



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Brian Gault—April 19, 2026

“How it Ends: The Final City”

Revelation 21:9-27

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship

* Call to Worship

Ephesians 2:19-22

Mr. Chael Williams
Interim Youth Director

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Chael Williams

Assurance of Pardon

Proverbs 28:13

Mr. Chael Williams

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

* Song of Preparation

“Glorious Day”

I was buried beneath my shame, who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb, 'til I met You.

I was breathing, but not alive, all my failures I tried to hide.
It was my tomb, 'til I met You.

You called my name, then I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

Now Your mercy has saved my soul, now Your freedom is all that I know.
The old made new—Jesus, when I met You.
When you called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.
You called my name, then I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy, but chains break at the weight of Your glory.
I needed shelter, I was an orphan, but You call me a citizen of Heaven.
When I was broken, You were my healing.
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing. I have a future, my eyes are open,
'Cause when you called my name, I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

*** Song of Praise**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

New Testament Scripture Reading *Hebrews 11:8-16*

Mr. Chael Williams

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. ¹⁶ 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Kelle Menogan
Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Mr. Kelle Menogan

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.*

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

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

*** Congregational Song**

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy Word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in Your likeness.

That the light of Christ might be seen today, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us, all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds, help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Brian Gault

Sermon Text

Revelation 21:9-27

Pew Bible p. 1234

Sermon Title

“How it Ends: The Final City”

***Hymn of Faith**

“On Jordan's Stormy Banks”

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
Where God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

Chorus: I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound) I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound) I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more. *Chorus*

*** Benediction**

Rev. Brian Gault

*** Departing Song**

“On Jordan's Stormy Banks”

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest? *Chorus*

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Jeremy Smith & Mrs. Alli Smith (8:00am)
Dr. Andy Sauerwein & Mrs. Quita Sauerwein (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

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SERMON THEME & POINTS

The Final City Assures us of a Future of Glory & Radiance in the Presence of God.

1. The Materials & Measurements, 12-21
2. What's Missing? 22-27
3. The Mystery, 9-11

SERMON QUESTIONS

1. John tries to capture the indescribable beauty of the final city by talking about the materials and measurements of the city, the wall, the foundations, and the gates. Discuss the symbolism of 12, 144, 12,000. What is the shape of this final city and what does that tell us about it?
2. What are the four things that are missing from the final city? Why doesn't the final city need sun or moon?
3. In ancient cities, temples were where you went to meet with God. What things serve as temples today? Where do people go when they are searching for the divine?
4. Read John 2:18-21 and Ephesians 2:19-22. Why doesn't the final city need a temple?
5. What is the most beautiful building you've ever seen? Discuss its architecture and why you find it beautiful. What's your favorite city and why? How do those buildings and cities point us to the final city?
6. The mystery was that the final city is the bride of Christ, or the church (Revelation 21:9-10). And v.11 discusses the radiance of the city, from the glory of God, is like a 'most rare jewel.' That radiance both describes us now and will more fully describe us in the future. How does that help us think about sanctification?
7. What do you consider the most famous wedding in the world? What is memorable to you about it? How does that point us to the wedding supper of the Lamb?

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 ***

- Emily & Markese Lee: For healing and restored vision in Emily's eye.
- Diane Johnston: As she recovers from a recent fall.
- Eva Jones: As she grieves the loss of her mother.
- Finn Roberson & Family: As Finn undergoes CT scans and surgery to remove a mass near his temporal bone, Cholesteatoma.
- Grace Marsh: In the hospital with health complications.
- Skipper & Sally Ann Jones: As Skipper struggles with complications in healing from a broken foot.
- 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.

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

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 **tomorrow, Apr 20**.

Community Garden Workday, Apr 22, 5:30-7:00pm

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 us in the garden located 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 Team Redeemer supports the Center for Pregnancy Choices. 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.

Children & Youth Sunday Choir, Rehearsal Apr 21, 7:00pm

For Children & Youth Sunday on Apr 26, those in 6th grade and up are welcome to sing in the choir during the offertory music, while children in 5th grade and younger will sing with the children's choir at the beginning of both services. Rehearsal will be in conjunction with Tues choir practice, and this will be the only rehearsal prior to Children and Youth Sunday.

*** NEWS TO NOTE ***

Chael Williams Accepts Director of Youth Ministry Position, To Begin May 1

The search committee is thrilled to announce that Chael Williams was offered and has accepted the role of Director of Youth Ministry. Discerning a call to Pastoral Ministry, Chael, his wife Kate, and their corgi Teddy moved to Jackson in May 2023 for seminary. Their son, Charlie, joined the family this past Nov. Chael joined the church staff as an intern in 2024 and has served as Interim Youth Director for the past six months. He now steps into this full-time role while continuing his studies in the MDIV program at RTS, with plans to graduate in 2027. We are grateful for Chael's enthusiasm, wisdom, sense of wonder, deep care for Redeemer's youth, and his aptitude for creating a slip-n-slide. We rejoice in the gifts he brings to this role and look forward to what's ahead.



Thanks to the Director of Youth Ministry Search Committee

As we hire ministry staff at Redeemer, the Session forms a Search Committee to determine the job description, create the application, evaluate the applicants, and propose a candidate. The Director of Youth Ministry Search Committee is dismissed with thanks: Margot Christie, David Greer, Scott Marshall, Elbert McGowan, Sr., Joya McNeil, Zack Owens, Misty Slay, Emmaline Smith.

Officers on Sabbatical

On Apr 6, the Session approved Sabbatical for two Deacons: Blaise King and Davidson Forrester.

Blaise King has served as a Growth Group Leader and, for the last three years, as the Chair of the Diaconate. Blaise's calm demeanor, strategic thinking, love for his Savior, and heart for people have provided wise leadership in the Diaconate and served Redeemer well. Please pray for a season of joy and strength for Blaise.



Davidson has served as the Co-Chair of the Property Committee, on the TRS School Board, and as a leader in the building plans and Chastain project. Davidson's heart for service, attention to detail, discipline and endurance, and love for Christ's church have helped Redeemer navigate the many plans surrounding the McCay gift with tireless wisdom and excellence over the last nine years. Please pray for rest and refreshment for Davidson this season.



New Deacon Chair and Vice Chair

Jeremy Smith (Chair) and Seth Shannon (Vice Chair) have been elected and installed as new leadership for the Diaconate. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and excited to see what the Lord will do in this next chapter.

Covering Online Transaction Fees through Breeze

Did you know there's now an easy way to cover transactions fees when giving online? When giving through Breeze, simply check the box to **“cover the processing fee.”** Additionally, giving by ACH (bank transfer) has lower fees than credit cards, so choosing ACH minimizes associated fees. If it's an option for you, we'd love for you to consider it! Thank you for your generosity.

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

Children's Church, Apr 19

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

Senior Night, Apr 26, 5:30-7:00pm

Youth students, it's time to wrap up our Spring semester by celebrating our graduating Seniors! At Senior Night, we'll get to hear memories from our graduates' time in youth group and what they plan to do next. We will also enjoy dinner together, potluck style! Scan the QR code to let us know what food you can bring.

Crossroads, 6:00-7:30pm

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 on Wednesday nights in the Youth room . We have a blast and would love to see you there!

Rooted, 5:30-7:00pm

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 upstairs. See you there!.

Spring Adult Sunday School Block 2

9:45-10:35am

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 Children & Youth Sunday School

9:45-10:35am

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

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

Middle School Teachers: Chael Williams, Stephanie Greer,
Josh Anderson, Mary Kathryn 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.

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of Apr 19

Jake Garner, 601.540.6410

Sunday, Apr 19

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

Monday, Apr 20

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

Tuesday, Apr 21

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

Wednesday, Apr 22

- 9:00am Mom's Bible Study
- 5:30pm Community Garden Workday
- 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 23

- 12:00pm Women's Bible Study

Friday, Apr 24

- 5:00pm Women's Ministry
Spring Retreat

Saturday, Apr 25

- 8:30am Men's Basketball
- 9:00am Team Redeemer at
CPC Life Walk

Sunday, Apr 26

- 8:00am Worship Service
- 8:00am Livestream Available
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 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
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
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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

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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:

May 4: Session & Diaconate Meetings
May 9: Community Garden Workday
May 20: Community Garden Workday
May 28-30: Kids With a Mission
June 1: Session & Diaconate Meetings
June 13: Community Garden Workday
June 15-18: Vacation Bible School
June 22-26: Middle School RYM

