



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—June 7, 2026
“Gifts Given to Us by Christ for The Journey Home”
James 5:13—20

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* Call to Worship

Psalm 46

Mr. Jerome Douglas

Director of Neighborhood Outreach & Missions

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah. Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Jerome Douglas

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14

Mr. Jerome Douglas

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

* Song of Preparation

“At The Cross”

Alas! and did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die?

Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Refrain: *At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,*

And the burden of my heart rolled away,

It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day!

*Thy body slain, sweet Jesus, Thine—And bathed in its own blood—
While the firm mark of wrath divine, His Soul in anguish stood. Refrain*

*Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree! Refrain*

*Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut His glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker died, for man the creature's sin. Refrain*

*Thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears. Refrain*

*** Song of Praise**

“Revelation Song”

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, Holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.*

Chorus: *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty!
Who was, and is, and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing: praise to the King of kings!
You are my everything, and I will adore You.*

*Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lighting rolls of thunder.
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
to You the only one wise King. **Chorus***

*Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name.
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water, such a marvelous mystery! **Chorus***

New Members Presentation

Baptism

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Eden Blaise King, Communing Member (8:00am)

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. William Stackler
Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Mr. William Stackler

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

“Worthy is The Lamb”

*Thank you for the cross, Lord.
Thank you for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame,
in love you came, and gave amazing grace.*

*Thank you for this love, Lord.
Thank you for the nail pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow,
now all I know, is your forgiveness and embrace.*

Chorus: *Worthy is the Lamb Seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns,
You reign victorious!
High and lifted up, Jesus Son of God
The Treasure of Heaven crucified,
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb!*

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

James 5:13-20
Pew Bible p. 1202

Sermon Title

“Gifts Given to Us by Christ for The Journey Home”

* Hymn of Faith

“And Can It Be?”

And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain: Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more. **Refrain**

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me. **Refrain**

Communion

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr. and the Elders

Communion Music

Mr. Stan Wagon

Covenant Children who have completed communicants class and joined as communing members today are invited to come forward first with their families.

* **Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* **Departing Song**

“And Can It Be?”

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. **Refrain**

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. **Refrain**

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Karl Arndt & Mrs. Haley Arndt (8:00am)

Mr. Marculis Mosby & Mrs. Amy Stackler (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

Sermon Points

1. *Personal gifts given to help us endure seasons of suffering and cheer*
2. *Corporate gifts given to help us endure seasons of sickness, sin and wandering*

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?

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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.
- Joyce Hamme & Family: As they grieve the loss of her mother, Clara Wade.
- 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.
- 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 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. *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.

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 *****

Church-Wide Fellowship Brunch, Ellie Craven & Candace Robins

Introduction, June 7

Join us TODAY for our monthly congregation wide brunch during the Sunday School hour! 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 *****

Officer on Sabbatical

On June 3, the session approved a sabbatical for Jake Garner. In his eight years on the diaconate, Jake has faithfully served in numerous ways including growth group leadership, mercy ministry, the admin committee, and serving in the kitchen. Those who attend the 11:00am service have likely been greeted at the door by Jake's joyful welcome. His kindness, care for the vulnerable, and wisdom in leadership will be missed in this season. Please pray for this next year to be marked by deep rest for Jake and the Garners.



Announcing Our New Administrative Assistant, Mary Sanders

Mary Sanders has stepped back into the Redeemer Office as our new Administrative Assistant. Mary previously served the office in other administrative roles, and we are thrilled to have her back in the office part time.

Welcome New Members!

On June 6 the Session voted to accept 13 new members and 10 communicants. The 23 new members include 11 communing members and 2 non-communing members. If you wish to get a pictorial directory of new members—or an updated complete directory—email Mary Sanders at msanders@redeemerjackson.com.

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

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.

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of June 7

Seth Shannon, 563.528.5850

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

Monday, June 8

Tuesday, June 9

7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, June 10

6:00pm Fellowship Potluck

7:00pm RedeemerKids Leader
Training

Thursday, June 11

Friday, June 12

Saturday, June 13

8:30am Men's Basketball

9:00am Paint & Plant Community
Garden Workday

Sunday, June 14

8:00am Worship Service

8:00am Livestream Available

9:45am Church-Wide

Fellowship Brunch

11:00am Worship Service

STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship*

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RULING ELDERS

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Seth Shannon

Jonathan Shull

Jeremy Smith

Ellis Tucker

Johnston Walker

Tamarco White

*Sabbatical

COMING UP:

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

July 8: Summer Fellowship Potluck

July 11: Youth Serve Day at We Will Go

July 12-26: RedeemerKids to Summer Camp



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