



## REDEEMER CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—June 8, 2025

*“The Savior’s Much-Needed Encouraging Words on Prayer”*

—Matthew 7:7-11

### Reflection Question

“What is prayer? Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of His mercies.”—*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q.98*

### Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

### Missions Moment

Brent Kooi, MTW

### Introit

*“I Just Want to Praise You”*

I just wanna praise You forever and ever and ever for all You’ve done for me.

Blessings and glory and honor, they all belong to You.

Thank You Jesus for blessing me

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### \* Call to Worship

*Psalm 34*

Mr. Ian Deffenbaugh  
Intern

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

### Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Ian Deffenbaugh

### Assurance of Pardon

*Romans 8:1*

Mr. Ian Deffenbaugh

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

### \* Song of Preparation

*“Let It Rise”*

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,  
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,  
Let the praises of the King rise among us—Let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,  
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,  
Let the joy of the King, rise among us—Let it rise.  
Ohh, ohh, ohh, Let it rise

Hear my cry, O Lord, at the gates of death;  
My body is weak and I've lost all my breath.  
For You, O Lord, are the Righteous Judge.  
Be my stronghold, my refuge, my solid rock.  
Hear my cry! Hear my cry!

Hear my cry, O Lord, when I'm lost in sin.  
Search deep in my heart and restore me within  
for You, O Lord, are the Worthy Lamb.  
Be my Savior, Redeemer, my living Word.  
Hear my cry! Hear my cry!

*Chorus:* Oh, I love You, Lord, for You have heard my voice  
When in my deepest need, You turn to me and hear my cry.

Hear my cry. Hear my cry, O Lord, make Your church a light.  
A city that stands to defend what is right for You, O Lord, are the Glorious King. Be my  
shepherd, my master, my morning star.  
Hear my cry! Hear my cry! *Chorus.*

**New Members Presentation**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**Baptism**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*Andrew Burks, Communing Member (8:00am)*  
*Derrell Burks, Communing Member (8:00am)*  
*Kevin Bass, II, Communing Member (11:00am)*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Mr. William Stackler, 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**

*"Trust Me, Trust Me"*

Redeemer Choir

I will be with you. X3  
If you will only trust Me  
Trust Me, trust Me

I'll never leave you. X3  
If you will only trust Me  
Trust Me, trust Me

I'll fight your battle. X3  
If you will only trust Me  
Trust Me, trust Me

I am that I am  
I have all power  
I will deliver  
If you will only trust Me  
Trust Me, trust Me. *Repeat as directed.*

**Prayer of Illumination**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**Sermon Text**

Matthew 7:7-11

Pew Bible p. 812

**Sermon Title**

*"The Savior's Much-Needed Encouraging Words on Prayer"*

**\* Hymn of Faith**

*"Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"*

Time is filled with swift transition;  
Naught on earth unmoved can stand.  
Build your hope on things eternal, Hold to God's unchanging hand.

*Chorus:* Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand.  
Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand.  
Build your hope on things eternal,  
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Trust in Him who will not leave you,  
Whatsoever years may bring.  
If by earthly friends forsaken,  
Still more closely to Him cling. *Chorus*

Trust not in this world's vain riches that so rapidly decay.  
Seek to gain the Heavenly treasure that will never pass away. *Chorus*

**\* Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**\* Departing Song**

*"Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"*

When this journey is completed,  
Knowing God to you be true,  
Fair and bright the home and glory that is waiting there for you. *Chorus*

**Prayer Intercessor Team**

Dr. Barry McCay & Mrs. Ellen McCay (8:00am)  
Mr. William Stackler & Mrs. Amy Stackler (11:00am)

**\*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

- Nova Elena Marshall, 5.31.25, Covenant daughter of Nathan & Ebony Marshall.
- Carter Louise Lancaster, 5.29.25, Covenant daughter of Jonathan & Frances Lancaster.

See QR Code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](http://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) for updates and Take Them a Meal.

### \*\*\*SEEKING TO SERVE\*\*\*

### 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](http://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](http://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

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### 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](mailto: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 will be 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](mailto: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](https://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](http://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 Meetup (6th-8th)**

A come and go hangout with friends, youth leaders, and ice cream (\$2 Kids Scoops)! Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm on June 3, 10, 24, and July 1, 15.

**Snack Stop (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 2, 9, 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 8

Philip Carter, 601.665.5504

#### Sunday, June 8

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

9:45am Summer Sunday School Begins

11:00am Worship Service

#### Monday, June 9

#### Tuesday, June 10

7:00pm Choir Practice

#### Wednesday, June 11

12:00pm Book Discussion

#### Thursday, June 12

#### Friday, June 13

#### Saturday, June 14

8:30am Men's Basketball

#### Sunday, June 15

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.

Marculus 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 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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