



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—Nov 9, 2025

"God Goes with, Shapes, and Cares for His Exiled Sojourners!"

—Genesis 46

Reflection Quote: "The list of names in these verses appears to have been selected so that the total numbers 70. It can hardly be coincidental that the number of descendants in Genesis 10 is also 70. Just as the 70 nations represent the descendants of Adam, so now the 70 sons represent the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the sons of Israel. The writer has gone to great lengths to portray the new nation of Israel as a new humanity."

—Gordon Wenham

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Ministry Moment

Mrs. Katie Drake
Women's Ministry

Introit

"O Give Thanks to The Lord"

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; yes, He is good. *Repeat.*

For He is worthy, worthy; He is good, yes, He is good!

Call to Worship

Hebrews 11:8-16

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Brian Gault

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 8:12

Rev. Brian Gault

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

* Song of Preparation

"Goodness of God"

I love You Lord for Your mercy never fails me.
All my days, I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus: And all my life You have been faithful
and all my life You have been so, so good!
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire.
In the darkest night You are close like no other.
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend,
and I have lived in the goodness of God. *Chorus.*

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now,
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me. *Repeat. Chorus.*

*** Song of Praise**

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
He whose Word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver, never fails from age to age.

'Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasures, all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Marculis Mosby
Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

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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*"He'll Meet My Needs"*

Redeemer Choir

Knowing peace, God's Peace,
we ought understand, and joy, the Lord's joy, that strengthens me on every hand.
Coupled with knowing the almighty God is my father, and that He loves me.
Knowing all of this, I know, He'll meet my need.

God will supply all of my needs,
God will supply all of my needs,
God will supply all of my needs. *Repeat as directed.*

Knowing all of this, I know, He'll meet my needs.

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Genesis 46
Pew Bible p. 46

Sermon Title*"God Goes with, Shapes, and Cares for His Exiled Sojourners!"**** Hymn of Faith***"As The Deer Pants for Water"*

As the deer pants for the water, o my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver, and the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Departing Song"As The Deer Pants for Water"*

You're my Friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You.

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Jermaine Van Buren, Jr. & Mrs. Akida Mosby (8:00am)
Mr. Marculis Mosby & Mrs. Akida Mosby (11:00am)

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

Sermon Points

- God sends and goes with His exiled sojourners.
- God beautifully designs His family of exiled sojourners.
- God lavishly cares for His exiled sojourners.

Sermon Questions

1. Before leaving Canaan, Jacob pauses at Beersheba to worship. Why is worship, in response to God's faithfulness, such an important pattern of faith?
2. God meets Jacob, after he sacrifices, and tells him, "Do not be afraid...for I Myself will go down with you." How is this promise fulfilled in Jesus—"Immanuel, God with us"—and how does the Holy Spirit help us live as faithful, distinct people while we wait for our true home?
3. The census in Genesis 46 can be tricky to understand. But, what if the purpose is to mirror the one in Genesis 10? This census (or travel list) includes men and women, young and old, Hebrews, Canaanites, and Egyptians. Further, this family carries stories of sin, suffering, and restoration. What are the challenges and advantages of a church with the diversity (and unity) we see in this text? How is our church a better place because of the diversity we see in this text?
4. God cares for them. The family survives the long journey. Is this a foretaste of the safety we now have in Christ?
5. Once in Egypt, Judah is appointed by Jacob to lead his family to Goshen. What did Goshen offer them? Any brother could have led the way. They all had been there! Why Judah? Could it be that he points to his greater son—Jesus—would will go before us and lead us home?
6. How does seeing Christ as the One who leads us home give you confidence to trust His leadership in this present life of pilgrimage? What does their temporary home in Egypt teach us about God's ability to provide peace in unlikely places, and how does this temporary rest point us to the eternal rest Christ has secured?
7. Like Jacob's family, we are exiled-sojourners—living in but not of the world, longing for home. How can remembering "the city that awaits us" (Heb 11:10, 16) reshape the way you approach your work, relationships, and worship this week?

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

- Charles Michael Williams, 11.06.25, son of Chael & Kate Williams
- 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 ***

Community Garden Workday, Nov 20

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 5:30pm-7:00pm 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 ***

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! Contact Markese Lee at leemarkese@outlook.com 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.

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.

Save The Date: Women's Ministry Spring Bible Study Kickoff, Jan 24

Women of Redeemer, join us for a teaching event by Dr. Miles Van Pelt, Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages at RTS, as he brings to life the book of Genesis and provides us with a rich overview to prepare us for the semester in our small group Bible Studies. Stay tuned for more details!

*** NEWS TO NOTE ***

Wilson Jamison's Season at Redeemer Coming to a Close, Feb 2026

Wilson Jamison, our Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry, has accepted a call to Downtown Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina. While sad to see them go, we are rejoicing with the Jamisons as they prepare to enter this new season and follow the Lord's call. We are in the process of forming a search committee to fill this role in the long term.



Chael Williams Starts as Interim Youth Director

In the midst of transition in our Youth Ministry, we are so pleased to have current intern Chael Williams step in as Interim Youth Director. Chael will be shadowing Wilson and getting more acquainted with our youth for the remainder of the fall semester and will conclude his time as pastoral intern in December. As Chael finishes his time leading Redeemer Young Adults, Markese Lee will step into the helm in January. It has been a joy to have Chael, Kate, (and their new son Charlie!) at Redeemer, and we're deeply grateful to have Chael on staff.



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.

Giving Update through September 2025

Our budget year runs from July—June.

Thank you for your generous giving!

General Fund

Total Budget: \$2,143,590

Year-to-Date Budget: \$535,8497

Year-to-Date Giving: \$612,968

Sept Budget: \$178,632

Sept Giving: \$253,979

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 16

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 9

Jon Fults, 601.212.3327

Sunday, Nov 9

8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

5:30pm Rooted

Monday, Nov 10

12:00pm The Men's Gathering

Tuesday, Nov 11

7:00am Women's Bible Study

6:00pm GriefShare

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Nov 12

9:00am Mom's Bible Study

6:00pm Upside Down

6:00pm Crossroads

6:00pm Work Life Class via
Hope Exchange

6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Thursday, Nov 13

12:00pm Women's Bible Study

Friday, Nov 14

Saturday, Nov 15

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Nov 16

8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

5:30pm Rooted

Various Sunday Growth Groups

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

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

DEACONS

Grafton Bragg

Philip Carter

Preston Denley

Davidson Forester

Jon Fults

David Garner

Jake Garner

Levi Gill*

Clayton Gressett

Reid Haygood

John Hooker*

Detrick Johnson

Blaise King

Cody McCain

Lane Morgan

Greg Ross

Jaimar Scott

Seth Shannon

Jonathan Shull

Jeremy Smith

Ellis Tucker

Thomas Wallace*

Johnston Walker

Tamarco White

*Sabbatical

COMING UP:

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

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Candle lighting Service



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