



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—June 15, 2025

“A Beautiful Guide for Christian Conduct”

—Matthew 7:12

Reflection Question

“Of the many ways to describe or articulate the Torah, two are pertinent in our text: one can either multiply laws so as to cover all possible situations, or one can reduce the law to its essence. Jesus reduces the Torah to two points—loving God, loving others—not to abolish the many laws but to comprehend them and to see them in their innermost essence.”

— Scot McKnight

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* Call to Worship

Psalms 34

Mr. Jerome Douglas

Director of Neighborhood Outreach & Missions

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Jerome Douglas

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:8

Mr. Jerome Douglas

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* Song of Preparation

“Gospel Medley”

What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve.

Angels bow before Him, Heaven and earth adore Him, what a mighty God we serve!

What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve.

Angels bow before Him, Heaven and earth adore Him, what a mighty God we serve!

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter His courts with praise.

I will say this is the day that the Lord has made,

I will rejoice for He has made me glad!

He has made me glad, oh He has made me glad,

I will rejoice for He has made me glad!

He has made me glad, oh He has made me glad,

I will rejoice for He has made me glad. *Repeat as directed.*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made

I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made I will rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day, this is the day That the Lord has made. *Repeat as directed*

*** Song of Praise**

"Good, Good Father"

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like,
but I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night,
and you tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone.

Chorus: You're a Good, Good Father, it's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are.
And I'm loved by you, it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
but I know we're all searching for answers only you provide
cause you know just what we need before we say a word. *Chorus.*

Cause you are perfect in all of your ways. You are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways to us. *Repeat*

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think.

As you call me deeper still [x3] Into love, love, love. *Chorus.*

Old & New Testament Scripture Readings

Mr. Jerome Douglas

Leviticus 19:9-18

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

Mr. Rob Vickery, Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Mr. Rob Vickery

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

"Be Patient With Me"

Please be patient with me, God is not through with me yet.
Please be patient with me, God is not through with me yet.

When God gets through with me, when God gets through with me,
I shall come forth, I shall come forth like pure gold.

If you should see me and I'm not walking right,
and if you should hear me and I'm not talking right;
Please remember what God has done for me,
Please remember that God is not through with me,
when He gets through with me, I'll be what He wants me to be.

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Matthew 7:12
Pew Bible p. 812

Sermon Title

"A Beautiful Guide for Christian Conduct"

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

Introduction to the Apostles Creed. "...and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty."

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

*** Hymn of Faith**

"Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
points to the refuge, the mighty cross. *Refrain*

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*** Departing Song**

"Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, whiter than snow you may be today. *Refrain*

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Scott Marshall & Mrs. Alecia Wallace (8:00am)
Mr. Dave Garner & Mrs. Tam Garner (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)

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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: 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

- Nova Elena Marshall, 5.31.25, Covenant daughter of Nathan & Ebony Marshall.

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

SEEKING TO SERVE

Community Garden Workday, June 25

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 5:30-7:00pm. 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 ***

Fellowship Potluck, June 18

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 18, July 2, and July 16. What do I bring? On June 18, if your LAST NAME starts with...

A-I: bring a side

J-Q: bring a dessert

R-Z: bring a main dish

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 ***

Welcome New Members

On June 2 the Session voted to accept 15 new members and 10 communicants. All 25 new members were presented for membership on June 8. If you wish to get a pictorial directory of new members—or an updated complete directory—email office@redeemerjackson.com.

Stephanie Greer Goes Part-Time July 1

Starting July 1, Stephanie Greer will transition to a part-time role with Redeemer Youth as she begins the Masters of Arts in Counseling program at RTS. She is looking forward to being able to further her education through this program, and is also excited to continue serving on staff with Redeemer Youth. Stephanie joined ministry staff in 2021 and has loved the past four years working with our church's 6th-12th grade students. To be able to focus her hours on communication, event coordination, and girls' discipleship, she will take a step back from teaching regularly at Crossroads, Rooted, and Sunday School. Stephanie does an exceptional job caring for our youth students, and we're thankful for her continued presence as she pursues her masters.



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

Teachers:

Jajuan McNeil, Rachel Harbarger, Amanda McGuffey, Beth Clarke, Morgan Barber

3rd Grade: Room 207

Teachers:

Christa Williams, Page Callen, Andrea Burks

1st & 2nd Grade: Room 210

Teachers:

Emmaline Smith, Krisan Parish, Claire Graves, Gene Everitt, KK Harrington

4th & 5th Grade: Room 205 & 206

Teachers:

Angela Simpkins, Samuel Bolen, Tyler Espinoza

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

Summer Small Groups (6th-12th)

A time for a devotional, prayer, fellowship, and learning a practical skill. We'll meet on Mondays from 3:30-5:00pm on June 9, 30, and July 14. Guys will be at Wilson's House and Girls at Stephanie's House. Visit the Redeemer Youth GroupMe for addresses and more information.

Mayday Meetups (6th-8th)

A come and go hangout with friends, youth leaders, and ice cream (\$2 Kids Scoops)! Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm on June 24, and July 1, 15.

Snack Stops (9th-12th)

Come grab a bite to eat and hang out with your friends and youth leaders! Check the GroupMe for location/meeting time. We will change it up week to week. Meeting the Weeks of: June 30, and July 14.

Crossroads Returns Aug 20 Crossroads Returns Aug 20

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

Rooted Returns Aug 24

Rooted, our weekly programming for 9th-12th grade will return on Aug 24.

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of June 15

Davidson Forester, 601. 594.4132

Sunday, June 15

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

9:45am Summer Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

Monday, June 16

Tuesday, June 17

7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, June 18

12:00pm Book Discussion

6:00pm Fellowship Potluck

Thursday, June 19

Friday, June 20

Saturday, June 21

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, June 22

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

9:45am Summer 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

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:

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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