



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—September 13, 2026

"Justification in 3D!"

Galatians 2:15-21

Reflection Quote

"For the doctrine of justification by faith is like Atlas: it bears a world on its shoulders, the entire evangelical knowledge of saving grace... When justification falls, all true knowledge of the grace of God in human life falls with it, and then, as Luther said, the church itself falls... When Atlas falls, everything that rested on his shoulders comes crashing down too."

—J.I. Packer

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Ministry Moment

Mrs. Katie Drake, Director of Women's Ministry
Women's Bible Studies

* Call to Worship

Psalm 32

Rev. Zack Owens

Assistant Pastor of Congregational Care

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Zack Owens

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-19

Rev. Zack Owens

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

* Song of Preparation

"Glorious Day"

I was buried beneath my shame, who could carry that kind of weight?

It was my tomb, 'til I met You.

I was breathing, but not alive, all my failures I tried to hide.

It was my tomb, 'til I met You.

*You called my name, then I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.*

*Now Your mercy has saved my soul, now Your freedom is all that I know.
The old made new—Jesus, when I met You.
When you called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness Into Your glorious day.
You called my name, then I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.*

*I needed rescue, my sin was heavy, but chains break at the weight of Your glory.
I needed shelter, I was an orphan, but You call me a citizen of Heaven.
When I was broken, You were my healing.*

*Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing. I have a future, my eyes are open,
'Cause when you called my name, I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day*

*** Song of Praise**

"Here I Am to Worship"

*Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness—Opened my eyes let me see
beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.*

Chorus: *Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God,
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.*

*King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. **Chorus***

*I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. **Repeat as directed. Chorus***

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism

Rev. Zack Owens

Question 62. Why can't our good works be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of our righteousness?

Answer. Because the righteousness which can pass God's judgment must be entirely perfect and must in every way measure up to the divine law. But even our best works in this life are imperfect and stained with sin.

Question 60. How are you righteous before God?

Answer. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

Pastoral Prayer

*Mr. William Stackler
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.*

*Israel came to the water, Didn't know what to do;
There was no one to help them Couldn't see their way through;
Then the Lord moved the water, And they walked right on through;
Oh Jesus we're depending on you.*

Chorus: *Jesus, we're depending on you,
Jesus, we're depending on you,
Jesus, we're depending on you,
Depending on you to see us through Repeat*

*Three men that were Hebrew Wouldn't bow to the horn
They were thrown in the furnace They were mocked and were scorned
God moved through the fire And we know this is true
Oh Jesus, we're depending on you.*

*He was tossed in with lions And they locked up the door
There was no one to help him As he lay on the floor
The Lord tamed the great lions He was faithful and true
Oh Jesus, we're depending on you.*

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon TextGalatians 2:15-21
Pew Bible p. 1155**Sermon Title***"Justification in 3D!"**** Song of Faith***"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"*

*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.*

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr

*** Departing Song***"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"*

*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.*

Prayer Intercessor TeamMr. Karl Arndt & Mrs. Haley Arndt (8:00am)
Mr. William Stackler & Mrs. Amy Stackler (11:00am)***Please Stand.****(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)**

Sermon Theme & Points

BIG IDEA: Through faith in Christ, God gives us an unchanging verdict, that stays in tact when we fail, unqualified belonging in His family, and union with Christ for the life we live towards God.

- I. An unchanging verdict, even when we fail
- II. Unqualified belonging in God's family
- III. Union with Christ for the life we live towards God

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

redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday

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 ***

- Finn Roberson: As he recovers from surgery and is treated for severe sleep apnea.
- 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.

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

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

Gatineau Missions Trip Interest Meetings, Sept 17 + 24, 6:00-7:00pm

We're so excited to announce that Redeemer will be taking a team of up to 20 people to Gatineau to serve alongside our mission partner, Grace Gatineau Church. Our team will support their church as they serve their community and build relationships with their neighbors. Attend one of our online Info Sessions to learn about the trip, costs, expectations, and application process. *Attendance at a virtual Info Session is required before applying.* Sign up for an info session through the QR code.

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.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

GriefShare Begins Sept 14, 6:00-7:30pm

GriefShare serves our church and community as a place of rest for the weary. Please reach out if you'd like a place to grieve the loss of someone you love, grow in community with other believers, and look into God's Word for hope and healing. GriefShare meets in the second church office at 644 Wellington Rd behind the main building on Monday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm, from Sept 14-Dec 14. Scan the QR code for more information or reach out to Quita Sauerwein at quitasauerwein@gmail.com.

ArtMake: Painting, Sept 17, 6:00-8:00pm

ArtMake is a dedicated art creating time for artists of any age or level to spend time making stuff in a fun and uplifting community. This particular Artmake features artist Jared Vernon instructing on Acrylic Paint. Basic art supplies will be provided. Coffee and light snacks provided at Northshore Coffee in the District, Jackson. Email Peter Davis at peterdart@live.com for more info.

Men's Gathering Begins, Sept 21, 12:00-1:00pm

For 8 weeks this fall, gather with Redeemer men to meditate on and discuss scriptures, connect and pray with other men under the Word, sitting outside as weather permits. It is a place to know other men, be known, and practice the Christian life together. The gathering meets outside the church office at 654 Wellington Rd. RSVP to Brian Gault at bgault@redeemerjackson.com.

RUF Sunday, Sept 27

Each fall, we celebrate and support all God is doing in our city through Reformed University Fellowship. RUF reaches college students at universities in the US with the hope of Christ and equips them for a lifetime of flourishing and service in the church, their community, and the wider world. Rev. Austin McCann, Campus Minister at MSU, will be our speaker, and other local campus ministers will help lead us in Sunday worship. Following the 11:00am service, college students join us for lunch for in the fellowship hall to get to know our local campus ministries.

Fathers & Brothers & Sons Dodgeball Night, Sept 30, 6:00-7:30pm

Men's Ministry presents: An epic game of dodgeball!! Men, invite a friend. Dads, bring your sons of all ages. Youth (6th-12th), y'all come on! Can you handle the heat? Can you hit Pastor El before he knocks you out? Start warming up that throwing arm now! We'll meet at the former Chastain middle school at 4650 Manhattan Rd, sign up through the QR code.

Redeemer Explored Begins Oct 11, 9:45-10:35am

If you are interested in knowing more about Redeemer or joining the church, Redeemer Explored is a Sunday School class that explores who we are and what we believe. Pastor Elbert leads this class during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:35am), for 7 weeks from Oct 11-Nov 29. At the end of the class, there will be the opportunity to interview with an Elder for membership. Email Brian Gault at bgault@redeemerjackson.com for more info or to hold your seat in the class.

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

Officer on Sabbatical

At the Sept 8 meeting, the Session approved a sabbatical for Scott Marshall. Scott has served as an Elder for the past seven years, and as a Deacon for five years before that. He has served in countless ways including leading Growth Groups, chairing the Children & Youth Committee, and volunteering with their ministries, ushering, and more. We will surely miss Scott's wisdom, gracious leadership, and care for the vulnerable over the next year. Please join us in praying that this season is deeply restful for Scott and the Marshalls.



***** 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.

Communicants Class Begins Oct 11, 9:45-9:35am

Communicants is a six-week-long class offered twice a year—fall and spring. Children of Redeemer members (i.e., Non-communing Members) have the opportunity to talk through the vows of the church, make a credible profession of faith, and be admitted to partake in the Lord's Table as Communing Members. Sign up for the class through the QR code.

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

High School Fall Retreat (Oct 24-25) Registration Now Open!

High Schoolers, we hope you'll join us for our 2026 Fall Retreat on Oct 24-25! We'll get to spend time in God's Word together and enjoy activities and games at Twin Lakes. This is a great chance to grow in your faith and in friendship with others! Registration closes on Oct 8, sign up now through the QR code.

Middle School Encounter Retreat (Nov 13-15) Registration Now Open!

Sign up for our Middle School Encounter retreat for 6th-8th grade on Nov 13-15! Encounter is a presbytery-wide retreat with other churches in the area at Twin Lakes. Our speaker this year will be Jeff Jordan, Assistant Pastor at Madison Heights. Registration closes on Oct 7, sign up now through the QR code.

High School Picnic at Laurel Park, Sept 27, 5:30-7:00pm

High school students, grab a friend and join us for a fun evening at Laurel Park for a picnic co-hosted with several Belhaven families! We'll have a picnic dinner, lawn games, and time to hang out—we can't wait to see you there!

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, Sundays, 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 MISSIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

MISSION TRIP 2027

MAY 28 - JUNE 7, 2027



Gatineau,

★ QUEBEC, CANADA ★

SERVING ALONGSIDE

Grace
GATINEAU



LOVE THEIR PEOPLE

Encouraging and serving the church and their community.



SERVE TOGETHER

Helping meet practical needs through projects and service.



REACH THEIR NEIGHBORS

Building relationships and sharing the hope of Jesus.



INFO SESSIONS

SEPT 17 + 24
6:00 - 7:00PM

VIRTUAL

SIGN UP FOR AN INFO SESSION



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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 Sept 13

Detrick Johnson, 601.672.7214

Sunday, Sept 13

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

Monday, Sept 14

6:00pm GriefShare Begins
6:00pm Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 15

7:00am Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, Sept 16

9:00am Mom's Bible Study
6:00pm Crossroads
6:00pm Upside Down
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Officer Training
6:00pm Hope & Relationships Class
6:00pm Raising Kids in A Digital World Discussion
6:00pm Wednesday Growth Group

Thursday, Sept 17

12:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:30pm Gatineau Missions Trip Interest Meeting

Friday, Sept 18

Saturday, Sept 19

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Sept 20

Baptism Sunday

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
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
Chael Williams, Director of Youth Ministry
Stephanie Greer, Assistant Youth Director
Katie Drake, Director of Women's Ministry
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Jonathan Shull
Jeremy Smith
Ellis Tucker
Johnston Walker
Tamarco White

*Sabbatical

COMING UP:

Sept 21: Men's Gathering Begins
Sept 22: Community Garden Workday
Sept 27: High School Picnic in Laurel Park
Sept 30: No Regular Wednesday Activities
Sept 30: Fathers & Brothers & Sons Dodgeball
Sept 30: Raising Kids in A Digital World
Oct 1: 31 Days of Giving Food Drive Begins
Oct 5: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Oct 7: Community Fish Fry
Oct 11: Redeemer Explored Begins
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