



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—August 23, 2026

"The Small Meeting With Big Consequences!"

Galatians 2:2-10

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* Call to Worship

Psalm 130

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship

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.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Brian Gault

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:11-12

Rev. Brian Gault

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

* Song of Preparation

"Lord, You're Mighty"

Say, Lord, You're mighty (Lord, You're mighty).

Lord, You're mighty (Lord, You're mighty).

Oh Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!

You set Your glory above the heavens and the earth.

*When I think of all You've made, the sun, the moon and the stars,
no praise is high enough to express how great You are!*

What a mighty God we serve, Mighty God we serve!

Angels would bow before the mighty God we serve!

What a mighty God we serve, Mighty God we serve!

Let heaven and the earth adore the mighty God we serve!

Hallelujah (Hallelujah),

All glory (all glory),

All honor (all honor),

All praise (all praise),

All praise (all praise)!

* Song of Praise

"All My Hope"

I've been held by the Savior. I've felt fire from above.

I've been down to the river. I ain't the same, a prodigal returned.

Chorus: *All my hope is in Jesus! Thank God that yesterday's gone.*

All my sins are forgiven! And I've been washed by the blood.

*I'm no stranger to prison. I've worn shackles and chains. But I've been freed and forgiven.
And I'm not going back, I'll never be the same. That's why I sing! **Chorus***

*There's a kind of thing that just breaks a man, break him down to his knees.
God, I've been broken more than a time or two. Yes, Lord then...
Then He picked me up and showed me what it means to be free.*

*Come on and sing, "All my hope is in Jesus! Thank God that yesterday's gone.
Yes, all my sins are forgiven! I've been washed by the blood." **Repeat***

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Rev. Brian Gault

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

"And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

Deuteronomy 30:1-6

"And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. CL Pearce
Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

****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

"I Do Worship"

Redeemer Choir

*I do worship, I do worship, I do worship You.
I do worship, I do worship, I do worship You.*

*For Your goodness and Your glory,
for the joy inside Your story,
I do worship You.*

Oh, how excellent is Your presence, we will bless Your name.

*For Your goodness and Your glory,
for the joy inside Your story*

*For the peace You gave to me,
for the day You set me, set me free.*

*For Your goodness and Your glory,
For the joy inside Your story,
I do worship You. **Repeat***

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Galatians 2:2-10
Pew Bible p. 1154

Sermon Title

"The Small Meeting With Big Consequences!"

* Song of Faith

"Jesus I My Cross Have Taken"

*Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
Destitute, despis'd, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish, ev'ry fond ambition, all I've sought, and hop'd, and known;
Yet how rich is my condition; God and Heav'n are still my own!
Let the world despise and leave me; they have left my Savior, too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue;
And while thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate, and friends may shun me; show thy face, and all is bright!*

* Benediction

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* Departing Song

"Jesus I My Cross Have Taken"

*Haste then on from grace to glory, arm'd by faith, and wing'd by pray'r;
Heav'n's eternal day before thee; God's own hand shall guide me there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission; swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope soon change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and pray'r to praise.*

Prayer Intercessor Team Rev. Jermaine Van Buren, Jr. & Mrs. Kelly Berkompas (8:00am)
Mr. Marculis Mosby & Mrs. Akida Mosby (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

Sermon Points

Big Idea: Because Christ alone makes sinners right with God and full members of His family, the gospel unites us, frees us, and makes us one across real differences. Therefore, we humbly strengthen unity, courageously protect freedom, and recognize, receive, and serve one another as equals.

1. The Gospel Unites Us, So We Humbly Strengthen Unity Before It Fractures (2:1–2)
2. The Gospel Frees Us, So We Courageously Protect Freedom (2:3–5)
3. The Gospel Makes Us One Across Differences, So We Recognize, Receive, and Serve One Another as Equals (2:6–10)

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 ***

- Bill Wallace: As he recovers from heart ablation.
- Finn Roberson: As he recovers from surgery and is treated for severe sleep apnea.
- Sheila Nasekos: Healing and recovery from internal bleeding.
- Donald Dorsey: In the hospital with vascular issues.
- Myah Lane: As she waits for a treatment plan for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.

Births

- Mildrith "Millie" Stawana Missel Mau, 8.4.26, Covenant Child of Jarrod Mau & Alexis Missel

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

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

Serve at The Community Fish Fry, Oct 7, 5:00-8:00pm

Mark your calendars for a day of fun, food, and fellowship with our neighbors! We'll enjoy free fried fish, music, games, kids' activities, and a resource fair for families. This is a church-wide effort, and it will take all of us serving together to welcome our neighbors well. We're praying for 100 people to step in and make this possible, can you help? Sign up to volunteer through the QR code. For more information, reach out to Jerome Douglas at jdouglas@redeemerjackson.com.

Families Count Kickoff Meet & Greet, Oct 7, 5:00-8:00pm

This Fall, Redeemer is offering a 7-week parenting class on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm for families navigating challenging seasons and working with CPS, taught by Mar-ray and TK Harris. This opportunity allows the church to offer holistic care to families referred, so that children may remain in their parents care or reunify with them permanently. We're kicking off with a meet & greet during the annual Fish Fry. During the semester, volunteers are needed to assist with transportation to and/or from class, help set up the room before class, and to eat with the participants as mentors from 5:30-6:00pm. If you're interested in serving these families, reach out to Jennifer Remington at jenremington2@gmail.com.

Serve at Upside Down This Fall

Upside Down kicked off this week, but we're still looking for additional volunteers to make this midweek discipleship time for kids k4-5th grade viable. It's like VBS for our kids once a week! This fall we will be studying Joshua. If you'd like to join the RedeemerKids team as a leader, reach out to Jajuan McNeil-mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com-we'd love to have you!

Volunteers Needed for Children's Church, Sign-Up by Sept 2

We want to restart children's church on Sept 20 for our K4 and K5 members. In order to teach our children about covenant theology on first and third Sundays, we need 10 people to help to disciple some of our youngest members. Please contact Jajuan McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com by Sept 2 to let him know that you want to be a part of this leadership group.

Art + Soil Garden Swap, Aug 29, 9:00-11:00am

Join the Art + Soil Garden for our "Garden Swap" community event! We will share our seeds, tools, plants and other supplies. Bring what you can and take what you need! There will also be kids activities and information for new gardeners. To drop off donations beforehand, for more information, or to volunteer contact Kateri Gill at kateriaris@gmail.com.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

RYA Pool Party & BBQ, Aug 27, 6:30-8:00pm

This Fall with Redeemer Young Adults, we're kicking things off with a pool party and FREE BBQ! We'll be catering food from Boondocks, and drinks will be provided as well. Invite a friend and come enjoy good food and fellowship with us! Joyce Hamme is hosting at her home, address will be posted in the RYA GroupMe, which you can join through the QR code.

Redeemer Music Collective, Aug 30, 4:30-6:00pm

Join us in the sanctuary for the first Redeemer Music Collective, a relaxed gathering for musicians and vocalists of all ages and experience levels to connect, learn, and make music together. Register through the QR code to receive the songs, chord charts, and event details. Contact Candace Robins at crobins@redeemerjackson.com for more information.

Church-Wide Prayer Brunch, Sept 6, 9:45-10:35am

Join us for our monthly congregation wide brunch during the Sunday School hour! We'll enjoy food and fellowship and spend the last ten minutes in prayer. 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!

*** NEWS TO NOTE ***

Jonathan Lancaster Returns to the Diaconate

Previously, Jonathan stepped down from the diaconate as he and Frances anticipated transitioning to First Presbyterian Church alongside his role as Head of School at First Pres Day School. We're delighted to share that Jonathan, Frances, and their kids will be remaining at Redeemer even as Jonathan continues as the Head of School at FPDS, and the session has voted to reinstate Jonathan to the diaconate.



Barry McCay Returns from Sabbatical

Ruling Elder Barry McCay has returned from his year long Sabbatical (his first in 14 years of service!). We are so thankful to have Barry's steady faithfulness, theological insight, servant's heart, and love for the church.

Redeemer Officer Update, John Hooker

At the Aug 10 meeting, with sadness, the Session accepted the resignation of John Hooker from the Diaconate. For the past 14 years, John has served tirelessly with Redeemer Engaging Disabilities, Transportation Ministry, Mercy Ministry, Wednesday nights, and in a wide array of administrative details. His deep kindness, ministry of presence, and extensive service as an officer will be missed. Thank you, John!



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

Upside Down, Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm

Upside Down is our midweek discipleship time for kids k4-5th grade. It's like VBS for our kids once a week! This fall we will be studying the book of Joshua. Drop off in the Fellowship Hall, dinner provided.

Raising Kids in a Digital World Discussion, Sept 16, 6:00pm-7:00pm

This fall, RedeemerKids and Congregational Care are teaming up to discuss how we teach our children to engage with technology with wisdom. During these hour long conversations, Pastor Zack Owens and Director of AV Ministries Brandon Slay will give parents practical tools to equip parents to steward their children's relationship with technology. We will host the same conversation again on Sept 30 at 12:00pm.

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

Crossroads, Wednesdays, 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 have a blast and would love to see you there!

Rooted Returns Tonight, Aug 23, 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. See you there!

Redeemer Youth Merch: Order by Sept 15!

Get ready for the fall and show your Redeemer Youth spirit in our new merch! Ordering closes on Sept 15, and you'll get your new swag in time for our fall retreats! Order through the QR code.

Fall Sunday School Adult Classes Block 1

9:45-10:35am

Aug 9—Sept 27

Redemption Accomplished, WCF 8-15

Location: Fellowship Hall

Teacher: Brian Gault

This fall, our Sunday School class will explore Chapters 8–15 of the Westminster Confession of Faith, tracing the heart of the gospel and the saving work of Christ. Over seven weeks we will consider how God rescues sinners through the person and work of Jesus and applies that redemption to His people by the Holy Spirit.

Topics include Christ the Mediator, human will and sin, effectual calling, justification, adoption, sanctification, saving faith, and repentance. Together these chapters present a beautiful picture of God's grace—from Christ accomplishing salvation to the Spirit bringing that salvation to life in believers. Whether you are new to the Confession or familiar with it already, this class will help deepen your understanding of the gospel and strengthen your confidence in the saving grace of Christ.

The Righteousness of God: Romans 1-5

Location: Room 109

Teachers: Josh Anderson, Joshua Coleman, Markese Lee,
Jonny Parker, Jermaine Van Buren, Jr.

In this Sunday School class, we aim to use Romans 1-5 to paint a clear picture of the unrighteousness of man, the righteousness of God, and the way in which this righteousness is imputed to those who believe in Christ. In these five chapters, Paul gives arguably the clearest exposition in the Bible of how we sinners are made righteous by the death and resurrection of Christ. We hope that after this class, all who attend will leave with a clearer understanding of the righteousness we have in Christ, the divine indicative that serves as a foundation for all divine imperatives.

Redeeming the Time: Parenting as Spiritual Formation

Location: Sanctuary

Teachers: Zack & Kristen Owens, Marray & TK Harris

In this class, we hope to focus less on behavior and discipline and more on the formation of our children—heart, mind, soul, and strength. Connecting the dots between Ephesians 5:15-16 and 6:1-4, we will explore how children spend their time and how parents spend time with their children (technology, play, sports, reading, spiritual discipleship at home and at church).

Fall Children & Youth Sunday School

9:45-10:35am

Aug 9—Nov 29

Youth (6th-12th): Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion

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

Middle School Teachers: Chael Williams, Stephanie Greer, Jerome Douglas, Katie Drake, Lane Morgan, Goodness Adegbola, Oliver Hammond, Jake Garner

Location: Youth Room

This fall Redeemer Youth Sunday School will be working through *Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion* by Rebecca McLaughlin. From the back of the book:

"Christianity is the most widespread global belief system, and promises to remain so well into the future. But for many educated westerners, biblical Christianity is a dangerous idea—challenging some of their deepest beliefs. Channeling state-of-the-art research, personal stories, and careful biblical study, *Confronting Christianity* explores 12 questions that keep many of us from considering faith in Christ. Look more closely, McLaughlin argues, and the reality of suffering, the complexity of sexuality, the desire for diversity, the success of science, and other seeming roadblocks to faith become signposts. Jesus becomes not a relic from the ancient world, but our modern world's best hope."

Children's (K4-5th): Exodus

K4- Room 209/211 - Teachers: Amanda McGuffey, Rachel Harbarger

K5- Room 208 - Teachers: Beth Clarke, Sarah Love Crawford, Rebekah Kettleman

1st Grade-Room 210 - Teachers: Claire Graves, Krisan Parish

2nd Grade-Room 207 - Teachers: Gene Everitt, KK Harrington, Rebecca Walker

3rd Grade - Room 205/206 - Teachers: Andrea Burkes, Page Callen, Christa Williams

4th Grade - Room 204 - Teachers: Latanya Frances, Alleen McClain, Sonya White

5th Grade - Teachers: Haley Arndt, Tyler Espinoza

This Fall, RedeemerKids will start to study the book of Exodus during the Sunday School hour. We will be using OneStory's curriculum to study God's word chapter by chapter.

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

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

Location: Nursery Wing

This fall, our Nursery Sunday School will focus on teaching our young children the biblical foundation of God's creation and the early family of faith by covering key stories from the Book of Genesis, highlighting the life of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Esau, Jacob, and Joseph and how they fit into God's plan of salvation.

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of Aug 23

Clayton Gressett, 601.955.5110

Sunday, Aug 23

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm Rooted Begins

Monday, Aug 24

Tuesday, Aug 25

7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, Aug 26

6:00pm Crossroads
6:00pm Upside Down
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Officer Training
6:00pm Hope & Relationships Class

Thursday, Aug 27

Friday, Aug 28

Saturday, Aug 29

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Aug 30

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
4:30pm Redeemer Music Collective
5:30pm Rooted
Various Sunday Growth Groups

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
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Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant
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Stephanie Greer, Assistant Youth Director
Katie Drake, Director of Women's Ministry
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Candace Robins, Assistant Director of Music Ministry
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Oliver Hammond, Intern
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Barry McCay
Kelle Menogan, Sr.
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CL Pearce
Herb Sanders
Andy Sauerwein
William Stackler
Rob Vickery
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Jake Garner*
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Lane Morgan
Greg Ross
Jaimar Scott
Seth Shannon
Jonathan Shull
Jeremy Smith
Ellis Tucker
Johnston Walker
Tamarco White

*Sabbatical

COMING UP:

Sept 3: Thurs Noon Women's Bible Study Begins
Sept 6: Church-Wide Prayer Brunch
Sept 7: Church Office Closed
Sept 8: Session Meeting
Sept 8: Tues Evening Women's Bible Study Begins
Sept 9: Moms' Bible Study Begins
Sept 12: Community Garden Workday
Sept 15: Tues Morning Women's Study Begins
Sept 16: Raising Kids in A Digital World
Sept 22: Community Garden Workday
Sept 27: High School Picnic in Laurel Park



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