



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—May 25, 2025

“God’s Medicine for Our Anxious Hearts”

—Matthew 6:19-34

Reflection Quote

“In the first half of Matthew 6 (verses 1-18) Jesus describes the Christian's private life 'in the secret place' (giving, praying, fasting); in the second half of Matthew 6 (verses 19-34) he is concerned with our public business in the world (questions of money, possessions, food, drink, clothing and ambition). God is equally concerned with both areas of our life - private and public, religious and secular. For on the one hand, 'Your heavenly Father sees in secret' (verses 4, 6, and 18), and on the other, 'Your heavenly Father knows that you need' food, drink and clothing (verse 32).” —John Stott

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Time of Greeting

Introit

“He Has Done Marvelous Things”

He has done marvelous,
He has done marvelous things, Praise the Lord!

Marvelous, marvelous, marvelous, marvelous things, Praise the Lord!

He's done marvelous things, He's done marvelous things, Praise the Lord! *Repeat as directed.*

* Call to Worship

Psalms 8

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Brian Gault

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 31:34

Rev. Brian Gault

...for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

* Song of Preparation

“You Are Good”

Lord You are good, and Your mercy endureth forever,
Lord You are good, and Your mercy endureth forever,
People from every nation and tongue,
From generation to generation.

Chorus: We worship You, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We worship You, For who You are.
We worship You, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We worship You, for who You are,
You are good. *Repeat Chorus as directed.*

You are good, all the time,
All the time, You are Good.

*** Song of Praise**

"Praise Him"

Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, Blessed Savior. He's worthy to be praised. *Repeat*
From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same;
He's worthy, Jesus is worthy. He's worthy to be praised.

Glory! Glory! In all things, give Him glory.
Jesus, Blessed Savior. He's worthy to be praised.

For God is our rock, hope of salvation;
a strong deliverer. In Him will I always trust.
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, Blessed Savior.
He's worthy to be praised.

Old & Testament Scripture Readings

Rev. Brian Gault

Proverbs 30:7-9

Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die: Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.

1 Timothy 6:6-10

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Herb Sanders, Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

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

"Grateful"

Redeemer Choir

I am grateful for the things
that you have done.
Yes, I'm grateful for the victories we've won.
I could go on and on and on about your works,
because I'm grateful, grateful, so grateful, just to praise you Lord.
Flowing from my heart
Are the issues of my heart
Is gratefulness. *Repeat*

Grateful, Grateful, Grateful, Grateful, Grateful, Grateful, Grateful, Grateful, Grateful,
Grateful, Grateful, Gratefulness. Repeat as directed.

Flowing from my heart
Are the issues of my heart
Is gratefulness

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Matthew 6:19-34

Pew Bible p. 811

Sermon Title

God's Medicine for Our Anxious Hearts

***Hymn of Faith**

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
Where God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

Chorus: I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound) I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound) I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more. *Chorus*

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*** Departing Song**

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest? *Chorus*

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Herb Sanders & Mrs. Mary Sanders (8:00am)
Mr. Herb Sanders & Mrs. Mary Sanders (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)

SERMON NOTES

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—*Matthew 6:19-34*

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: As she grieves the loss of her brother and nephew.
- 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

- June Marie Weitz, 5.14.25, Covenant daughter of Connor & Chiara Weitz.
- Rowan David Hubele, 5.9.25, Covenant son of Matthew & Livi Hubele.

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

SEEKING TO SERVE

RedeemerKids Leader Safety Training, June 4

As we prepare for an exciting and impactful Vacation Bible School, the safety of our children and leaders is our top priority. All leaders with RedeemerKids are required to attend a brief safety training session prior to the start of the week. This training will cover essential guidelines on child protection, emergency procedures, and creating a safe, welcoming environment for every child. Join us in the fellowship hall after the potluck from 7:15-8:00pm. Sign up through the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday.

Community Garden Workday, June 14

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 ***

Redeemer Coed Softball Team

Summer softball kicks off the first week of June! Games will be on Mon, Tues, or Thurs at Liberty Park. All adults & teens (16+) are welcome—no experience needed. Join us for fun, fellowship, and friendly competition! To sign up or for more information email Jajuan McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com.

Church-Wide Brunches on the First Sunday of the Month

Redeemer is starting a new rhythm on June 1. On the first Sunday of the month, we will hold church-wide brunches in the Fellowship Hall. This provides more space for us to lean into the community of the saints and will replace the Sunday School breaks in the overall Sunday School schedule. Now there will be something during the Sunday School hour every Sunday!

You'll see two kinds of church-wide brunches: Fellowship Brunches (even months) and Prayer Brunches (odd months). The difference? At the end of Fellowship Brunches, there may be updates or activities, and at the end of the Prayer Brunches, we will gather together for 10-15 of directed group prayer.

Fellowship Brunch: Move-Up Day, June 1

As we move into a pattern of gathering as a whole congregation during the Sunday School hour on the first Sunday of the month, we hope EVERYONE will join us for our first brunch on June 1, 9:45-10:35. At this brunch we will celebrate 'Move-Up Day' as our kids in Nursery, Children's Ministry, and Youth Ministry move up a grade, both in Sunday School and in the life Redeemer.

Fellowship Potluck, June 4

This summer we have Wednesday Fellowship Potlucks planned to foster hospitality, connectedness, and belonging. During the summer, the calendar at Redeemer slows and we take a break from our regular rhythms to rest. Wednesday Fellowship Potlucks give us a simple and easy time together to stay connected. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:00pm on June 4, June 18, July 2, and July 16. What do I bring? On June 4, 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 or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information

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

Welcoming Katie Drake as Director of Women's Ministry

We're excited to announce that Katie Drake joined our staff as Director of Women's Ministry starting May 12! A longtime member of Redeemer, Katie has faithfully served in various ways since 2011. In this new part-time role, she will gradually transition into leadership while continuing her private counseling practice part-time.



As Director of Women's Ministry, Katie will help lead Redeemer women to know God more intimately through the study of Scripture, fellowship, and service in the life of the church. Her role will include partnering with the Women's Ministry Leadership Team to shepherd and equip women, plan studies and events, foster connections, and support discipleship across generations and backgrounds. Katie brings with her a deep love for God's Word, strong relational and leadership gifts, and a passion for encouraging women in their walk with Christ.

Katie is a Mississippi native who came to faith as a teenager. She attended Mississippi State University and later earned a Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy from Reformed Theological Seminary. She and her husband, Luke, met at Redeemer and have three children—Henry, Lily, and Beckett.

Please join us in welcoming and praying for Katie as she steps into this role and begins serving our church family in this new way!

Thanks to the Director of Women's Ministry Search Committee

As we hire ministry staff at Redeemer, the Session forms a Search Committee to determine the job description, create the application, evaluate the applicants, and propose a candidate.

The Director of Women's Ministry Search Committee was formed in September 2024 and now is dismissed with thanks: Haley Arndt, Philip Carter, Brian Gault, TK Harris, Renee Jefferson, Barry McCay, Beth Morgan, Kirsten Pearce, and Mandy Penny.

A Big Thank You to Haley Arndt

Over the last two plus years, Haley Arndt has served tirelessly as the Chair of the Women's Ministry Leadership Team. As Katie Drake joins our staff, Haley will aid Katie in her transition and begin the process of stepping down.

Haley, thank you for your dedication, leadership, and service in this season. The Lord has used your love for God's people, passion for his word, thoroughness in details, patience in process, and faithfulness in life to build his church—and we are grateful!

In her volunteer role, Haley has served faithfully with wisdom and discernment to partner with and lead the Women's Ministry Leadership team as they have guided our thriving Women's Ministry with over 100 women weekly involved in 5 different Bible Studies in the life of the church. She served on the Committee of Discipleship Ministries and Co-Chaired the Director of Women's Ministry Search Committee.

No Sunday School, May 18 & 25

Spring Block 2 Sunday School ended May 11. There will be no Sunday School May 18 and 25, and the Fellowship Brunch on June 1 will resume our regular Sunday School schedule.

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 **June 17**. Know someone who might be interested? See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.

Summer Joint Adult Sunday School *9:45-10:35am*

2025 Summer Sunday School
begins June 8 and concludes July 27.

Praying Biblical Prayers

Teachers: Brian Gault, Elbert McGowan, Jr., Wilson Jamison, Kelle Menogan,
William Stackler, Rome Douglas

Location: Sanctuary

Prayer is a vital part of the Christian life. At times we pray alone, on Sundays we pray together in corporate worship, and other times we gather to pray in small groups. As Martin Luther once said, "Let us pray—in the church, with the church, for the church!"

This summer, in our joint adult Sunday School class, we'll explore prayers found throughout Scripture—a lament in Psalm 13, a prayer of corporate repentance in Nehemiah 9, the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6, a prayer of faith and praise in Habakkuk, and more. Through these passages, we'll consider how the content and tone of biblical prayers can shape our own rhythms of prayer. Each week, we'll conclude our time by praying one of these prayers together. Our hope is that as we open God's word and lift our voices in prayer, he would deepen our dependence on him and renew our daily habit of seeking him in all things.

Summer Children & Youth Sunday School

2025 Summer Adult Sunday School
begins June 8 and concludes July 27.

Youth (6th-12th): Psalms

Location: Youth Room

Teachers: Kelle Menogan, William Stackler, Ian Deffenbaugh, & Wilson Jamison

Over the summers, Redeemer Youth has leaned into habits of grace such as reading the Bible and prayer. This summer, we are focusing on the Psalms. The Psalter helps believers to connect with God through every season of life. Martin Luther described the Psalms as "a little Bible" in which everything that is in the entire Bible is comprehended most beautifully and briefly. Each week we will unpack a different psalm, discovering how it guides us in honest prayer, worship and trust. All middle school and high school students are invited to join us this summer as we reflect on the Psalms and deepen our relationship with God.

We will be doing a joint class, so middle school and high school will be together!

Children's (K4-5th): New City Catechism

This summer, during our six-week Sunday School series, children will explore foundational truths about God, Creation, and God's Law using the New City Catechism. Each week, they will engage with a key question and answer from the catechism, helping them understand who God is, why He created the world, and what His commandments teach us about living for Him. Through age-appropriate lessons, activities, and Scripture memory, our children will be encouraged to grow in their faith and love for God.

We're excited to walk with your children through these important truths!

K4-K5: Room 209/211

3rd Grade: Room 207

1st & 2nd Grade: Room 210

4th & 5th Grade: Room 205 & 206

Nursery (2-3):

Exploring God's Word Through the Old Testament

This summer, our Nursery Sunday School classes will be looking at God's faithfulness in the lives of his Old Testament saints from Moses to Daniel and God's fulfillment of his promises, especially the very best promise to send Jesus the Savior. In every lesson they will be pointed to Jesus and their need for Him.

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

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

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of May 25

Grafton Bragg, 601.624.1153

Sunday, May 25

8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available

9:45am No Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

Monday, May 26

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, May 28

12:00pm Book Discussion

Thursday, May 29

9:00am Kids With a Mission

6:00pm Book Discussion

Friday, May 30

9:00am Kids With a Mission

Saturday, May 31

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, June 1

8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available

9:45am No Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

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

Katie Drake, Director of Women's Ministry

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

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

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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:

June 2: Session & Diaconate Meetings

June 4: RedeemerKids Leader Safety Training

June 4: Fellowship Potluck

June 18: Fellowship Potluck

June 23-26: VBS

July 2: Fellowship Potluck

July 16: Fellowship Potluck

July 19-23: Redeemer Kids to Lake Forest Ranch

August 3: Session & Diaconate Meetings



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