



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—June 21, 2026

*“He Became the Curse: Finding Jesus in Deuteronomy 21”
Deuteronomy 21:22-23*

Welcome & Announcements

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Introit

“How Deep The Father’s Love for Us”

RedeemerKids

*How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders,
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.*

*It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished,
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom,
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.*

*Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.*

* Call to Worship

Psalm 130

Mr. Chael Williams
Director of Youth Ministry

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2:13-14

Mr. Chael Williams

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

* Song of Preparation

“Gospel Medley”

*What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve.
Angels bow before Him, Heaven and earth adore Him, what a mighty God we serve!*

*What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve.
Angels bow before Him, Heaven and earth adore Him, what a mighty God we serve!*

*I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter His courts with praise.*

*I will say this is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad!*

He has made me glad, oh He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad!
He has made me glad, oh He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad. **Repeat as directed**

*This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.*

*This is the day that the Lord has made I will rejoice and be glad in it!
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made. **Repeat as directed***

*** Song of Praise**

“Good, Good Father”

*Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
but I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night,
and You tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone.*

Chorus: *You're a Good, Good Father, it's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are.
And I'm loved by You, it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

*Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
but I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
cause you know just what we need before we say a word. **Chorus***

Cause you are perfect in all of your ways.

You are perfect in all of your ways.

*You are perfect in all of your ways to us. **Repeat***

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak.

Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think.

*As you call me deeper still [x3] into love, love, love. **Chorus***

Baptism

8:00am

McLean Denley, Communing Member

Lula Augustine Fair, Covenant Child of William & Anna Fair

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Kelle Menogan
Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Mr. Kelle Menogan

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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.*

Congregational Song

“All Things New”

*Then I saw the heavens open for the former things were past.
And I heard my Savior singing, “I have come for you, at last!
I will wipe away death's sorrow, You will no more cry or grieve.
To the thirsty I give healing, from the spring of life, come drink!”*

Chorus: *For behold, I am making all things new!*

Write this down; every word is true.

Tell the world what I come to do

I am making all things new!

Then I saw God's holy city, New Jerusalem, descend.
And a voice announced with splendor, "I will dwell with you, my friends!
I will be your God forever, You will never leave my side.
You were always my beloved, now, at last, you'll be my Bride!" **Chorus**

We will no more fear the darkness and the night will be like day.
For the Lamb in all his beauty, like a torch, will light our way.
And the gates of that great city never close to those who come,
every nation brings its glory to our new creation home! **Chorus**

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Deuteronomy 21:22-23
Pew Bible p. 193

Sermon Title

"He Became the Curse: Finding Jesus in Deuteronomy 21"

*** Hymn of Faith**

"Grace That Is Greater"

Marvellous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt.
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Chorus: Grace grace, God's grace.
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within.

Grace grace, God's grace.
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold
threaten the soul with infinite loss.
Grace that is greater yes grace untold,
points to the refuge the mighty Cross. **Chorus**

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
what can avail to wash it away.
Look there is flowing a crimson tide,
whiter than snow you may be today. **Chorus**

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*** Departing Song**

"Grace That Is Greater"

Marvellous infinite matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe.
You that are longing to see His face,
will you this moment His grace receive. **Chorus**

Prayer Intercessor Team

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

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

Sermon Points

1. A nameless lawbreaker's punishment, public curse, and proper burial
2. Our known Savior who bore the curse for us
3. A people deeply known, loved, and liberated

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?

SERMON NOTES

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—June 21, 2026

“He Became the Curse: Finding Jesus in Deuteronomy 21”

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

The Sacrament of Covenant (Infant) Baptism

As we read through the Word of God, it becomes clear that God's sovereign grace is embraced in the "covenant" framework of Scripture. By grace alone, God has covenanted with His people that He will have them to/for Himself from every nation, tribe, people, and language (Rev 7). It is a covenant generally that embraces family solidarity (see Acts 2:39; Acts 16:31; Gen 17:7). As noted elsewhere, "every person identified in the Bible as having a household present at his or her conversion also had the household baptized." Because of God's covenant, all history marches forward to the time when God's covenant people will live in the New Jerusalem in a renewed world order enjoying fully their relationship with God: "they will be His people, and God Himself will be their God" (see Rev. 21:3).

Even today, Christ continues as "the Mediator of the new covenant" (Heb 8), the one Mediator between God and man (1 Tim 2). Salvation is covenant salvation: regeneration, justification, adoption, sanctification are covenant mercies. Baptism and the Lord's Supper, corresponding to/replacing the old covenant rites of circumcision and Passover, are covenant ordinances. God's law is covenant law, and keeping it is the truest expression of gratitude for covenant grace and loyalty to our covenant God. An understanding of this covenant of grace guides us through, and helps us appreciate, all the wonders of God's redeeming love.

Christians in our theological tradition believe that children of believers, infant children, are and should be included as members of the visible covenant community, the church. Why? Because we believe, based upon the Bible, that infant children of believers have the status of covenant children and therefore should be baptized, just as Jewish male infants previously had been circumcised. Again, why? Because, if infants are deemed members of the visible covenant community with their believing parents, it is fitting to give them the sign of covenant status and of their place in the covenant community.

Is there something magic about the water? No. Do baptized infants have no obligation to make a public profession of personal faith in Jesus Christ? Certainly, they do. When we celebrate the sacrament of covenant baptism, we publicly recognize a covenant child through the covenant sign of baptism as a child of at least one believing parent (1 Cor 7:14), thus as a member of the visible church. At the same time, we are careful also to affirm that neither baptism nor being the child of believing parents will suffice to make that child a true believer. At some point, each baptized infant/child must personally turn from their sins and express their own faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The outward and visible sign in baptism is water. As water is poured down on the head of a child, we are reminded of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that delivers us from the penalty of sin (1 John 1:7) as well as the sanctifying virtue of the Holy Spirit delivering us from the power of sin (Rom 8:2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Connect Pad: Please find the Connect Pad on your pew and sign in. This helps us keep track of Members and Visitors alike.



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.
- Grace Marsh: As she deals with ongoing health issues due to anemia.
- Donald Dorsey: In the hospital with vascular issues.
- Myah Lane: As she undergoes treatment for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. Waiting for an appointment with a new provider to resume treatments.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.

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

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

Community Garden Workday, June 24, 5:30pm

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.

Redeemer Engaging Disability (RED) Training, June 24, 7:00pm

Please join as we learn more about the why, what, and how of disability ministry during our Redeemer Engaging Disability training. Whether you are a seasoned buddy, new to serving with our ministry, serve with children's ministry, or just want to learn more, come learn about serving with and walking alongside our friends touched by disability. Enjoy the potluck dinner beforehand and then come to room 109 to be a part of our training. Youth, adults - all are welcome and encouraged to come! Contact Sarah Barrow at sbarrow718@gmail.com for more information.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

Summer Fellowship Potluck, June 24, 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 24, July 8, and July 22. What do I bring? On June 24, if your LAST NAME starts with...

A-I: bring a main dish

J-Q: bring a side

R-Z: bring a dessert

Church-Wide Prayer Brunch, July 5, 9:45-10:35am

Join us for our monthly congregation wide brunch during the Sunday School hour on July 5! We'll hear updates from General Assembly and spend the last ten minutes in prayer for our denomination as a whole. 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!

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

Vacation Bible School Pictures

VBS was a blast! Huge thank you to Jajuan, Joya, and all the volunteers who gave their time this week to shepherd our RedeemerKids. To view photos from VBS, check out the gallery on the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday.



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

Pray for Middle School RYM, June 22-26

Next week, 15 of our 6th-8th grade students and 4 leaders are headed off to Florida for RYM. RYM is designed to serve the local church by creating a space for students to encounter God's Word, enjoy meaningful fellowship, and build memories that last a lifetime. Please pray for a fruitful, safe, and fun time!

Redeemer Youth Alumni Book Discussion, July 1, 2:00pm

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!

Midweek Mix, July 1, 4:30pm

6th-12th graders, come on out to our first Midweek Mix! We'll have a snack, time to hang out with friends, and small group devotionals/discussion. Doors open at 4:30, small groups begin at 5:15. We'll also have midweek mix on July 15 and 29.

Summer Sunday School:

9:45-10:35am

June 14—July 26

Joint Adult Sunday School: One Another 101

Teachers: Tu Combs, Jerome Douglas, Zack Owens, CL Pearce,
William Stackler, Chael Williams

Location: Sanctuary

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.

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June 14—July 26

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.

K4: Room 208

Teachers:

Rachel Harbarger, Amanda McGuffey,
Jajuan McNeil

2nd: Room 207

Teachers:

Gene Everrit, KK Harrington

K5: Room 209

Teachers:

Beth Clarke, Sarah Love Crawford,
Rebekah Kettleman

3rd: Room 206

Teachers:

Andrea Burks, Page Callen, Christa Williams

1st: Room 210

Teachers:

Emily DeLashmet, Claire Graves,
Krisan Parish

4th: Room 202

Teachers:

Latanya Francis, Alleen McClain,
Kristen Owens

5th: Room 204

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

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

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.

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of June 21

Jeremy Smith, 601.278.2260

Sunday, June 21

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Summer Sunday School Begins
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, June 22

Middle School Trip to RYM

Tuesday, June 23

7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, June 24

5:30pm Community Garden Workday
6:00pm Fellowship Potluck
7:00pm RED Buddy Training

Thursday, June 25

Friday, June 26

Saturday, June 27

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, June 28

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Summer Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

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Jeremy Smith
Ellis Tucker
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*Sabbatical

COMING UP:

July 1: Redeemer Youth Alumni Book Discussion
July 1: Redeemer Youth Midweek Mix
July 3-7: High School RYM
July 5: Church-Wide Prayer Brunch
July 8: Summer Fellowship Potluck
July 11: Youth Serve Day at We Will Go
July 12-16: RedeemerKids to Summer Camp
July 15: Redeemer Youth Midweek Mix
July 22: Summer Fellowship Potluck
July 29: Redeemer Youth Midweek Mix



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