



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—May 31, 2026

“Surviving Seasons of Suffering”

James 5:7-11

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Ministry Moment

Mr. Jajuan McNeil
Director of Children's Ministry

* Call to Worship

Romans 8:31-39

Mr. Joshua Coleman
Intern

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Joshua Coleman

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:4-5

Mr. Joshua Coleman

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

* Song of Preparation

“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Refrain: *Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*○ how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
○ how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain.*

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms.
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain.*

* Song of Praise

“King of Kings”

*In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
‘Til from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.*

Chorus: Praise the Father, praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of glory, Majesty!
Praise forever to the King of Kings!

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering You saw to the other side,
knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake you died. **Chorus**

And the morning that You rose, all of Heaven held its breath,
'Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.
And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame,
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me! **Chorus Repeat**

Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Questions 1 and 52 Mr. Joshua Coleman

Q1. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q52. What comfort is it to you that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead?

A. In all my sorrow and persecution I lift up my head and eagerly await as judge from heaven the very same person who before has submitted himself to the judgment of God for my sake, and has removed all the curse from me. He will cast all his and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but he will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into heavenly joy and glory.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Rob Vickery
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.

Special Music

"If It Wasn't For The Lord"

Mr. Arthur Philips
and Leaders

If it wasn't, for the Lord, Lord, Lord, tell me what, would I do?
Tell me, what would I do? What, would I do?
If it wasn't, for the Lord, Lord, Lord, tell me what, would I do?
He brought me, yeah, from a mighty, a mighty long way. **Repeat as directed**

*He's water in dry places.
He's bread in a starving land.
Jesus gave me comfort
And he brought me with his powerful hand.
He took away my sorrows. He made my burdens light.
He brought me, yeah, from a mighty, a mighty long way.*

*He woke me up this morning
Allowed me get up from my sleep
Jesus directs my footsteps
He supplies all my needs
He guides me through the darkness
He makes my Joy complete
He's everything to me.*

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

James 5:7-11
Pew Bible p. 1202

Sermon Title

"Surviving Seasons of Suffering"

*** Hymn of Faith**

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*** Departing Song**

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Jeremy Smith & Mrs. Alli Smith (8:00am)
Mr. Gene Dent & Mrs. Betty Marsha Dent (11:00am)

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

Sermon Points

1. *To live is to eventually suffer*
2. *What to avoid and commit to in our suffering*
3. *Christ's future return gives us durability now and will bring an end to the Christian's suffering*

Sermon Questions

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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More Information:

On the QR Code you'll find links to announcements and online giving.

*** PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES ***

- Combs & Kimbrough Families: As they grieve the loss of Caroline after a long battle with cancer.
- Joyce Hamme & Family: As they grieve the loss of her mother, Clara Wade.
- Donald Dorsey: In the hospital with vascular issues.
- Myah Lane: As she undergoes treatment for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.

Birth

- *August Jermaine Van Buren, 5.27.26*, son of Jermaine and Laurie Van Buren.

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

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

RedeemerKids Leader Training, June 3 & June 10, 7:00pm

RedeemerKids is offering a special training for Redeemer Church members who are interested in serving in children's ministry but may feel unsure about how to get started. This training will provide practical guidance on leading large groups as well as effectively managing individual classrooms. We're offering two different dates on June 3 & June 10—whether you're a first time volunteer or a seasoned pro, this training is required in order to serve at VBS. Sign up through the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday.

Paint & Plant Workday, June 13, 9:00am-12:00pm

The Art + Soil Community Garden and Redeemer Community Arts are teaming up and serve together in the garden! Learn some new gardening tips and techniques while helping with regular garden maintenance or put your own creative marks on one of our several beautification projects. Join us at the corner of Londonderry Dr. and Robinhood Rd. Bring a snack/side/drink to share if you want to fellowship and eat together afterwards! Contact Kateri Gill at kateriaris@gmail.com.

Help Lead Summer Children's Church, 1st & 3rd Sundays

In order for us to have children's church during the summer months, we will need at least 6 leaders to serve twice from June - Aug during the 8:00am service. If you would like to serve as a teacher or teacher assistant for children's church, please contact Jajuan McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com

Summer Sunday School with RedeemerKids

During the summers, RedeemerKids shift from their usual curriculum and study the New City Catechism during the Sunday school hour. We need more leaders to pitch in and help to lead the littlest of members starting in June. Would you consider serving during the summer? Reach out to Jajuan McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com

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

Church-Wide Fellowship Brunch, Ellie Craven & Candace Robins

Introduction, June 7

Join us for our monthly congregation wide brunch during the Sunday School hour on June 7! We'll enjoy food and fellowship and have the opportunity to hear from our new music team. 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!



Summer Fellowship Potluck, June 10, 6:00pm

This summer we have Fellowship Potlucks planned to foster hospitality, connectedness, and belonging. During the summer, the calendar at Redeemer slows and we take a break from our regular rhythms to rest. Wednesday Fellowship Potlucks give us a simple and easy time together to stay connected. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall on June 10, June 24, July 8, and July 22. What do I bring? On June 10, if your LAST NAME starts with...

A-I: bring a side

J-Q: bring a dessert

R-Z: bring a main dish

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

Funeral Arrangements for Caroline Kimbrough Combs

Our sister, Caroline Combs, has gone to be with the Lord. We grieve, but not without hope. Her faith has become sight, and we will celebrate her life next weekend:

Fri, June 5, 5:00-8:00pm

Visitation at Chancellor Funeral Home

2576 US 49

Florence, MS 39073

Sat, June 6, 1:00-3:00pm

Visitation at Redeemer Church, PCA

640 E. Northside Drive

Jackson, MS 39206

Sat, June 6, 3:00pm

Funeral Service at Redeemer Church, PCA

640 E. Northside Drive

Jackson, MS 39206

Sabbatical for Brian Gault, May 31—July 31

Brian Gault, Redeemer's Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship, is currently on Sabbatical. He will return to the church office the week of Aug 3.

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

Vacation Bible School, June 15-18, 5:30-7:30pm

VBS is a once yearly intensive study for kids k4- 5th grade. We take the time to eat together, study God's word, sing God's word, memorize God's word and play. We will be studying Noah's Ark this year to understand the salvation of the Lord. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to register.



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

Redeemer Youth Alumni Hangout & Discussion, June 3, 2:00-3:30pm

Redeemer Youth alumni from the classes of '23-'26, come join Chael and Stephanie at Northshore Coffee in The District for time to catch up and have discussion based on topics from the book *Surviving Religion 101* by Michael Kruger! We'll meet three times throughout the summer: June 3, June 17, and July 1.

Middle School Summer Kickoff, June 3, 5:00-6:30pm

Rising 6th-8th graders, come jump into summer at Defy Trampoline Park with your youth leaders and friends at our Middle School Summer Kickoff! Please RSVP in the Redeemer Youth GroupMe or Stephanie at sgreer@redeemerjackson.com so we can get a headcount for this event.

High School Summer Kickoff, June 7, 5:30-7:00pm

Rising 9th-12th graders, come dive into summer with our summer kickoff pool party at the Arndt's home in Belhaven! Please RSVP in the GroupMe or to Stephanie at sgreer@redeemerjackson.com. We will share the address in the GroupMe closer to the event.

Upcoming Summer Sunday School

9:45-10:35am

June 14—July 26

Joint Adult Sunday School: One Another 101

A summer Sunday School meant to help Redeemer Church have confidence that *ordinary Christians* are God's primary means of care, and to encourage habits of simple, faithful "one anothering" in our church community.

Youth (6th-12th): Studying the Bible with the 7 Arrows

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

Middle School Teachers: Chael Williams, Stephanie Greer,
Lane Morgan, Goodness Adegbola, & Jake Garner

Location: Youth Room

This summer during Youth Sunday School we will be exploring tools of how to best study the Bible on our own and in community. We will be using the 7 Arrows questions and examining a number of passages individually and as a group using different Biblical genres such as Law, OT Narrative, Poetry, Gospels, Acts, and Epistles.

Children's (K4-5th): New City Catechism

This summer, RedeemerKids are studying the New City Catechism questions 1-10 during the Sunday School hour. The New City Catechism offers newly written truths for old questions as we build a foundation for belief and understanding.

Nursery (2's & 3's): God's Faithfulness to His Promises

Teachers: Olivia Akins, Chad Akins, Amy Boyett,
Akida Mosby, Alexis Doty

This summer, our Nursery Sunday School classes will be looking at God's faithfulness in the lives of his Old Testament saints from Moses to Daniel and God's fulfillment of his promises, especially the very best promise to send Jesus the Savior. In every lesson they will be pointed to Jesus and their need for Him.

Spring Adult Sunday School Block 2

9:45-10:35am

Apr 12—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 Children & Youth Sunday School

9:45-10:35am

Feb 8—May 31

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

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

This spring, RedeemerKids is
"Investigating God’s Word."

5th: Room 204

Teachers:

Haley Arndt, Tyler Espinoza,
Jake Garner

continuing through

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 May 31

Jaimar Scott, 601.720.2009

Sunday, May 31

- 8:00am Worship Service
- 8:00am Livestream Available
- 9:45am Spring Sunday
School Concludes
- 11:00am Worship Service

Monday, June 1

- 6:00pm Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, June 2

- 7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, June 3

- 2:00pm Redeemer Youth
Alumni Hangout & Discussion
- 5:00pm Middle School
Summer Kickoff
- 6:00pm Session Meeting
- 7:00pm RedeemerKids Leader
Training

Thursday, June 4

Friday, June 5

Saturday, June 6

- 8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, June 7

Communion Sunday

- 8:00am Worship Service
- 8:00am Livestream Available
- 9:45am Church-Wide
Fellowship Brunch
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 5:30pm High School Summer Kickoff

STAFF

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Seth Shannon
Jonathan Shull
Jeremy Smith
Ellis Tucker
Johnston Walker
Tamarco White

*Sabbatical

COMING UP:

June 10: Summer Fellowship Potluck
June 10: RedeemerKids Leader Training
June 13: Community Garden Workday
June 15-18: Vacation Bible School
June 22-26: Middle School RYM
June 24: Community Garden Workday
June 24: Summer Fellowship Potluck
June 24: RED Training
July 1: Redeemer Youth Alumni Hangout
July 3-7: High School RYM



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