



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Wilson Jamison—July 13, 2025

*“A (Pastoral) Detour to Make Abundantly Clear the
Unsearchable Riches of Christ”
—Ephesians 3:1-13*

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Wilson Jamison
Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry

Ministry Moment

Abigail Hartman
Saturday Serve

* Call to Worship

Psalm 22:27-31 Mr. Jerome Douglas
Director of Neighborhood Outreach & Missions

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations. All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Jerome Douglas

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2:13-14 Mr. Jerome Douglas

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

* Song of Preparation

“Better Than Life”

Your love is everlasting, it's an everlasting love,
Your mercy is as new as every rising of the sun
And Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life.
Your grace is all-sufficient, It's an all-sufficient grace,
Your power and Your glory are forever on display
And Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life.

Chorus: Oh, it's better, oh, better than life.
Oh, so much better,
Jesus, Your loving kindness is better than life.

Fairest of ten thousand, of ten thousand You are fair.
And nothing in this world could ever measure or compare
to Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life.
All your ways are just oh Lord, You're just in all Your ways.
And I will lift my hands oh Lord with gratitude and praise.
For Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life. *Chorus*

Jesus, your loving kindness, is better than life itself, better than life itself.
Jesus, your loving kindness, is better than life itself, better than life itself.
Jesus, your loving kindness, is better than life itself, better than life itself.

Oh, oh, oh... it's better.
Oh, oh, oh... it's better than life.
Oh, oh, oh, so much better.
Oh, oh, oh, Jesus, your loving kindness, (2x)...

is better than life.
Better than life.
Better than life.
Better than life.

*** Song of Praise**

"Cornerstone"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus name.

Chorus: Christ alone; cornerstone.
Weak made strong; in the Savior's love,
through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

When Darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil. *Chorus*

Christ alone; cornerstone.
Weak made strong; in the Savior's love,
through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all. *Chorus*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in Him be found;
dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. *Chorus*

New Testament Scripture Readings

Mr. Jerome Douglas

Galatians 3:7-14

Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will live by faith." The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, "The person who does these things will live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Grant Callen, Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Rev. Wilson Jamison

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.

Congregational Song

"For All The Saints"

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Allelu!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Allelu!

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Allelu!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed. Alleluia, Allelu!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way, Alleluia, Allelu!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Wilson Jamison

Sermon Text

Ephesians 3:1-13

Pew Bible p. 976

Sermon Title

*"A (Pastoral) Detour to Make Abundantly Clear the
Unsearchable Riches of Christ"*

*** Hymn of Faith**

"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*

*** Benediction**

Rev. Wilson Jamison

*** 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

Mr. Jeremy Smith & Mrs. Alli Smith(8:00am)
Mr. William Stackler Mrs. Amy Stackler (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 ***

- Kathryn Wilson and Family: As Kathryn battles fatigue and symptoms from West Nile virus in the last month of her pregnancy.
- Parker Honeycutt's mother: Recovery from emergency hernia surgery.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.
- Tu & Caroline Combs: As Caroline undergoes treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.

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

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

Join The Prayer Intercessor Team

If you have a heart for intercessory prayer and a desire to pray with and for others, we're inviting members of Redeemer to join the rotation of Prayer Intercessor Teams that serve at the end of each Sunday service. A short training is required to serve and will be held on Aug 19 during the worship committee meeting. Intercessors generally serve 1-2 times a quarter. Reach out to office@redeemerjackson.com for more information.

Saturday Serve, July 26

For our July Saturday Serve, we'll work together from 9:00am-12:00pm to prepare freezer meals for families who need the love and care that comes from a home cooked meal. The other team will be wielding vacuums, magic erasers, and other cleaning tools to do some deep cleaning in our church building. Can you peel vegetables? Can you wipe down a wall? This opportunity to serve is for you! See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to sign up.

Hope Exchange Equipping Allies Training, July 30

Curious how to best help people in need in our city, but not sure where to start? Consider attending Hope Exchange's Equipping Allies event, and you'll come away with best practices for offering humble and supportive friendship as you encounter people in material need who may also need practical help. Join us at Jackson Leadership Foundation from 6:00-8:00pm, see QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information and to sign up.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

Fellowship Potluck, July 16

Join us for our last Wednesday Fellowship Potluck of the summer! 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 and foster hospitality, connectedness, and belonging. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:00pm. What do I bring? If your LAST NAME starts with...

A-I: bring a dessert

J-Q: bring a main dish

R-Z: bring a side

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 *****

Welcome Markese Lee, Intern!

We're excited to welcome Markese Lee as our newest intern! A Jackson, Mississippi native and Belhaven University graduate, Markese came to faith during college and got involved in leadership with RUF. A Redeemer member for several years, Markese has helped with Children & Youth and RYA, and is now in the MDIV program at RTS. He brings a heart for pastoral ministry, a passion for apologetics, and enjoys ultra-running, weightlifting, and spending time outdoors with his wife, Emily.



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

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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

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. Our last meeting will be Monday July 14 from 3:30-5:00pm. 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)! Our last meeting is from 4:00-5:00pm on July 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. Our last week to meet is July 14!

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 July 13

Reid Haygood, 769.233.3203

Sunday, July 13

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

9:45am Summer Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

Monday, July 14

Tuesday, July 15

7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, July 16

6:00pm Fellowship Potluck

Thursday, July 17

6:00pm Fathers & Brothers & Sons
Pickleball

Friday, July 18

Saturday, July 19

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, July 20

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, Coordinator of Communications

& Operations, Assistant to the Pastor

Tina Collier, Administrative Assistant

Josh Anderson, Intern

Joshua Coleman, Intern

Ian Deffenbaugh, Intern

Markese Lee, 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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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:

Aug 3: Church-Wide Fellowship 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

Sept 3: Mom's Bible Study Begins

Sept 1: Church Office Closed

Sept 7: Church-Wide Prayer Brunch



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