



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—June 1, 2025

“Planks, Specks, Dogs, and Pigs”

—Matthew 7:1-6

Reflection Quote

“Change is a community project. Christian friendships not only help us see something (the love of God); they also help us do something (obey God). Both are important and must be kept together as we think about the Christian life. Christian friendships do not simply help us bask in the sunshine of God’s grace; they also help us to roll up our sleeves and strive after holiness.” —Tim Lane and Paul Tripp

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* Call to Worship

Titus 2:11-14

Rev. Wilson Jamison

Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Wilson Jamison

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-19

Rev. Wilson Jamison

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

* Song of Preparation

“At The Cross”

Alas! and did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Refrain: At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day!

Thy body slain, sweet Jesus, Thine—And bathed in its own blood—
While the firm mark of wrath divine, His Soul in anguish stood. *Refrain.*

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree! *Refrain.*

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut His glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker died, for man the creature’s sin. *Refrain.*

Thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears. *Refrain*

*** Song of Praise**

"Revelation Song"

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, Holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty!
Who was, and is, and is to come.
With all creation I sing: praise to the King of kings!
You are my everything, and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning rolls of thunder.
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
to You the only one wise King. *Chorus*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name.
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water, such a marvelous mystery! *Chorus*

Confession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

Rev. Wilson Jamison

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hades. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Gene Dent, Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Mr. Gene Dent

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.

Children's Church (Ages 4-5) 8:00am only

Introduction to the Apostles Creed. "He ascended into heaven."

Parents: After worship in giving, you are welcome to send your child (4-5) to children's church before the end of special music.

Congregational Song

"Who You Say I Am"

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in, oh His love for me, oh His love for me!

Chorus: Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed,
I'm a child of God, yes I am!

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me, yes He died for me!

Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed,
I'm a child of God, yes I am!
In my Father's house there's a place for me,
I'm a child of God, yes I am!

I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am! *Repeat as directed.*

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am.
I am who You say I am. *Chorus.*

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Matthew 7:1-6
Pew Bible p. 812

Sermon Title

Planks, Specks, Dogs, and Pigs

***Communion Hymn**

"Jesus My Great High Priest"

Jesus, my great High Priest offered His blood and died.
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
His pow'rful blood did once atone, and now it pleads before the throne;
And now it pleads before the throne.
To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set; My Surety paid the dreadful debt;
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

Chorus: Now I approach the throne, and I have confidence
Jesus, my great High Priest offered His blood and died.
Now I approach the throne, and I have confidence Jesus,
My great High Priest offered His blood and died for me.

Communion

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr. and the Elders

Communion Music

"We Fall Down"

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus.
The greatness of Your mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.

Chorus: And we cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
is The Lamb. *Repeat as directed.*

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*** Departing Song**

"Jesus My Great High Priest"

My Advocate appears for my defense on high;
The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say shall turn His heart, His love, away,
Shall turn His heart, His love, away. *Chorus*

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Gene Dent & Mrs. Betty Marsha Dent (8:00am)
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***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 ***

- 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

- Carter Louise Lancaster, 5.29.25, Covenant daughter of Jonathan & Frances Lancaster.

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!

Volunteer for VBS, June 23-26

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and we need your help! VBS is a once yearly intensive study for kids K4- 5th grade. We take the time to eat together, study God's word, sing God's word, memorize God's word and play. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to sign up to serve.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

Church-Wide Brunches on the First Sunday of the Month

Redeemer is starting a new rhythm today, 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 today, 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.

Redeemer Music Ministry Gathering, June 22

If you have participated in Redeemer's Music Ministry in anyway or if you are interested in participating in the future, you are invited to an after church social around the pool! We will meet at the home of Joyce Hamme on Sunday, June 22 at 1:00pm. Lunch will be catered, please bring a dessert and/or a side to share, enough for 10 people. Please RSVP to Akida Mosby at akidamosby@yahoo.com.

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

Sabbatical for Zack Owens, May 30-July 18

Zack Owens is currently on Sabbatical. He will return by speaking at Lake Forest Ranch Camp the week of July 18, and will be back in the church office the week of July 28.

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

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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

Vacation Bible School, June 23-27

VBS is a once yearly intensive study for kids k4- 5th grade. We take the time to eat together, study God's word, sing God's word, memorize God's word and play. This year our theme is Creation Kingdom. Join us Mon-Thur from 5:30-7:30pm—it'll be a blast! See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information and to sign up.



Upside Down Returns Aug 20

Upside Down, our weekly programming for K4-5th grade will return on Aug 20.

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

Crossroads Returns Aug 20

Crossroads, our weekly programming for students 6-8th grade will return on Aug 20.

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of June 1

Preston Denley, 662.231.3332

Sunday, June 1

- 8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available
9:45am Move-Up Sunday Fellowship
Brunch
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, June 2

- 6:00pm Session & Diaconate Meetings

Tuesday, June 3

- 7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, June 4

- 12:00pm Book Discussion
6:00pm Fellowship Potluck
7:15pm RedeemerKids Leader
Safety Training

Thursday, June 5

Friday, June 6

Saturday, June 7

- 8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, June 8

- 8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available
9:45am Summer Sunday School Begins
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
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Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant
Jerome Douglas, Dir Neighborhood Outreach & Missions
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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
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Joyce Hamme, Arthur Phillips, Meg Mills, Akida Mosby

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Gene Dent
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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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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:

June 18: Fellowship Potluck
June 23-26: VBS
June 25: Community Garden Workday
July 2: Fellowship Potluck
July 6: Church-Wide Prayer Brunch
July 16: Fellowship Potluck
July 19-23: RedeemerKids to Lake Forest Ranch
Aug 3: Church-Wide Brunch
Aug 4: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Aug 10: Fall Sunday School Begins



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