



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—October 4, 2026

"Far as The Curse is Found!"

Galatians 3:10-14

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mr. Chael Williams
Director of Youth Ministry

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Chael Williams

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7

Mr. Chael Williams

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace...

* Song of Preparation

"Your Presence is Heaven To Me"

*Who is like You Lord in all the earth
Matchless love and beauty endless worth
Nothing in this world will satisfy
Jesus You're the cup that won't run dry*

Chorus: *Your presence is heaven to me
Your presence is heaven to me*

*Treasure of my heart and of my soul
In my weakness You are merciful
Redeemer of my past and present wrongs
Holder of my future days to come. **Chorus***

Bridge: *Oh Jesus oh Jesus,
Your presence is heaven to me!
Oh Jesus oh Jesus,
Your presence is heaven to me!*

*Higher than the mountains that I face,
stronger than the power of the grave,
constant through the trial and the change,
one thing remains,
one thing remains.
Your love never fails,
it never gives up,
it never runs out on me. x3*

*On and on and on and on it goes,
it overwhelms and satisfies my soul,
and I never ever have to be afraid,
one thing remains. **Repeat as directed. Chorus***

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Mr. Chael Williams

Q. 27. What misery did the fall bring on mankind?

A. The fall brought on mankind the loss of communion with God and his displeasure and curse, so that we are by nature children of wrath, slaves to Satan, and justly liable to all the punishments of this world and that which is to come.

Q. 30. Does God leave all mankind to perish in their state of sin and misery?

A. God does not leave all people to perish in the state of sin and misery into which they fell by the breach of the first covenant, commonly called the *covenant of works*. *Instead, out of his mere love and mercy, he delivers his chosen ones from sin and misery and brings them into a state of salvation by the second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace.*

Q. 31. With whom was the covenant of grace made?

A. The covenant of grace was made with Christ as the second Adam, and with all the chosen ones in him as his seed.

Q. 32. How is the grace of God manifested in the second covenant?

A. The grace of God is manifested in the second covenant in that he freely provides and offers to sinners a mediator, and life and salvation by that mediator. Requiring faith as the condition to give them a legal union with him, he promises and gives his Holy Spirit to all his chosen ones to work that faith into them, along with all the other saving graces, and to enable them to all types of holy obedience, as the evidence of the truth of their faith and their thankfulness to God, and as the path that he has appointed to them for salvation.

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Barry McCay
Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Dr. Barry McCay

****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

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place/Come Thou Fount"

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Galatians 3:10-14

Pew Bible p. 1155

Sermon Title

"Far As The Curse is Found"

*** Song of Faith**

"Joy To The World"

*Joy to the world the Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing!*

*Joy to the world the Savior reigns.
Let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat repeat the sounding joy.*

Communion

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr., and the Elders

Communion Music

"The Blood That Will Never Lose Its Power"

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*** Departing Song**

"Joy To The World"

*He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love*

Prayer Intercessor Team

Dr. Barry McCay & Mrs. Ellen McCay (8:00am)
Mr. Ellis Tucker & Mrs. Shirley Tucker (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

Sermon Points

- I. The law pronounces a curse on all who rely on their works
- II. Christ bore the curse for all who believe
- III. The Spirit is the blessing to all who are in Christ

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

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 ***

- Beth Lovelace: Unable to attend worship recently due to declining health.
- 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

- Harvey Cruse Corso, 9.29.26, Covenant Child of Buckner & Rachel Corso.
- Andy Ballard Fair, 9.17.26, Covenant Child of William & Anna Fair.
- Kendall Farrington, 9.20.26, Covenant Child of Joshua & Katelyn Farrington.
- Selah Allison Gillespie, 9.19.26, Covenant Child of George & Anne Elizabeth Gillespie.

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

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

We Need 80 More People to Serve at the Fish Fry, Oct 7, 5:00pm-8:00pm

The Fish Fry is more than an event; it is an opportunity to welcome our neighbors, build relationships, and share the love and hope of Christ. We need 80 more people to serve in each area; food, welcome, set/clean up, and hospitality. Sign up through the QR code!

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.

Caffeination Station

One of our MOST VITAL ministries at Redeemer is our morning coffee service before Sunday school. Volunteers keep us caffeinated by preparing and serving the coffee. Bonus, volunteers get the first sips of our Northshore Coffee. If you can join the rotation, reach out to Gretchen Shull at seastripes@gmail.com.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

RYA Group Discussion: Christ-Centered Relationships, Oct 8, 6:30-8:30pm

Join Redeemer Young Adults for our small group discussion on several Bible passages that teach us about Christ-centered relationships. We'll meet at Josh Anderson's home, drinks will be provided, we'd like you to bring your favorite gas station snack! Reach out to Josh at janderson4333@student.rts.edu for the address or with any questions.

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 *****

Congregational Meeting Called to Elect Brian Gault & Zack Owens as Associate Pastors, Oct 4, 9:45am

The Session would like to provide an update on the congregational meeting scheduled for today. After prayerful consideration, the Session has decided to postpone until a later date the consideration of the proposed call of Brian Gault. Brian is currently considering another ministry opportunity, and the Session believes it is appropriate to allow him time to prayerfully consider that opportunity before proceeding with a congregational vote regarding his call as Associate Pastor at Redeemer. The congregational vote on the call of Zack Owens to serve as Associate Pastor will proceed.

We are grateful for the faithful ministry of both pastors and ask you to continue praying for Zack and Brian, their families, and the Session as we seek to serve Christ and His church faithfully.

Library Breezeway Closed Next Sunday, Oct 11

The glass next to the courtyard will be closed next Sun, Oct 11, while the glass is replaced. You can still connect from the fellowship hall wing to the sanctuary via the library, but you won't be able to enter or exit through the courtyard doors. When in doubt, follow the signs (or maybe the air-dancer if Corrie can swing it)—pardon our progress.

***** 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.

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.

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

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 4

Lane Morgan, 601.573.3131

Sunday, Oct 4

Communion

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Congregational Meeting
11:00am Worship Service
Various Sunday Growth Groups

Monday, Oct 5

12:00pm Men's Gathering
6:00pm GriefShare
6:00pm Session & Diaconate Meetings

Tuesday, Oct 6

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

Wednesday, Oct 7

-Fall Break for Regular Wed Programs-

5:00pm Community Fish Fry
5:00pm Families Count Meet & Greet

Thursday, Oct 8

12:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:30pm RYA Group Discussion

Friday, Oct 9

Saturday, Oct 10

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Oct 11

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Fall Adult Sunday School
Block 2 Begins
11:00am Worship Service

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

RULING ELDERS

Karl Arndt
Grant Callen
Tu Combs
Gene Dent
Baskin Jones
Scott Marshall*
Barry McCay
Kelle Menogan, Sr.
Marculis Mosby
CL Pearce
Herb Sanders
Andy Sauerwein
William Stackler
Rob Vickery
Trey Watkins

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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:

Oct 12: Church Office Closed
Oct 18: Children & Youth Sunday
Oct 24-25: High School Fall Retreat
Nov 2: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Nov 11: Church Office Closed
Nov 13-15: Middle School Encounter Retreat
Nov 22: Thanksgiving Evening Service
Nov 23-26: Church Office Closed
Dec 7: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service
Dec 27: Joint Worship Service

