



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—May 4, 2025

“The Struggle to Pray—and The Savior Who Helps (pt. 3)”

—Matthew 6:11-15

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* Call to Worship

James 1:16-18

Rev. Wilson Jamison
Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Wilson Jamison

Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 130:3-4

Rev. Wilson Jamison

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

“O Happy Day”

Leader: O happy day

Response: O happy day

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Response: O happy day

Leader: When Jesus washed

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Leader: O when He washed

Response: O when He washed

Leader: He washed my sins away

Response: O happy day

Leader: It was a happy day

Response: O happy day

All: He taught me how — to watch — fight and pray — fight and pray
And live rejoicing every day — every day

* Song of Praise

“Ancient of Days”

Though the nations rage Kingdoms rise and fall, there is still one King reigning over all.
So I will not fear for this truth remains: That my God is the Ancient of Days.

Chorus: None above Him, none before Him, All of time in His hands.

For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.

All the power, all the glory I will trust in His name, for my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul, He is here with me I am not alone.
O His love is sure and He knows my name, for my God is the Ancient of Days. *Chorus*

Though I may not see what the future brings, I will watch and wait for the Savior King. Then
my joy complete, standing face to face,
in the presence of the Ancient of Days. *Chorus*

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Andy Sauerwein, Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Dr. Andy Sauerwein

*****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.*

Special Music

"Rejoice & Lament"

Peter Davis & Band

Chorus: Learn this lesson well, my friend
There's a time to rejoice and lament
Every season will find an end
All will fade and be made new again

Standing on the rocks of the railroad tracks, feet calloused,
eyes open, sun beats on my back as I gaze upon the unseen winds

And they are wandering, whispering wisdom that's eternal.
From the heart to the mind, to the hand to the journal
now the kernel of the seeds in the cleft of the rock
and it's watered by the winds, having power to unlock and.

Stop the clock of chronological logic, with its homogenized systems
that are dead and can't dodge it.

Being deaf to the voice of the Almighty One. Spirit illumines the dark like a fire, revealing
the way that was hidden but is higher.

Now we must travel on the wings that will never grow tired
of searching the mysteries of God.

I said Father the feathers of my wax wings, fall away by the rising of the sun.
And I have descended when I was undone, and I will ascend when your Spirit comes.
Because what's been done and overcome, cannot be stopped by the power of any human.

Like the number of sand we will stand and we will fall,
all in the face of an eternal call.

But those who call on His name, in the midst of the pain,
in the guilt and the shame, and the world full of blame,
and all the bloody stains from the unjust gains. I learned all men suffer the same
Because we're wayward sons, and all our jokes betray. Our foolish hearts and our selfish
ways but if we would turn to the Father's grace,
we would never be the same this is an unseen land of a devastated soul.
That's prepared in contemplative silence for the mighty working hand of an unseen Lord.
To come restore this land from its violence I said walk another mile, stare across the fields
of grain, this is how the prophets train.

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Matthew 6:11-15

Pew Bible p. 811

Sermon Title

The Struggle to Pray—and The Savior Who Helps (pt. 3)

*** Communion Hymn**

"His Mercy is More"

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *Chorus*

Communion

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr. and The Elders

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*** Departing Song**

"His Mercy is More"

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more! (*Chorus*)

Prayer Intercessor Team

Dr. Andy Sauerwein & Mrs. Quita Sauerwein (8:00am)
Dr. Andy Sauerwein & Mrs. Quita Sauerwein (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)

SERMON QUESTIONS

- What was most encouraging or challenging to you in this week's sermon?
- Jesus warns against the illusion of self-sufficiency. Where do you see that illusion showing up in your own life, and how might prayer re-center you?
- Why do you think Jesus teaches us to pray for daily bread instead of long-term provision? What does this teach us about trust and contentment?
- Jesus teaches us to ask for forgiveness using the language of "debts." How does this reshape your understanding of sin, repentance, and grace?
- Jesus instructs us to ask—not just for provision and pardon—but also for protection. How should the prayer "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" shape your daily awareness of spiritual danger and dependence on God?
- Jesus invites us to bring our needs to God freely. He commands us to ask! What gets in the way of asking God for what you truly need—and how can you grow in bold, humble prayer?
- Jesus teaches us to address God as "Our Father." How does this reality—that we've been adopted into God's family—assure you that God hears and delights to answer your prayers?
- What is one specific way you can put this kind of prayer into practice this week—not just learning *about* prayer, but actually *praying* in honest, daily dependence on your Father?

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.
- 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.

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 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 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!

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 ***

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.

No Sunday School, May 18 & 25

Spring Block 2 Sunday School ends 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.

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

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 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!

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KIDS with
MISSION
CURRENT 3RD & 4TH GRADERS



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VISIT THE TWO
MUSEUMS

TOUR

WALKING TOUR OF
THE CITY OF
JACKSON

JOIN US AS WE LEARN ABOUT THE CITY OF
JACKSON AND HOW WE CAN APPLY OUR
HEARTS AND HANDS TO JESUS' MISSION.

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PARTNERS.

MAY 29-31ST

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REGISTER



THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of May 4

Ellis Tucker, 769.230.4962

Sunday, May 4

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

Monday, Apr May 5

- 6:00pm Session & Diaconate Meetings

Tuesday, May 6

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

Wednesday, May 7

- 6:00pm Hope Exchange
Community Group

Thursday, May 8

- 12:00pm Women's Bible Study

Friday, May 9

Saturday, May 10

- 8:30am Men's Basketball
9:00am Community Garden Workday

Sunday, May 11

- 8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available
9:45am 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
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

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Jonathan Lancaster
Lane Morgan
Greg Ross
Jaimar Scott
Seth Shannon
Jonathan Shull
Jeremy Smith
Ellis Tucker
Johnston Walker
Tamarco White

COMING UP:

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
August 3: Session & Diaconate Meetings



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