



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—Nov 2, 2025
“Reconciliation After Human Wreckage”
—Genesis 45

Reflection Quote: “From a worm’s-eye view, Joseph’s life reads like a nightmare, a cacophony of outrageous excesses unjustly inflicted upon him. A rational conclusion that it is all absurd from this perspective could have made him an existentialist, a cynic, or a nihilist. But he chooses the heavenly perspective that God is working through him to bring about what is good. This enables him to forgive and encourage his brothers to do the same. Sin must be seen within the context of God’s set and eternal purpose. The believer can count on God to bring to pass his good pleasure regardless of what people intend.”—Bruce Waltke and Cathi Fredricks

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Call to Worship

Romans 8:26-30

Mr. Josh Anderson
Intern

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Josh Anderson

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14

Mr. Josh Anderson

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

* Song of Preparation

“Glory to His Name”

Down at the cross where my Savior died,
down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
there to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His Name!

Refrain: Glory to His Name, glory to His Name:
There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His Name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where He took me in;
Glory to His Name! *Refrain.*

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;
Glory to His Name! *Refrain.*

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,
cast your poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today and be made complete;
Glory to His Name! *Refrain.*

*** Song of Praise**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no North or South;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord, binding humankind.

Chorus: Join hands, then, members of the faith, whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as His child surely kin to me.

In Him those walls shall tumble down, that bear hostility,
and the whole family of God dwell in unity.

In Christ now meet both East and West; in Him meet North and South:
all Christ-like souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth. *Chorus*

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith Ch. 5

Mr. Josh Anderson

1. God the great Creator of all things upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his certain foreknowledge and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

2. In relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first cause, all things come to pass immutably and unerringly; yet, by the same providence, he orders them to come about according to the nature of secondary causes, either necessarily, freely, or contingently.

3. God, in his ordinary providence, makes use of means, yet is free to work without, above, and against, them, at his pleasure.

4. The almighty power, unsearchable wisdom, and infinite goodness of God do so far manifest themselves in his providence, that it extends even to the first fall, and all other sins of angels and people. Such do not happen by a bare permission, but are joined with a most wise and powerful bounding, ordering and governing of them, in various dispensations, for his own holy purposes, yet so that the sinfulness of them comes only from the creature, and not from God, who, being most holy and righteous, is not nor can be the author or approver of sin.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Scott Marshall
Ruling Elder

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

Introduction to Covenant Theology.

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

Worship in Giving

Mr. Scott Marshall

****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.*

Thank you for the cross, Lord.
Thank you for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame,
in love you came,
and gave amazing grace.

Thank you for this love, Lord.
Thank you for the nail pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow,
now all I know,
is your forgiveness and embrace.

Chorus: Worthy is the Lamb Seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns,
You reign victorious!

High and lifted up, Jesus Son of God
The Treasure of Heaven crucified,
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb!

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Genesis 45
Pew Bible p. 46

Sermon Title

"Reconciliation After Human Wreckage"

*** Hymn of Faith**

"Love Lifted Me"

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more,
But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry,
from the waters lifted me, now safe am I. *Refrain.*

Refrain: Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help Love lifted me!

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
in His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing,
Love so mighty and so true, merits my soul's best songs,
faithful, loving service too, to Him belongs. *Refrain.*

Communion

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr. and the Elders

Communion Music

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

***Departing Song**

"Love Lifted Me"

Souls in danger look above, Jesus completely saves,
He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey,
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today. *Refrain.*

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Scott Marshall & Mrs. Helen Marshall (8:00am)
Mr. Scott Marshall & Ms. Diane Johnston (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

Sermon Points

- The possibility of reconciliation.
- The paradox of reconciliation.
- The power for reconciliation.
- The peripheral blessings of reconciliation.

Sermon Questions

1. Is there someone with whom you are currently in an unreconciled relationship? From your vantage point, what's in the way of reconciliation? Are they unrepentant? Are you unrepentant? Have they withheld forgiveness? Have you withheld forgiveness? What's a good next step you can take along that path?
2. The sermon reminded us first that reconciliation is possible, despite the human wreckage. How do Joseph's actions and words make this evident? Recall all that he had to endure because of their sin. If anyone had reason to be bitter, he certainly did. How might their reconciliation offer hope for you?
3. The sermon also reminded us that reconciliation is paradoxical. On the one hand, Joseph names their sin. The scars of their sin are present in both his heart (45:21-24) and theirs (see Genesis 50:15). On the other hand, he forgives, weeps, welcomes, and is worried about their well-being. Forgiveness does not mean that the consequences of sin do not linger. Have you experienced this?
4. The sermon reminded us that the power for reconciliation is not merely human willpower or trite clichés such as "Time heals all wounds." We need something more. What implicit reality fuels human reconciliation? What explicit truth, expressed in the sermon, our call to worship, and our confession of faith, must be believed to let go of the bitterness and live within the paradox?
5. Ponder the beautiful providence of God expressed in Genesis 45:4-7. They sinned against him. But God, using their sin, accomplished His greater purposes! Where else do we see God using human wickedness to bring about good (see Acts 2:23)? How might believing this reshape our hearts and help us make sense of suffering?
6. The reconciliation of these brothers brings about peripheral blessings in this text. Who else benefits from their reconciliation? What might have happened to their families had they not been reconciled? Pharaoh's response shows that even he has been impacted by this. Might our reconciliation have missional implications?

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 ***

- Myah Lane: As she undergoes treatment for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.
- Tu & Caroline Combs: As Caroline undergoes treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.

Births

- Day Graham Tramel, 10.30.25, son of Robert & Sarah Tramel
- Sophia Gregory Berry, 10.24.25, daughter of Vann & Lexy Berry.

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

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

Help Assemble Food Boxes, Nov 8

With more than 300,000 Mississippians at risk of losing access to SNAP benefits, many of our neighbors could soon be facing food insecurity. The Owens/Dowell/Denley/Douglas Growth Group is organizing a day of service to pack shelf-stable food boxes for families in need. We'd love for you to join us as we care for our community together. We'll gather from 10:00am-1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. To sign up, email Jerome Douglas at jdouglas@redeemerjackson.com

Community Garden Workday, Nov 8

Join Hope Exchange as we care for the veggies, vines, and fruit trees in the Art + Soil Community Garden. The garden is a space for community and collaboration, for creation care and soul care, and for learning and networking. Join us from 9:00am-12:00pm at the corner of Robinhood and Londonderry road behind the church. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information and to sign up.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

Church-Wide Prayer Brunch, Nov 2

Join us TODAY for our monthly congregation wide brunch during the Sunday School hour! 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!

RYA Spiritual Formation Dinner & Discussion, Nov 6

Join RYA for our final panel discussion on Thurs, Nov 6 at the Dent's home (address in RYA GroupMe) from 6:30-8:00pm. We will be discussing how God's mission and evangelism aid in our spiritual formation. Pizza will be provided! Reach out to Chael Williams at cwilliams@rts.edu to RSVP or to join the RYA GroupMe.

RYA Friendsgiving, Nov 20

Join RYA for our end of the semester Friendsgiving dinner! We will be having a potluck dinner as well as practicing prayer and thanksgiving together in community. We'll gather from 6:30-8:00pm in the church fellowship hall! Reach out to Chael Williams at cwilliams@rts.edu to RSVP or to join the RYA GroupMe.

Thanksgiving Evening Service, Nov 23, 5pm

Join us as we gather together for our annual Thanksgiving service to practice gratitude. This evening of worship and reflection is a perfect way to pause, give thanks, and celebrate God's blessings. Nursery will not be provided.

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

Accepting Applications for the Director of Music Ministry

Our search is continuing 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 **Dec 17**. Know someone who might be interested? See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.

Fall Adult Sunday School **9:45-10:35am**

Fall Adult Sunday School Block 2
began Oct 12 and concludes Nov 30.

Foundations of Faith: A Study of the Westminster Confession (Chapters 1–7)

Teacher: Brian Gault
Location: Fellowship Hall

Over 7 weeks we will study Chapters 1–7 of the Westminster Confession of Faith, exploring foundational doctrines that have shaped Reformed theology for centuries. We will examine the nature and authority of Scripture, the attributes and decrees of God, creation and providence, the fall of man, and God's covenantal relationship with humanity.

Working chapter-by-chapter, each week will include guided reading, group discussion, and theological reflection aimed at deepening understanding and encouraging personal application. Whether you are new to the Confession or know it well, this course will provide a structured, thoughtful approach to the historic teachings of the Reformed faith. Join us as we grow in our knowledge of God and His Word through the lens of this timeless confession.

My Role in God's Rescue Plan

Teachers: Jerome Douglas, Brent Kooi, Barret Jones
Location: Room 109

Join us in exploring God's heart for the nations and our part in his mission. Together we'll look at what missions is, who missionaries are, and how each of us can participate - whether by going or sending. Each week will focus on a different aspect of God's rescue plan, concluding with a hands-on mission project. Come be inspired and equipped to play your role in God's global mission!

Redeemer Explored

Teachers: Elbert McGowan, Jr., Barry McCay
Location: Sanctuary

Would you like to know more about Redeemer Church? Are you interested in becoming a member? If so, you need to take this class. Pastor Elbert McGowan, along with the elders, will teach this 7-week introductory course on the ins and outs of Redeemer Church and how you can get involved.

If you are ready to join Redeemer or have further questions, you will have the opportunity to meet with an elder at the end of the class.

Fall Children & Youth Sunday School

**2025 Fall C&Y Sunday School
began Aug 10 and concludes Dec 14.**

Youth (6th-12th): Christian Friendship

High School Teachers: Wilson Jamison, Ian Deffenbaugh,
Anna Lois Callen, Cadden Christie

Middle School Teachers: Wilson Jamison, Rob Vickery, Lane Morgan & Team

Location: Youth Room

"Why is friendship hard?", "Why is it necessary?", "What does it take to be a good friend?", "How does belonging to Jesus shape our friendships?". This fall in Sunday school, Redeemer Youth will explore Christian Friendship using Ed Welch's *Side by Side*. Together, we'll see that humans are made for friendship—that it is rooted in God Himself, broken by sin, and redeemed in Jesus. We'll also learn practical skills for building and sustaining Christ-centered friendships.

Children's (K4-5th): Investigating God's Word

This fall, RedeemerKids is continuing through "Investigating God's Word." All classes K4-5th Grade will be working chapter by chapter through Matthew chapters 1-14.

K4: Room 208

Teachers:

Rachel Harbarger, Amanda McGuffey

2nd: Room 207

Teachers:

Gene Everitt, KK Harrington

K5: Room 209

Teachers:

Beth Clarke, Sarah Love Crawford

3rd: Room 206

Teachers:

Christa Williams, Page Callen,
Andrea Burks

1st: Room 210

Teachers:

Krisan Parish, Claire Graves,
Emmaline Smith

4th: Room 202

Teachers:

Angela Simpkins, Samuel Bolen

5th: Room 204

Teachers:

Haley Arndt, Liz Callen,
Tyler Espinoza

Nursery (2-3):

Exploring God's Word Through the Old Testament

This fall, our Nursery Sunday School will focus on teaching our young children the biblical foundation of God's creation and the early family of faith by covering key stories from the Book of Genesis, highlighting the life of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Esau, Jacob, and Joseph and how they fit into God's plan of salvation.

***** Redeemer Kids *****

K4-5th Grade

Children's Church, Nov 2

Children ages 4-5 join us as we study Covenant Theology this fall. 8:00am service only, for ages 4-5.

Upside Down

Upside down is our weekly offering for our elementary aged students. We play games, eat, sing, and learn about God's word! Come join us on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm.

***** Redeemer Youth *****

6th-12th Grade

Youth Friendsgiving, Nov 19

Youth Friendsgiving is right around the corner. This is a chance for our 6th-12th graders to gather for a potluck meal and reflect on what we are thankful for. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:30pm. You can sign up to bring a dish through the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday.

Crossroads

If you are in 6th-8th grade, come on out to Crossroads! Crossroads is our weekly youth group gathering where we eat dinner, play games, hear a lesson from the Bible and discuss it in small groups. We meet in the Youth room from 6:00-7:30pm. We have a blast and would love to see you there!

Rooted

High Schoolers, we hope you will join us on Sunday nights for Rooted! At Rooted we eat dinner, worship, hear a lesson from God's Word and then discuss it in small groups. We meet in the Youth room from 5:30-7:00pm. See you there!

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of Nov 2

Davidson Forester, 601.594.4132

Sunday, Nov 2

8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available
9:45am Church-Wide Prayer Brunch
11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm Rooted
Various Sunday Growth Groups

Monday, Nov 3

12:00pm The Men's Gathering
6:00pm Session & Diaconate Meetings

Tuesday, Nov 4

7:00am Women's Bible Study
4:15pm Youth Girls' Bible Study
6:00pm GriefShare
7:00pm Choir Practice
7:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Nov 5

9:00am Mom's Bible Study
5:30pm Families Count Class
6:00pm Upside Down
6:00pm Crossroads
6:00pm Work Life Class via
Hope Exchange
6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Thursday, Nov 6

6:30pm RYA Spiritual Formation
Dinner & Discussion

Friday, Nov 7

5:00pm High School Fall Retreat

Saturday, Nov 8

8:30am Men's Basketball
9:00am Community Garden Workday

Sunday, Nov 9

8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm Rooted



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Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor
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Jaimar Scott
Seth Shannon
Jonathan Shull
Jeremy Smith
Ellis Tucker
Thomas Wallace*
Johnston Walker
Tamarco White

COMING UP:

Nov 13: Community Garden Workday
Nov 19: Youth Friendsgiving
Nov 20: RYA Friendsgiving
Nov 20: Community Garden Workday
Nov 23: Thanksgiving Evening Service
Nov 24-28: Church Office Closed
Dec 6: Women's Ministry Christmas Party
Dec 21: Combined Worship Service