



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Joshua Tsavatewa—March 29, 2026

“Water in the Desert”

—Isaiah 58:6-12

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Missions Moment

Mr. Kelle Menogan
Head of School, The Redeemer's School

* Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-4

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

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

“Not Unto Us”

Chorus: Not unto us, not unto us, but unto You, Lord be all glory and honor.
Not unto us, not unto us, but all glory and honor to You.

You have called us—out of darkness—into greatness to be a light to the nations.
You have filled us with Your Spirit Lord, in all that we do we give glory to You. *Chorus*

You have chosen—to redeem us—to Your purpose—to establish Your kingdom.
There's no stopping what You're building.

We are standing in awe of Your glory, Your pow'r. *Chorus*

* Song of Praise

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's Name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies.
Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down.
For the Lord our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown.
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice, turn and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is, Justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood, Has secured our way to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Gene Dent
Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Mr. Gene Dent

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.*

Special Music

"Hail to The Lord's Anointed"

Mr. Peter Davis, Mrs. Anna Splaingard,
Mr. Tim Stanford, Mrs. Meg Mills

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes, with succor speedy, to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth;
before Him, on the mountains, shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness, like fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To Him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever, His Name alone is love.

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Joshua Tsavatewa

Sermon Text

Isaiah 58:6-12
Pew Bible p. 734

Sermon Title

Water in the Desert

*** Song of Faith**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

*** Benediction**

Rev. Joshua Tsavatewa

*** Departing Song**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Gene Dent & Mrs. Mary Dent (8:00am)

Mr. Gene Dent & Ms. Diane Johnston (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

SERMON QUESTIONS

1. **Open Reflection**—In your own words, what stood out to you when the passage was read?
2. **Enjoying God**—What particular aspect of the sermon helped you to enjoy God (Father, Son, and Spirit) more deeply?
3. What aspect of the gospel stood out to you in the sermon?
4. How would you summarize this sermon to another believer?
5. How was your understanding of the passage sharpened, clarified, or changed as you heard the word preached?
6. What are practical action steps that you can take this week as we consider how to apply this to our lives?
7. Where do you see struggles and/or victories in your life over doctrine and practice from today's passage and sermon?

SERMON NOTES

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“Water in the Desert”

—*Isaiah 58:6-12*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday

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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.
- Caroline & Tu 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.

***** CALLED TO CONNECT *****

Good Friday Service, Apr 3, 6:00pm

Join us on Good Friday as we contemplate Jesus as the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep. Good Friday prepares us for Easter and the celebration that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Nursery provided.

Church-Wide Fellowship Brunch, Apr 5

Join us for our monthly congregation wide brunch during the Sunday School hour on Apr 5, Easter Sunday! 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!

RCA Presents: Voices from Redeemer, Apr 17, 6:30-8:00pm

Join Redeemer Community Arts in the Fellowship Hall for an open mic night—a time of spoken word, dance, and song. Have something to share? We are looking for more voices, so if you have an instrumental work, spoken word, or dance number, send us your information and a little bit about your piece. Need musicians? No problem. Contact Peter Davis at peterdart@live.com to potentially line you up with your band. All are welcome to join, refreshments provided.

***** SEEKING TO SERVE *****

Community Garden Workday, Apr 11, 9:00am

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. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just want to put your hands in the dirt and learn, join our next spring workday at the garden, located in our neighborhood at the corner of Robinhood and Londonderry. Questions or ideas? Contact Sylvia Leggette at artandsoilgarden@gmail.com

Team Redeemer at the CPC Life Walk, Apr 25, 9:00-10:30am

Come out to TrustMark Park in Pearl as we gather to support the Center for Pregnancy Choices and make a meaningful impact in our community. You can participate by walking, volunteering, or supporting the cause—no experience is needed, and all ages are welcome. If you'd like to join, sign up through the QR code using the Team Redeemer (Al & Tamiko Arnold, Captains) fundraising page. Since many of our women will be away at a retreat, we are especially encouraging men to step in—we need 10 male walkers to each raise \$250 to help reach our \$2,500 church goal.

High School Senior Sendoff Letters, Due Apr 20

Each year, Redeemer Youth collects letters of encouragement, prayer, and wisdom from our church to present in a booklet to our graduating High School seniors. This is a memorable gift to offer them as they prepare to enter a new season of life. Would you consider writing a short letter "to the class of 2026" to be included in their books this year? Please email your letter to Stephanie Greer at sgreer@redeemerjackson.com by **Apr 20**.

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

Accepting Drummer Applicants

We are seeking a new drummer for our music ministry. This is a paid position that includes both Sunday services and Tuesday evening rehearsals. If you're interested or know someone who is, please reach out to Coralie Keplinger at ckeplinger@redeemerjackson.com by **Apr 12**.

Redeemer Explored Begins Apr 12

If you are interested in knowing more about Redeemer or joining the church, Redeemer Explored is a Sunday School class that explores who we are and what we believe. Pastor Elbert leads this class during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:35am), for 7 weeks from Apr 12—May 31. At the end of the class, there will be the opportunity to interview with an Elder for membership. Email Brian Gault at bgault@redeemerjackson.com for more info or to hold your seat in the class.

Now Accepting Applications for Director of Youth Ministry

The application for our Director of Youth Ministry position has been posted and will stay open until **Apr 1**. Access the application through the QR code, contact Zack Owens at zowens@redeemerjackson.com for more information.

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

Children's Church, Apr 5

Children ages 4-5 join us as we study Covenant Theology this spring. 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. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.

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

Middle School RYM, June 22-26

Middle School RYM (Reformed Youth Ministries) trip is for students who will be in 6th-8th grade during the 2026-27 school year (current 5th-7th graders). This conference is held at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach, FL. For more information about RYM, check out their website. Registration is first come first serve. The trip cost is \$525 with a \$125 deposit due upon registration. See QR code to register.

High School RYM, July 3-7

High School RYM (Reformed Youth Ministries) trip is for students who will be in 9th-12th grade during the 2026-27 school year and our 2026 High School graduates. This conference is held at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach, FL. For more information about RYM, check out their website. Registration is first come first serve. The trip cost is \$525 with a \$125 deposit due upon registration. See QR code to register

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 on Wed nights. We have a blast and would love to see you there! See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.

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! See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.

Current Spring Adult Sunday School:
Block 1 began Feb 8 and concludes today, Mar 29.
9:45-10:35am

Jackson Apologetics: Clear Answers for Complex Questions
Location: Room 109

The Song of Songs
Location: Sanctuary

Christian Growth: the Fruit of the Spirit
Location: Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Spring Adult Sunday School:
Block 2 begins Apr 12 and concludes May 31.

Redeemer Explored

Teachers: Elbert McGowan, Jr., Barry McCay
Location: Room 109

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, Jr., 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.

Generous Justice

Teachers: Brian Gault, Grant Callen
Location: Fellowship Hall

This seven-week Sunday School class explores the core themes of Tim Keller's *Generous Justice* and how they shape a lived, biblical vision of mercy, righteousness, and neighbor-love. Together we will examine the Scripture's call to *mishpat* (justice) and *tzadeqah* (righteousness) in daily life, learning how God's grace motivates compassion rather than guilt or duty.

Each week connects Keller's insights to practical areas such as caring for the poor, addressing social and racial inequities, cultivating cross-cultural relationships, and integrating personal responsibility with concern for systems that harm the vulnerable. Participants will engage in discussion, reflection, and real-life application, discovering how the gospel empowers believers to seek restoration in their communities and embody God's heart for justice with humility, wisdom, and generosity.

Covenant Theology

Teachers: Josh Anderson, Joshua Coleman, Jonny Parker, Jermaine Van Buren, Jr.
Location: Sanctuary

This class will explore the riches of covenant theology and how it shapes the way Reformed Christians read the Bible. Scripture repeatedly reveals God's covenant promise: "I will be your God, and you will be my people" (Ex 6:7).

Over seven weeks, we will trace this theme through the major covenants of the Bible using insights from J. V. Fesko's book *Signed, Sealed, Delivered*. The series will introduce the foundations of covenant theology and examine the covenant of redemption, the covenant of works, and God's covenant of grace in both the Old and New Covenants. We will also consider covenant signs and the relationship between covenant and the church. Our prayer is that this class will help participants see more clearly the beauty of Scripture and the richness of God's relationship with His people.

Spring Adult Sunday School

9:45-10:35am

Spring Children & Youth Sunday School
began Feb 8 and concludes May 31.

Youth (6th-12th): Truths That You Can Trust

High School Teachers: Chael Williams, Stephanie Greer, Rob Vickery,
Mary Katherine Evans, Cadden Christie

Middle School Teachers: Chael Williams, Stephanie Greer,
Josh Anderson, Mary Katherine Evans, Lane Morgan

Location: Youth Room

In a world that is constantly shifting and information that is always changing, it is important that we “build our houses on the rock.” This spring Redeemer Youth will be studying truths you can trust to remind us of the unchanging truth of God’s Word. Using Paul David Tripp’s *12 Truths Every Teen can Trust* as a resource, we will be learning together about core doctrines of the Christian faith serve as a firm foundation for living the Christian Life.

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

This spring, RedeemerKids is continuing through "Investigating God's Word."

K4: Room 208

Teachers:

Rachel Harbarger, Amanda McGuffey

2nd: Room 207

Teachers:

Gene Everrit, KK Harrington,
Rebecca Walker

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, Tyler Espinoza,
Jake Garner

Nursery (2-3):

Exploring God’s Word Through the New Testament

This spring , our Nursery Sunday School classes will be looking at God’s Son. Our focus will be on exploring the New Testament as we study the birth and early years of Jesus. Each lesson is designed to help children discover and understand these foundational stories from Scripture. In every lesson, the children are continually directed to Jesus and encouraged to recognize their need for Him.

REDEEMER CHURCH



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Spring Retreat

• FREEDOM IN CHRIST •

Apr 24-25

BEGINNING FRIDAY AT 5:00PM
AT TWIN LAKES



PORTIA COLLINS

We'd love for you to join the women of Redeemer for a retreat at Twin Lakes! We'll have two sessions with our speaker, Portia Collins, as she guides us through our freedom in Christ in Galatians. After the sessions, we'll further connect and pray in small groups. On Saturday afternoon, we'll offer two optional activities including Double Dutch or craft time. Plus, you can always sit and chat on the porch or explore the walking trails. We're hoping that we will grow closer to God, strengthen our desire to seek Him, and deepen the connection with women in our church. Hope to see you there!

Contact: kdrake@redeemerjackson.com

Registration closes on Apr 15.



Redeemer Church

Finishing Well Conference

April 11, 2026 8:30am-1:00pm

- *Finishing Well is a gathering for Christians who are aging, and the people who care for them. We will hear from Dr. Sumner Abraham, author of “REIMAGINING THE EVENING OF LIFE: A PRACTICAL THEOLOGY FOR DEATH & DYING” and a panel of fellow believers who have wisdom and expertise in the spiritual, medical, emotional, financial, and practical questions of what it means to fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith (2 Timothy 4:7)*

Schedule:

8:30am - Registration (Light breakfast)

9:00am - Keynote #1: Dr. Sumner Abraham
Reflection & Table Discussion

Break

10:30am - Keynote #2: Dr. Sumner Abraham

11:45am - Lunch Panel

- Financial planning & Stewardship
- Care giving
- Navigating healthcare and difficult conversations
- Family systems
- and more!



Register Today!

MISSIONS MONTH 2026



A month focused on living on mission in our neighborhoods, our city, and among the nations

CLOSING SPEAKER:



Rev. Joshua Tsavatewa

JOSHUA TSAVATEWA IS FROM THE HOPI TRIBE, RABBIT AND TOBACCO CLAN, IN ARIZONA. AFTER GRADUATING FROM REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JOSHUA FIRST PARTNERED WITH SACRED ROAD MINISTRIES THROUGH THEIR SUMMER INTERNSHIP IN 2009. HE MOVED TO THE RESERVATION IN MAY 2010 TO JOIN THE MINISTRY FULL-TIME. JOSHUA INITIALLY SERVED AS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR WHILE PURSUING ORDINATION AND WAS ORDAINED BY THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST PRESBYTERY IN JUNE 2019. HE NOW SERVES AS HEAD PASTOR OF HOPE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, THE CHURCH PLANTED THROUGH SACRED ROAD MINISTRIES, AND OVERSEES THE LOGISTICS AND OPERATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION.



MISSIONS MOMENTS



February 22
Rev. Wright Busching
Church Planter/Pastor



March 1
Trey and Kiki Adams
MTW Thailand Team Leader,
Mission to the World



March 8
Willis Bridges
Director of Ministry & Mission,
Mission First



March 15
Rev. Hernando Saenz
Hispanic Ministries Director,
Mission to North America (PCA)



March 22
Marcus Nobles
Campus Associate, RUF
Alabama A&M



March 29
Kelle Menogan
Head of School,
The Redeemer's School

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of Mar 29

Davidson Forester, 601.594.4132

Sunday, Mar 29

Missions Month Concludes

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

Monday, Mar 30

- 12:00pm Men's Gathering
- 6:00pm GriefShare

Tuesday, Mar 31

- 7:00am Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Choir Practice
- 7:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Apr 1

- 9:00am Mom's Bible Study
- 5:30pm Families Count Class
- 6:00pm Upside Down
- 6:00pm Crossroads
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Faith & Finances
- 6:00pm *The Soul of Shame*
Book Discussion

Thursday, Apr 2

- 12:00pm Women's Bible Study

Friday, Apr 3

- 6:00pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, Apr 4

- 8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Apr 5

Missions Month Concludes

- 8:00am Worship Service
- 8:00am Livestream Available
- 9:45am Church-Wide
Fellowship Brunch
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 5:30pm Rooted

STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor
Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship
Zack Owens, Asst Pastor of Congregational Care
Jerome Douglas, Dir Neighborhood Outreach & Missions
Jajuan McNeil, Director of Children's Ministry
Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant
Chael Williams, Interim Youth Director
Stephanie Greer, Assistant Youth Director
Katie Drake, Director of Women's Ministry
Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator
Coralie 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
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
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:

Apr 6: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Apr 6-7: Church Office Closed
Apr 11: Finishing Well Conference
Apr 11: Community Garden Workday
Apr 24-25: Women's Spring Retreat
May 4: Session & Diaconate Meetings
May 9: Community Garden Workday
May 20: Community Garden Workday
May 28-30: Kids With a Mission

