



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—December 14, 2025
“God Turns Tears of Sorrow Into Tears of Joy!”
—Genesis 50:1-21

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Ministry Moment

Redeemer Community Arts
Dr. Andy Sauerwein

Introit

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

Let everything that hath breath Praise the Lord!
For His mighty acts, and His wondrous works!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord! Repeat.

We give Thee honor, Oh Lord we give Thee praise, power and glory.
Everlasting Father, Hosanna, The Prince of Peace,
Alpha and Omega, Beginning and the ending
Oh praise, oh praise, oh praise,
The Lord, The Lord, The Lord!
Amen! Repeat as directed.

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2-7

Rev. Wilson Jamison
Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Wilson Jamison

Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 103:11-12

Rev. Wilson Jamison

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

*** Song of Preparation**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

O come, Thou Day-spring, from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
aid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. *Refrain*

*** Song of Praise**

"Jesus, The Light of The World"

Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;
Glory to the newborn King, Jesus, the Light of the world.

Chorus: We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
Come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

Joyful, all ye nations rise, Jesus, the Light of the world;
Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the Light of the world. *Chorus*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Jesus, the Light of the world;
Christ, the everlasting Lord, Jesus, the Light of the world. *Chorus*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Jesus, the Light of the world;
Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the Light of the world. *Chorus*

New Testament Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Rev. Wilson Jamison

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. CL Pearce
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*"Holy One"*

Redeemer Choir

He is the King of Kings. Oh—He is the Lord of Lords.
He's the Great I am, He's the Holy One. *Repeat*

He is the Prince of Peace. Oh—He is the Lord of Lords.
He's the Great I am, He's the Holy One. *Repeat*

Bridge: He's the Holy One, He's the Holy One. *Repeat*

He's the Great I am.

He's the Holy One.

He is the King of Kings.

Oh—He is the Lord of Lords. He's the Great I am. *Repeat as directed*

Holy One, Holy One, Holy One, Holy One. *Repeat*

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Genesis 50:1-21

*Pew Bible p. 51***Sermon Title***"God Turns Tears of Sorrow Into Tears of Joy!"****Hymn of Faith***"Have Thine Own Way Lord"*

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after Thy will,

while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Search me and try me, Master, today!

Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,

as in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!

Power, all power, surely is Thine!

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

*** Benediction**

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Departing Song"Have Thine Own Way Lord"*

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Hold o'er my being absolute sway!

Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me.

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Jeremy Smith & Mrs. Kelly Berkompas (8:00am)

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

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

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 ***

- Family and friends of Charity Barnes: As they grieve the loss of Charity.
- 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 ***

Community Garden Workday, Dec 18

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 5:30-7:00pm at the corner of Robinhood and Londonderry road behind the church. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to sign up.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

Joint Adult Sunday School: Advent Readings, Songs, and Spoken Word, Dec 14

Join us TODAY in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour on this 3rd Sunday in Advent. We will gather to meditate on the coming of the king through OT & NT Scripture reading, congregational Christmas hymns, and spoken word.

9:30am Joint Service on Dec 21 & 28

On Dec 21 & 28, instead of two services at 8:00am and 11:00am we will have ONE JOINT SERVICE 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 redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.

*** NEWS TO NOTE ***

Redeemer's Identity & Mission, Joint Adult SS: Jan 11, 18, 25

Join us as the pastoral staff explores the Identity & Mission of Redeemer Church as we consider healthy membership. We will consider how worship forms us as a diverse yet unified people, how connecting in covenant relationships reflects the gospel's reconciling power, and how serving both the church and our community embodies Christ's love.

Through teaching and discussion, participants will see how these practices shape Redeemer's identity and mission, and discover practical ways to engage more deeply so that our congregation grows as a vibrant, healthy, Christ-centered community.

Graduate Recognition

The Redeemer family would like to acknowledge those in our membership that are celebrating graduation this December:

- Graduate: Ashley Abraham, Doctor of Philosophy in Computational Data-Enabled Science and Engineering degree from JSU.

2025 Contribution Information

Please remember all giving for 2025 **MUST BE** in the church office, postmarked, or given through Breeze by Dec 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 Jan 16, 2026, or you can access your statement immediately through 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.

***** Redeemer Kids ***** **K4-5th Grade**

Upside Down

Upside Down, our weekly programming for elementary schoolers, is currently on break and will return on Jan 21.

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

Crossroads

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

Rooted

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

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of Dec 14

Detrick Johnson, 601.672.7214

Sunday, Dec 14

8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available

9:45am Joint Adult Advent
Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

Monday, Dec 15

Tuesday, Dec 16

Wednesday, Dec 17

Thursday, Dec 18

5:30pm Community Garden Workday

Friday, Dec 19

Saturday, Dec 20

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Dec 21

9:30am Combined Worship Service
Livestream Available

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
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David Garner
Jake Garner
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
Johnston Walker
Tamarco White

*Sabbatical

COMING UP:

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service
Dec 28: Combined Worship Service
Dec 23-Jan 1: Church Office Closed
Jan 4: Church-Wide Prayer Brunch
Jan 12: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Jan 21: Upside Down Resumes
Jan 21: Crossroads Resumes
Jan 25: Rooted Resumes



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