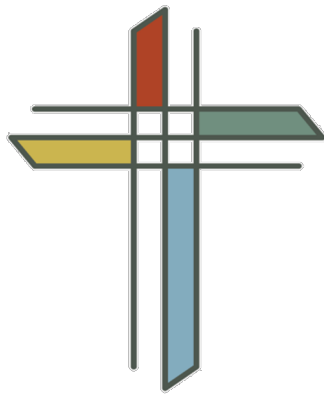




REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—October 25, 2026

“From Slaves to Sons: The Glory of God’s Adopting Love”

Galatians 4:1-11

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Time of Greeting

* Call to Worship

1 John 3:1-10

Mr. Josh Anderson
Intern

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Josh Anderson

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 8:12

Mr. Josh Anderson

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

* Song of Preparation

“Victory Chant”

*Hail Jesus You’re my King (echo)
Your life frees me to sing (echo)
I will praise You all my days (echo)
You’re perfect in all Your ways (echo)*

*Hail Jesus You’re my Lord (echo)
I will obey Your word (echo)
I want to see Your kingdom come (echo)
Not my will but Yours be done (echo)*

*Glory glory to the Lamb (echo)
You take me into the land (echo)
We will conquer in Your name (echo)
And proclaim that Jesus reigns (echo)*

Hail hail Lion of Judah (echo)
How powerful You are (echo)
Hail hail Lion of Judah (echo)
How wonderful You are (echo)
How wonderful You are (echo)

*** Song of Praise**

"This is Amazing Grace"

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Chorus: *This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love.
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free!
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all kings. **Chorus**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. **Repeat as directed, Chorus**

Confession of Faith *From The Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch. 12* Mr. Josh Anderson

Question: Christian, what do we believe concerning adoption?

Answer: God condescends, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, to make all those who are justified to be partakers of the grace of adoption, by which we are taken into the number of the children of God and enjoy the liberties and privileges of such. Namely, we have his name put upon us, receive the spirit of adoption, have access to the throne of grace with boldness, are enabled to cry "Abba, Father," are pitied, protected, provided for, and are chastened by Him, as by a father, yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption, and inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation.

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Andy Sauerwein
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

"Thank You Jesus for The Blood Applied"

Redeemer Choir

*I was a wretch, I remember who I was
I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time.
Sin separated, the breach was far too wide
But from the far side of the chasm, You had me in Your sight*

So You made a way, across the great divide
Left behind, Heaven's throne, to build it here inside
There at the cross You paid the debt I owed
Broke my chains, Freed my soul and for the first time I had Hope

Chorus: Thank You Jesus, for the blood applied
Thank You Jesus, it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus, You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin
You were buried for three days but then You walked right out again
Now death has no sting and life has no end
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb. **Chorus**

There is nothing stronger
Than the wonder working power of the blood the blood
That calls us sons and daughters
We are ransomed by our Father
Through the blood. **Repeat, Chorus**

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Galatians 4:1-11
Pew Bible p. 1156

Sermon Title

"From Slaves to Sons: The Glory of God's Adopting Love"

*** Song 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**

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*** Departing Song**

"And Can It Be"

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. Gene Dent & Mrs. Betty Marsha Dent (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**
(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

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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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 *****

- Beth Lovelace: Unable to attend worship recently due to declining health.
- Donald Dorsey: Continued recovery from lengthy hospitalization and surgeries.
- 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 *****

31 Days of Giving Food Drive

During the month of October we'll be gathering canned goods to benefit Hopeful Community Outreach. HCO houses a food pantry that benefits food insecure individuals in our parish and our city. 31 Days of Giving is planned by RedeemerKids, but it gives an opportunity for our entire church to have an opportunity to share Christ's love in word and deed. Help us reach our goal of 1,000 non-perishable canned goods! Donations can be dropped off upstairs by the RedeemerKids bulletin board. Questions? Contact Jajuan McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com.

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

Thanksgiving Evening Service, Nov 22, 5:00pm

Join us as we gather for our annual Thanksgiving service to practice gratitude. This evening of worship and reflection is a perfect way to pause, give thanks, and celebrate God's blessings. Nursery will not be provided.

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

Announcing the Capital Campaign Committee

With plans underway for The Redeemer School to eventually move to Chastain, the Session has assembled a Capital Campaign Committee to begin prayerfully exploring the future of our current building and facilities. At this stage, the committee is assessing facility needs, dreaming about future ministry and building use, and exploring opportunities to make our facilities more beautiful, functional, and useful for the ministry of the church. This is an opportunity to thoughtfully consider what God may have for us in the years ahead.

Members of the committee include: Karl Arndt, Walker Dowell, Tyler Espinoza, Dave Garner, Betsy Hood, Elizabeth Johnson, Coralie Keplinger, Jaimar Scott, and Brandon Slay.

Please pray for the Capital Campaign Committee as they begin this important process, that God would give them wisdom, creativity, unity, and a vision for how our facilities can best serve the mission of Christ and the ministry of our church.

Now Accepting Children's Ministry Assistant Applications

With Joya now using her gifts full time at The Redeemer's School, we're now hiring a part-time Children's Ministry Assistant. Know someone who would be a good fit? *Applications accepted through Nov 8*, you can find the application and more details through the QR code. Contact Zack Owens at zowens@redeemerjackson.com for more information.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY **FALL** **FELLOWSHIP**

NOVEMBER 12 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Come enjoy a night of fellowship with the women of Redeemer at Jo Neel Vickery's home! Martha Turner will be leading us in line dancing. There will also be several fire pits to sit around and enjoy the fall weather and a watercolor craft we will use to encourage other Redeemer members.

Where: the address will be sent to you when you register – please register by using the QR code.

For any questions, contact Katie Drake
at kdrake@redeemerjackson.com



UPCOMING EVENTS:



JAN 30 Day Conference

MAR 20 Travel Event • Laurel, MS

APR 24 End of Year Event

***** Redeemer Kids *****

K4-5th Grade

Children's Church, Nov 1

On 1st and 3rd Sundays this fall, RedeemerKids ages 4-5 are invited to Children's Church during the 8:00am service. Look for Mr. Jajuan by the stairs following the offertory!

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.

***** Redeemer Youth *****

6th-12th Grade

High School Friendsgiving Feast, Nov 15, 5:30-7:00pm

Let's wrap up the fall semester with good food and great friends at our High School Friendsgiving Potluck at the McGowan's home. Sign up through the QR code to bring a dish to share, and check the GroupMe for the address—we hope you'll join us for a fun night together!

Middle School ThanksChristmas Party, Nov 18, 6:00-7:30pm

Calling all middle school students! Come celebrate the end of the fall semester at our ThanksChristmas Party with dinner, hot chocolate, festive games and activities, and plenty of holiday fun—bonus if you wear your tackiest Christmas sweater!

We'll meet in the Youth Room. For more info, contact Stephanie Greer at sgreer@redeemerjackson.com.

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!

Adult Sunday School Classes

Block 2, Oct 11—Nov 29

9:45-10:45am

The Wisdom of Finding Wisdom: How to Interpret Proverbs

Location: Sanctuary

Teacher: Brian Gault, CL Pearce

Join us for seven weeks as we explore the rich structure, interpretive approach, and practical message of the Book of Proverbs. This class will help participants understand how to read Proverbs thoughtfully, discerning the literary patterns, recurring themes, and instructional techniques that shape its teaching.

We will examine the interpretive principles needed to apply ancient wisdom to contemporary life, highlighting the fear of the Lord as the foundation of understanding. Through guided discussion, reflection, and group interaction, participants will discover how Proverbs equips believers to navigate moral choices, cultivate godly character, and live wisely in daily relationships. Engage with Scripture in a new way, and grow in both knowledge and practical application of divine wisdom.

Sharing Christ at Work

Location: Fellowship Hall

Teacher: Jerome Douglas

A 7-week practical training on bringing faith into the workplace with wisdom and courage. This would focus on helping people take intentional steps toward leading others to faith and encouraging fellow believers, equipping them to have natural, meaningful Gospel conversations and live as faithful witnesses in their daily work.

Redeemer Explored

Location: 109

Teachers: Elbert McGowan, Jr., Barry McCay

Would you like to know more about Redeemer Church? Are you interested in becoming a member? If so, you need to take this class. Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr., along with the elders, will teach this 7-week introductory course on the ins and outs of Redeemer Church and how you can get involved. If you are ready to join Redeemer or have further questions, you will have the opportunity to meet with an elder at the end of the class.

Fall Children & Youth Sunday School

Aug 9—Nov 29

9:45—10:35am

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 Oct 25

Seth Shannon, 563.528.5850

Sunday, Oct 25

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

Monday, Oct 26

12:00pm Men's Gathering
6:00pm GriefShare

Tuesday, Oct 27

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

Wednesday, Oct 28

5:30pm Families Count Class
6:00pm Upside Down
6:00pm Crossroads
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Hope & Relationships Class
6:00pm Officer Training

Thursday, Oct 29

12:00pm Women's Bible Study

Friday, Oct 30

Saturday, Oct 31

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Nov 1

Communion Sunday

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Church-Wide Brunch
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
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Oliver Hammond, Intern
Markese Lee, Intern

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Andy Sauerwein
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Greg Ross
Jaimar Scott
Seth Shannon
Jonathan Shull
Jeremy Smith
Ellis Tucker
Johnston Walker
Tamarco White

*Sabbatical

COMING UP:

Nov 2: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Nov 11: Church Office Closed
Nov 13-15: Middle School Encounter Retreat
Nov 15: Baptism Sunday
Nov 15: High School Friendsgiving Feast
Nov 18: Middle School ThanksChristmas Party
Nov 22: Thanksgiving Evening Service
Nov 23-26: Church Office Closed
Dec 6: Communion Sunday
Dec 7: Session & Diaconate Meetings



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