



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Brian Gault—September 6, 2026

“The Final King”

Revelation 22:6-21

Reflection Quote

“Without doubt the early church lived in expectancy of the imminent return of the Lord; but so should every generation of believers. The New Testament expresses a tension between imminence and perspective; the time is near, yet the end is delayed (Matt 24:42-44; Luke 19:11 ff).”—George Eldon Ladd, *A Commentary on the Revelation of John*

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Brian Gault

* Call to Worship

Revelation 1:12-19

Mr. Markese Lee

Intern

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Markese Lee

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 31:34

Mr. Markese Lee

...for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

* Song of Preparation

“Days of Elijah”

*These are the days of Elijah, declaring the word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses. Righteousness being restored*

*These are the days of great trials of famine and darkness and sword.
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, “prepare ye the way of the Lord!”*

Chorus: *Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun, at the trumpet’s call.
Lift your voice, it’s the year of Jubilee, out of Zion’s hill, salvation comes!*

*And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding the temple of praise.*

*And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are all white in the world
And we are the laborers that are in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord. Chorus*

Bridge: *There’s no God like Jehovah! Repeat as directed. Chorus*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see, so clearly!*

Chorus: *Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me,
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. **Chorus***

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

New Testament Scripture Reading *Matthew 25:1-13*

Mr. Markese Lee

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Rob Vickery
Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Mr. Rob Vickery

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

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

*I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!*

*Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me, Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me, singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!*

*When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, when I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!*

*When I was a sinner, Jesus lifted me, when I was a sinner, Jesus lifted me.
When I was a sinner, Jesus lifted me, singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!*

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Brian Gault

Sermon Text

Revelation 22:6-21
Pew Bible p. 1235

Sermon Title

"The Final King"

*** Song of Faith**

"My Worth Is Not In What I Own"

*My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.*

*My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.*

Chorus: *I rejoice in my Redeemer,
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him no other,
my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

*As summer flowers we fade and die, fame youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.*

*I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ, at the cross. **Chorus***

Communion

Rev. Brian Gault and the Elders

*** Benediction**

Rev. Brian Gault

*** Departing Song**

"My Worth Is Not In What I Own"

*Two wonders here that I confess my worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross. **Chorus***

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Jeremy Smith & Mrs. Alli Smith (8:00am)
Mr. Herb Sanders & Mrs. Mary Sanders (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

Sermon Theme & Points

The Final King Assures us of a Future where Jesus is Coming Soon

- I. Trustworthy Words
- II. Two Responses
- III. One True King

Summary of Rev 19-22, *How It Ends*, to Date:

- 19:1-10: The Final Wedding Assures us of a Future filled with Beauty, Intimacy, Belonging, and SONG
- 19:11-20:3,7-10: The Final Battle Assures us of a Future of Peace & Rest because Jesus Wins in the End.
- 20:4-6,11-15: The Final Judgment Assures us of a Future of Justice & Mercy if your name is written in the Book of Life.
- 21:1-8: The Final Creation Assures us of a Future Home because God is Making ALL Things New.
- 21:9-27: The Final City Assures us of a Future of Glory & Radiance in the Presence of God.
- 22:1-5: The Final Tree Assures us of a Future where the Tree of Death becomes for us a Tree of Life.

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

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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 ***

- 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 ***

Community Garden Workday, Sept 12, 8:00-11:00am

Whether you're an experienced gardener or just want to put your hands in the dirt and learn, join us in the garden as we tend the community garden space. Each work day includes maintenance, bed prep, planting, harvesting, and special projects. There is wholesome work for all ages and even a kids play area for the littlest ones! After, we'll enjoy a potluck together, bring a side, drink, or dessert to share. Sign up through the QR code.

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.

Women's Bible Studies Fall 2026

Join the women of Redeemer as we study the book of Romans this year! This is a place where relationships are formed around prayer & time in the Word. Groups meet throughout the week and at different times of the day with the hope of accommodating as many schedules as possible. You can join us at any time—these are open groups! View all of the groups and times on the women's ministry page and reach out to the group's contact 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 for our upcoming short term missions trip to Gatineau. 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!

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.

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 lunch for in the fellowship hall to get to know our local campus ministries.

Fathers & Brothers & Sons Dodgeball Night, Sept 30, 6:30-8:00pm

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.

***** 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 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 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 6

Reid Haygood, 769.233.3203

Sunday, Sept 6

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Church-Wide Prayer Brunch
11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm Rooted
Various Sunday Growth Groups

Monday, Sept 7

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, Sept 8

6:00pm Session Meeting
7:00pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, Sept 9

9:00am Mom's Bible Study Begins
6:00pm Crossroads
6:00pm Upside Down
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Officer Training
6:00pm Hope & Relationships Class

Thursday, Sept 10

12:00pm Women's Bible Study

Friday, Sept 11

Saturday, Sept 12

8:00am Community Garden Workday
8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Sept 13

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

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
Jajuan McNeil, Director of Children's Ministry
Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant
Chael Williams, Director of Youth Ministry
Stephanie Greer, Assistant Youth Director
Katie Drake, Director of Women's Ministry
Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator
Ellie Craven, Director of Music Ministry
Candace Robins, Assistant Director of Music Ministry
Brandon Slay, Director of AV Ministries
Andre Warner, Audio/Visual Assistant
Coralie Keplinger, Coordinator of Communications
& Operations, Assistant to the Senior Pastor
Mary Sanders, Administrative Assistant
Josh Anderson, Intern
Joshua Coleman, Intern
Oliver Hammond, Intern
Markese Lee, Intern

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Kelle Menogan, Sr.
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Herb Sanders
Andy Sauerwein
William Stackler
Rob Vickery
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David Garner
Jake Garner*
Clayton Gressett
Reid Haygood
Detrick Johnson
Blaise King*
Jonathan Lancaster
Cody McCain
Lane Morgan
Greg Ross
Jaimar Scott
Seth Shannon
Jonathan Shull
Jeremy Smith
Ellis Tucker
Johnston Walker
Tamarco White

*Sabbatical

COMING UP:

Sept 14: Diaconate Meeting
Sept 16: Raising Kids in A Digital World
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



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