



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—June 22, 2025
“The Fork in the Road: Which Path Are You On?”
—Matthew 7:13-29

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Time of Greeting

Introit

“Again I Say Rejoice”

*Chorus: Rejoice in the Lord always
And again I say, and again I say
Rejoice in the Lord always
And again I say, and again I say...repeat as directed
Rejoice!*

*Come bless the Lord, come bless the Lord
Draw near to worship Christ the Lord
And bless His name, His Holy name
Declaring He is good! Repeat as directed.*

*○ that men would praise Him,
○ that men would praise Him! Chorus*

*○ that men would praise His name
Praise His name to the ends of the earth...repeat as directed
○ that men would praise Him
○ that men would praise Him! Chorus*

*** Call to Worship**

John 10:1-11

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Brian Gault

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7

Rev. Brian Gault

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace...

*** Song of Preparation**

"Oh, How I Love Jesus"

There is a Name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest Name on earth.

Refrain: O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. *Refrain.*

It tells me what my Father hath in store for ev'ry day,
And, tho I tread a darksome path, yields sunshine all the way. *Refrain.*

It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. *Refrain.*

*** Song of Praise**

"Jesus, What a Beautiful Name!"

Jesus, what a beautiful Name!
Son of God, Son of man, Lamb that was slain
Joy and peace strength and hope
Grace that blows all fear away!
Jesus, what a beautiful Name!

Jesus, what a beautiful Name!
Truth revealed, my future sealed, healed my pain
Love and freedom life and warmth
Grace that blows all fear away!
Jesus, what a beautiful Name!

Jesus, what a beautiful Name!
Rescued my soul, My stronghold, lifts me from shame
Forgiveness, security, power and love
Grace that blows all fear away!
Jesus, what a beautiful Name!

Confessing The Faith: New City Catechism

Rev. Brian Gault

Q. 32 What do justification and sanctification mean?

A. Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

Q. 33 Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?

A. No, they should not, as everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ. To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior.

Q. 34 Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?

A. Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.

Q. 48 What is the church?

A. God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Trey Watkins, 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.*

Special Music

"War in The Heavenlies"

Chorus: War in the Heavenlies
Tearing down principalities
Standing firm in Jesus' victory.
War in the Heavenlies
Casting down every high thing
That exalts itself against the knowledge of Christ.
We do not bow our knee to the prince of the air.
We know the truth shall set us free.
And under our feet he will surely be crushed.
Having done all we'll stand in victory. Chorus
Our hearts are set apart for the course of the Lord.
We will not be bought or sold.
By His Spirit in us we shall overcome.
Tearing down every stronghold.
Our God is sovereign and His Kingdom has no end.
Mighty in battle He's the King of all Kings.
And over all He will forever reign.

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Matthew 7:13-29

Pew Bible p. 812

Sermon Title

The Fork in the Road: Which Path Are You On?

*** Hymn of Faith**

"Amazing Grace"

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear—
The hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far,
and Grace will lead me home.

* **Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* **Departing Song**

"Amazing Grace"

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
than when we'd first begun.

Prayer Intercessor Team

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

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

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)

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: As she grieves the loss of her brother and nephew.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.
- Tu & Caroline Combs: As Caroline undergoes treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.

Births

- Eleanor Jane Agre, 6.13.25, Covenant daughter of Jeff & Dana Agre.

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!

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

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 today, Sunday, June 22 at 1:00pm. Lunch will be catered, please bring a dessert and/or a side to share, enough for 10 people.

Fellowship Potluck, July 2

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 July 2, and July 16. What do I bring? On July 2, 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.

Church-Wide Prayer Brunch, July 6

Join us for our monthly congregation wide brunch during the Sunday School hour on July 6! We'll enjoy food and fellowship, then spend the last 10 minutes praying together as a church. Be sure and pick up your littles from the nursery before coming to brunch, we want everyone, including our diligent nursery workers, to be able to join us!

Fathers & Brothers & Sons Pickleball, July 17, 6-8p

Are you better than Jermaine Van Buren? Can you beat Wilson Jamison? Men ages 13 & up, whether you're a 7.6 player or don't know the rules, join us at Parham Bridges July 17, 6-8p. It's \$4 cash per person, and we have ALL the courts reserved (except 1). RSVP in the Redeemer Pickleball GroupMe or to Jermaine at jvbjr2915@gmail.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 **Aug 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

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 30 and July 14. Guys will be at Wilson's House and Girls at Stephanie's House. Visit the Redeemer Youth Group-Me 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 22

Jon Fults 601.212.3327

Sunday, June 22

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

9:45am Summer Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

Monday, June 23

5:30pm VBS

Tuesday, June 24

5:30pm VBS

7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, June 25

12:00pm Book Discussion

5:30pm VBS

5:30pm Community Garden Workday

Thursday, June 26

Friday, June 27

Saturday, June 28

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, June 29

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

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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:

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

Aug 20: Upside Down Begins

Aug 20: Crossroads Begins

Aug 24: Rooted Begins

Sep 7: Church-Wide Prayer Brunch



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