

## REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Brian Gault—Nov 30, 2025 "How It Ends: The Final Battle" —Revelation 19:11-20:1-3, 7-10

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship

**Missions Moment** 

Harvaki Odate
Senior Pastor of Christ Center Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-5

Mr. Joshua Coleman Intern

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Joshua Coleman

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

Mr. Joshua Coleman

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." Selah

\* Song of Preparation

"Hail Jesus, You're My King"

Hail Jesus, You're my King. Your life frees me to sing. I will praise You all my days. Perfect in all Your ways.

Hail Jesus, You're my Lord. I will obey Your Word.

I want to see Your kingdom come. Not my will but Yours be done.

Glory, glory to the Lamb. You take me into the land.

We will conquer in Your Name. And proclaim that Jesus reigns.

Hail, hail Lion of Judah! How powerful You are! Hail, hail Lion of Judah! How wonderful You are!

\* Song of Praise

"Promises"

God of Abraham,
You're the God of covenant,
and of faithful promises
Time and time again,
You have proven You'll do just what You said.

Pre Chorus: Though the storms may come and the winds may blow I'll remain steadfast.

And let my heart learn, when You speak a word it will come to pass.

Chorus: Great is Your faithfulness to me, great is Your faithfulness to me.

From the rising sun to the setting same,
I will praise Your name,
great is Your faithfulness to me.

God from age to age,
though the earth may pass away,
Your word remains the same.
Your history can prove,
there's nothing You can't do,
You're faithful and true. Pre Chorus, Chorus.

I put my faith in Jesus,
my anchor to the ground.
My hope and firm foundation,
He'll never let me down. Repeat. Chorus.

## **Old Testament Scripture Readings**

Gen 3:14-15

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Psalm 2:1-6

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

## **Pastoral Prayer**

Mr. Herb Sanders Ruling Elder

## Worship in Giving

Rev. Brian Gault

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Visitors: If you would like to be contacted by the church, please include your email address

Thank you to those giving online.

## **Choral Worship**

"From The Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)"

Redeemer Choir

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, a voice of lamentation.

Lord, turn a gracious ear to me, And hear my supplication. If Thou iniquities dost mark,

Our secret sins and misdeeds dark, O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, Grace, grace alone availeth. Our works, alas! are all in vain; In much the best life faileth. No man can glory in Thy sight, All must alike confess Thy might, And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, And not in mine own merit.

On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit.

His promised mercy is my fort, My comfort, and my sweet support. I wait for it with patience.

What though I wait the live-long night, And 'til the dawn appeareth.

My heart still trusteth in His might, It doubteth not nor feareth.

Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed, And wait 'til God appeareth.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth.

His helping love no limit knows, Our upmost need it soundeth.

Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free,

From all their sin and sorrow.

## **Prayer of Illumination**

Rev. Brian Gault

**Sermon Text** 

Revelation 19:11-20:1-3, 7-10 Pew Bible p. 1232

Sermon Title

"How It Ends: The Final Battle"

\* Hymn of Faith

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee, day-spring from on high, appear; Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth: "Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end; By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend. Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall; This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

\* Benediction

Rev. Brian Gault

\*Departing Song

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a Child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**Prayer Intercessor Team** 

Mr. Herb Sanders & Mrs. Alli Smith (8:00am) Mr. Herb Sanders & Mrs. Mary Sanders (11:00am)

\*Please Stand. (Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

## Sermon Theme & Points

The Final Battle Assures us of a Future of Peace & Rest because Jesus Wins in the End.

- 1. The Adversaries We Will Face
- 2. The Battle We Will Witness
- 3. The King who Conquers

## **Sermon Questions**

- How does John's description of the final battle lead us into gratitude (after Thanksgiving) and anticipation for the coming king (as the first Sunday in Advent)?
- What are some of your favorite stories of good vs. evil, or a hero vs. a villain. How do these stories echo the final battle in our passage?
- 3. The 'unholy Trinity' in Revelation is: the Beast (counterfeit Christ, Rev 13:1-10), the False Prophet (counterfeit Holy Spirit, Rev 13:11-18), and Satan (counterfeit God, Rev 13:1). Babylon is a counterfeit of the bride of Christ, or the Church. They attack the saints through (1) power and persecution (the Beast), (2) seduction (Babylon), and (3) deception (Satan). Which type of attack have you felt most in the last couple of months?
- 4. Why is Satan bound 'for a thousand years'? (see 20:3) How was it argued that Satan was bound through Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and is bound for the 'church age'? It was argued that 'a thousand years' was a symbolic number. Can you think of other symbolic numbers in Revelation?
- 5. It was argued that the battles mentioned in chapters 16-20 (16:14; 17:12-14; 18:9-10; 19:3; 19:17-21; 20:7-10) were different perspectives of the same battle. Can you think of other stories in books or movies that are told from different perspectives to create a more complete picture?
- 6. In Revelation 19:11-16, what stands out to you about the portrait of the second coming of Christ as the warrior-king? How does looking to his swift and comprehensive victory in the final battle give you hope for today?

## **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.

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

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

## **RED Christmas Deliveries, Dec 13**

It is time for our Redeemer Engaging Christmas deliveries! Please join us and help make this special event possible. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00pm to enjoy treats, pray, and divide into groups before driving to the homes of our RED families to visit with them. Adults, children, youth, families—all are welcome! We also need your help purchasing gifts. Whether you can join us for deliveries or help purchase gifts or do both, this is a fun time for all ages! See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to sign up to join us or to purchase gifts.

## \*\*\* CALLED TO CONNECT \*\*\*

## Women's Ministry: Christmas Taste of Home, Dec 6

For our first annual Women's Ministry Christmas party, we'll be gathering together and sharing our favorite Christmas dishes. If your last name begins with A-L, bring your favorite festive entree, M-Z bring the dessert that brings you the most cheer. We'll gather at Katie Drake's home (register to receive the address) from 5:30-7:30pm. See QR code to RSVP, or contact Katie Drake at kdrake@redeemerjackson.com for more information.

## Church-Wide Fellowship Brunch, Dec 7

Join us for our monthly congregation wide brunch during the Sunday School hour on Dec 7! We'll enjoy food and fellowship focusing on the Advent season. 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!

#### 9:30am Joint Service on Dec 21 & 28

On Dec 21 & 28, instead of two services at 8:00 and 11:00 we will have ONE JOINT SER-VICE at 9:30am. With the holidays, this gives us the opportunity for the whole congregation to be in one place at one time. We can't wait to worship together!

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec 24, 5pm

Join us Christmas Eve as we sing carols and light candles to proclaim that Jesus is the light of the world. (Children often wear pajamas to this event!). See QR code or redeemerjack-son.com/this-Sunday for more information.



## \*\*\* NEWS TO NOTE \*\*\*

#### 2025 Contribution Information

Please remember all giving for 2025 MUST BE in the church office, postmarked, or given through Breeze by December 31, 2025. Please email office@redeemerjackson.com or call 601.362.9987 with any questions you may have regarding your 2025 contributions or to request a hard copy of your statement. You will receive your official statement for tax purposes via email (if applicable) by January 16, 2025, or you can access your statement immediately though Breeze.

## 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

K5: Room 209
Teachers:

Beth Clarke, Sarah Love Crawford

1st: Room 210
Teachers:

Krisan Parish, Claire Graves, Emmaline Smith 2nd: Room 207
Teachers:

Gene Everrit, KK Harrington

3rd: Room 206
Teachers:

Christa Williams, Page Callen, Andrea Burks

> 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, Dec 7

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, our weekly programming for elementary scoolers, is currently on break and will return on January 21.

## \*\*\* Redeemer Youth \*\*\* 6th-12th Grade

## Crossroads

Crossroads, our weekly programming for middle schoolers, is currently on break and will return on January 21.

## Rooted

Rooted, our weekly programming for high schoolers, is currently on break and will return on January 21.

#### THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of Nov 30

Clayton Gressett, 601.955.5110

Sunday, Nov 30

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

9:45am Fall Sunday School

**Block 2 Concludes** 

11:00am Worship Service

Monday, Dec 1

6:00pm Session & Diaconate Meetings

Tuesday, Dec 2

7:00am Women's Bible Study

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Dec 3

9:00am Mom's Bible Study

Thursday, Dec 4

12:00pm Women's Bible Study

Friday, Dec 5

Saturday, Dec 6

8:30am Men's Basketball

5:30pm Women's Ministry

Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec 7

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

9:45am Church-Wide

Fellowship Brunch

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 Chael Williams, Interim 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 Senior Pastor

Tina Collier, Administrative Assistant

Brandon Slay, Director of AV Ministries

Andre Warner, Audio/Visual Assistant

Josh Anderson, Intern

Joshua Coleman, Intern Ian Deffenbaugh, Intern

Markese Lee, Intern

Interim Music Ministry Team:

Joyce Hamme, Arthur Phillips, Meg Mills, Akida Mosby

## RULING ELDERS

## DEACONS

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

Grafton Braga Philip Carter Preston Denley Davidson Forester Ion Fults David Garner Jake Garner Levi Gill\*

Clayton Gressett Reid Haygood John Hooker\* Detrick Johnson

Blaise King Cody McCain Lane Morgan

Grea Ross Jaimar Scott Seth Shannon Jonathan Shull

Jeremy Smith Ellis Tucker

Thomas Wallace\* Johnston Walker Tamarco White

\*Sabbatical

#### COMING UP:

Dec 13: Community Garden Workday

Dec 13: RED Christmas Deliveries

Dec 18: Community Garden Workday

Dec 21: Combined Worship Service

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service

Dec 28: Combined Worship Service

Jan 4: Church-Wide Prayer Brunch

Jan 5: Session & Diaconate Meetings



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