



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—June 28, 2026

*“Our True Home: Prayed for, Tasted now, and Guaranteed in Jesus”
Psalm 125*

Reflection Quote: The psalmist invites those who pray this psalm to make a confession. The admission that not all is right with the world is only part of this confession, albeit an important part. The greater confession concerns the protective care of the pray-ers’ God. As certain as they are of wicked rulers, evildoers, and those who have chosen crooked paths, they are to be equally assured—no, even more assured—of the presence of their God.

- Dennis Tucker & Jamie Grant

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Time of Greeting

Introit

“War in The Heavens”

Chorus: *War in the Heavens.*

Tearing down principalities.

Standing firm in Jesus’ victory.

War in the Heavens,

casting down every high thing

that exalts itself against the knowledge of Christ.

We do not bow our knee to the prince of the air.

We know the truth shall set us free.

And under our feet he will surely be crushed.

*Having done all we’ll stand in victory. **Chorus***

Our hearts are set apart for the course of the Lord.

We will not be bought or sold.

By His Spirit in us we shall overcome.

Tearing down every stronghold.

Our God is sovereign and His Kingdom has no end.

Mighty in battle He’s the King of all Kings.

*And over all He will forever reign. **Chorus***

*** Call to Worship**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Mr. Bentley Crawford

RUF at Belhaven Campus Minister

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 8:12

Mr. Bentley Crawford

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

*** Song of Preparation**

"O, How I Love Jesus"

*There is a Name I love to hear, I love to sing Its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest Name on earth.*

Refrain: *O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!*

*It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. **Refrain***

*It tells me what my Father hath in store for ev'ry day,
And, tho I tread a darksome path, Yields sunshine all the way. **Refrain***

*It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. **Refrain***

*** Song of Praise**

"Jesus, What a Beautiful Name!"

*Jesus, what a beautiful Name!
Son of God, Son of man, Lamb that was slain.
Joy and peace, strength and hope,
Grace that blows all fear away!
Jesus, what a beautiful Name!*

*Jesus, what a beautiful Name!
Truth revealed, my future sealed, healed my pain.
Love and freedom life and warmth,
Grace that blows all fear away!
Jesus, what a beautiful Name!*

*Jesus, what a beautiful Name!
Rescued my soul, my stronghold, lifts me from shame.
Forgiveness, security, power and love,
Grace that blows all fear away! Jesus, what a beautiful Name!*

New Testament Scripture Reading Hebrews 11:8-16

Mr. Bentley Crawford

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. 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. Trey Watkins
Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Mr. Trey Watkins

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

"Perfect Praise"

Redeemer Choir

*O Lord how excellent! How excellent! How excellent! How excellent is Thy Name! **Repeat***

*There is none like You, none like You, none like You.
Jesus, excellent is Thy Name...*

...in all the earth, in all the earth, in all the earth, in all the earth!

Jesus, excellent is Thy Name!

*Every knee shall bow and every tongue
confess that He is Lord! Jesus, excellent! Is Thy Name!*

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Psalm 125
Pew Bible p. 613

Sermon Title

"Our True Home: Prayed for, Tasted now, and Guaranteed in Jesus"

*** Hymn of Faith**

"Amazing Grace"

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear—the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far,
and Grace will lead me home.*

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*** Departing Song**

"Amazing Grace"

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise,
than when we'd first begun.*

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Bill Wallace & Mrs. Alecia Wallace (8:00am)
Mr. Herb Sanders & Mrs. Mary Sanders (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

Sermon Points

1. The Psalmist's Petition for Our Eternal Home — New Jerusalem (vv. 4-5)
2. God's Present and Partial Provision of New Jerusalem (vv. 1-2)
3. God's Promise When Things Feel Threatened — New Jerusalem Will Prevail (v. 3)

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

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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 *****

- 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 *****

Youth Serve Day at We Will Go, July 11, 8:15am

Redeemer Youth is partnering with We Will Go for a Serve Saturday. We will carpool from Redeemer and eat lunch together at Redeemer afterward. This opportunity to serve is open to all 6th-12th grade students. For more information about We Will Go, check out their website or ask the Youth Staff. Contact: Stephanie Greer at sgreer@redeemerjackson.com. **Please sign up by July 2 to participate!**

Community Garden Workday, July 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 us in the garden located at the corner of Robinhood and Londonderry. Questions or ideas? Contact Sylvia Leggette at artandsoilgarden@gmail.com.

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

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!

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

A-I: bring a dessert

J-Q: bring a main dish

R-Z: bring a side

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

A HUGE Thank You to Our Interim Music Team:

Kateri Gill, Joyce Hamme, Meg Mills, Akida Mosby, Arthur Phillips

As Ellie Craven and Candace Robins step into the helm of the music ministry, our Interim Music Team will be rolling off at the end of June. This team has served tirelessly for almost three years. From leading the choir and music planning to leading worship and playing instruments, we are so thankful for the gifts and extensive efforts they've offered so faithfully. They'll continue to be familiar faces in our music ministry, but if you see them, offer a big thank you for all the work they've done over the last three years!

Officer Nominations, July 12-Aug 9

The Session has voted to accept nominations for officers for four weeks. Qualified men will meet the standards set for Deacon or Elder in 1 Tim 3 and Titus 1, of the appropriate age (Deacon 25, Elder 35), and a member for at least one year as of Feb 2027. He should be someone who is already actively serving and connected in the life of the church, knows their Bible, and demonstrates spiritual maturity both personally and publicly. A candidate must receive two nominations (not from family members) to be a valid nominee. All officers must be able to receive and adopt our Confessional Standards and form of government. You can find more information and the nominations form (available July 12) on the nominations page through the QR code.

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 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

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.

Pray for High School RYM, July 3-7

Next week, 29 of our 9th-12th grade students and 6 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!

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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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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 28

Ellis Tucker, 601.842.1729

Sunday, June 28

8:00am Worship Service

8:00am Livestream Available

9:45am Summer Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

Monday, June 29

Tuesday, June 30

7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, July 1

2:00pm Redeemer Youth Alumni

Book Discussion

4:30pm Redeemer Youth

Midweek Mix

Thursday, July 2

Friday, July 3

Church Office Closed

High School RYM Trip

Saturday, July 4

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, July 5

8:00am Worship Service

8:00am Livestream Available

9:45am Church-Wide Prayer Brunch

11:00am Worship Service

STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship*

Zack Owens, Asst Pastor of Congregational Care

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Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant

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Stephanie Greer, Assistant Youth Director

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Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator

Ellie Craven, Director of Music Ministry

Candace Robins, Assistant Director of Music Ministry

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Mary Sanders, Administrative Assistant

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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

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Seth Shannon

Jonathan Shull

Jeremy Smith

Ellis Tucker

Johnston Walker

Tamarco White

*Sabbatical

COMING UP:

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

Aug 2: Church-Wide Fellowship Brunch

Aug 9: Fall Sunday School Begins

Aug 10: Session & Diaconate Meetings



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