encourage them?
- Think about Paul's charge to the Thessalonians in verse 11: "to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you..." How could this be a step forward in their sanctification? How might it impact unbelievers around them? How might this shape your understanding of growing as a believer & engaging with unbelievers?
- How does the gospel of Jesus equip us to love those who join us yet have harmed us? And how does it equip us to love those who reject us and continue to hate us?

SERMON NOTES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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More Information:

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

***** PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES *****

- Christa Williams and Family: As they grieve the loss of Christa's brother.
- 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.
- Nancy Beal: Recovery from knee replacement surgery.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.
- Tu & Caroline Combs: As Caroline undergoes treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.

Births

Judah Michael Missel, 4.15.25, Covenant Son of Nick & Mia Missel.

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*****

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 vwarner@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 at 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.

Community Garden Workday, May 10

Join us for a Community Garden Workday! We will be harvesting veggies, 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. The garden is located at the corner of Robinhood and Londonderry behind the church, we'll meet there from 9:00am-12:00pm. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to sign up!

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

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 with any questions about the event. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to join the RYA GroupMe.

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

Sabbatical for Zack Owens, May 30-July 18

We are thankful to share that Zack Owens will be taking a sabbatical this summer, granted by the session as part of our church's ongoing commitment to care and flourishing. Sabbaticals are a regular practice based on biblical rhythms of rest from labors after several years of ministry. They provide an intentional space of rejuvenation for pastors and their families, caring for long-term health and thriving within our church family. Per our Sabbatical Policy, Zack's Sabbatical will span seven weeks from May 30 - July 18.



From Children's Ministry Director, Assistant Pastor of Children & Families, and now as the Assistant Pastor of Congregational Care, Zack has been faithfully serving on full-time staff at Redeemer for 11 years and has been a member at Redeemer since the beginning. Zack's deep sense of the ministry of presence, his capacity to shepherd us through grief and loss, his aiding our body in knowing how to care for one another in love and in the building up of the saints, and his abiding connection with our flock from the youngest to the oldest will be dearly missed in his absence. During this time, the rest of our pastoral staff will be shouldering Zack's responsibilities, though it's hard to compensate for the quality of humor that Zack brings to the table. If you have any questions about what this season will look like, please reach out to Zack and the pastoral staff. Please join us as we pray for this season to be filled with rest and joy for The Owens Family.

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 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

3rd Grade: Room 205/206

Teachers:

Andrea Burks, Page Callen,
Christa Williams

1st Grade: Room 210

Teachers:

Claire Graves, Krisan Parish

4th Grade: Room 204

Teachers:

Samuel Bolen, Gabriel Garcia, Jake Garner,
Angela Simpkins

2nd Grade: Room 207

Teachers:

Haley Arndt, Tyler Espinoza, Kristen Owens

5th Grade: Room 202

Teachers:

Liz Callen, Gene Everitt, Amanda McGuffey

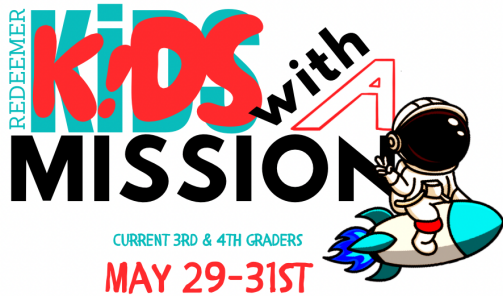
Nursery (2-3): The Gospels

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 for more information and to sign up.



Children's Church, May 4

Introduction to the Apostles Creed: "The third day He rose again from the dead." 8:00am service only, for ages 4-5.

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

High School Picnic & Games at The Park, Apr 27

High Schoolers, come join us at Laurel Street Park in Belhaven for a picnic and games. Bring your own picnic dinner, invite a friend, and bring a ball or outdoor game if you want to! Youth Staff will bring dessert. We'll gather from 5:30-7:00pm, reach out to Stephanie Greer at sgreer@redeemerjackson.com with any questions.

High School Gathering at The Jamison's, May 4

High Schoolers, come hang out at the Jamison's home from 5:30-7:00pm on May 4! Please RSVP to Wilson at wjamison@redeemerjackson.com to let us know if you can be there!

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of Apr 27

Children & Youth Sunday

Jeremy Smith, 601.278.2260

Sunday, Apr 27

- 8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 5:30pm High School Picnic & Games
at The Park

Monday, Apr 28

- 6:00pm GriefShare

Tuesday, Apr 29

- 7:00am Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Choir Practice
- 7:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Apr 30

- 6:00pm Hope Exchange
Community Group

Thursday, May 1

- 12:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:30pm RYA Contentment Bible
Discussion

Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 3

- 8:30am Men's Basketball
- 9:00am Saturday Serve: Assembling
Gift Bags for Teachers

Sunday, May 4

- 8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- Various Sunday Growth Groups
- 5:30pm High School Gathering
at The Jamison's

STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor
Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherd & 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.
Marculus 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:

May 5: Session & Diaconate Meetings
May 10: 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
June 23-26: VBS
July 2: Fellowship Potluck
July 19-23: Redeemer Kids to Lake Forest Ranch



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