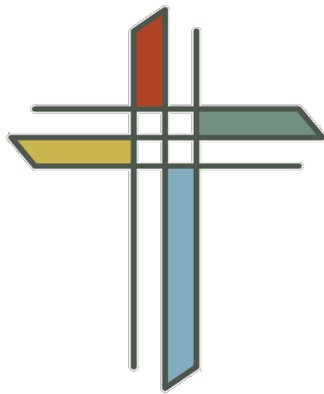




REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—November 1, 2026

“Family Matters”

Galatians 4:12-31

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* Call to Worship

Ephesians 2:11-22

Rev. Zack Owens

Assistant Pastor of Congregational Care

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Zack Owens

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 8:12

Rev. Zack Owens

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

* Song of Preparation

“O Happy Day”

Leader: O happy day

Response: O happy day

Leader: O happy day

Response: O happy day

Leader: When Jesus washed

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Leader: O when He washed

Response: O when He washed

Leader: He washed my sins away

Response: O happy day

Leader: It was a happy day

Response: O happy day

All: He taught me how—to watch—fight and pray—fight and pray
And live rejoicing every day—every day

*** Song of Praise**

"Jesus, My Great High Priest"

Jesus, my great High Priest Offered his blood and died
My guilty conscience seeks No sacrifice beside.
His powerful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads Before the throne; And now it pleads Before the throne.
To this dear Surety's hand Will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfils His Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul At freedom set; My Surety paid The dreadful debt;
My Surety paid The dreadful debt.

Chorus: Now I approach the throne, And I have confidence Jesus, my great High Priest
Offered his blood and died Now I approach the throne, And I have confidence Jesus, my
great High Priest Offered his blood and died For me.

My Advocate appears For my defense on high;
The Father bows his ears And lays his thunder by. Not all that hell or sin can say,
Shall turn his heart, his love, away Shall turn his heart, his love, away. **Chorus**

Should all the hosts of death And powers of hell unknown
Put their most dreadful forms Of rage and mischief on, I shall be safe, for Christ displays
His conquering power and guardian grace;
His conquering power and guardian grace. **Chorus**

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Zack Owens

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hades. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. William Stackler
Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Mr. William Stackler

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.*

Children's Church (Ages 4-5) 8:00am only

Parents: After worship in giving, you are welcome to send your child (4-5) to children's church before the end of special music.

Special Music

"Jesus Paid it All/What A Friend"

Instrumental

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Galatians 4:12-31
Pew Bible p.1156

Sermon Title

"Family Matters"

*** Communion Hymn**

"Nothing But The Blood of Jesus"

*What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Chorus: *Oh! precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus* **Chorus**

*Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus* **Chorus**

Communion Music

"Yes God is Real in My Soul"

Mr. Arthur Phillips

Communion

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr. and the Elders

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*** Departing Song**

"Nothing But The Blood of Jesus"

*This is all my hope and peace,
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.* **Chorus**

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Karl Arndt & Mrs. Haley Arndt (8:00am)
Mr. William Stackler & Mrs. Amy Stackler (11:00am)

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

Sermon Questions

- What impacted you most in this sermon? Was there something that encouraged, challenged, or unsettled you?
- **The family the gospel created:** Read Galatians 4:12–15. How did the gospel bring Paul and the Galatians together across their differences? What does their relationship teach us about belonging in God's family?
- The Galatians welcomed Paul in his bodily weakness. How can our church make belonging tangible for people whose suffering or limitations make life difficult? What makes it hard for us to receive that care ourselves?
- **The family on the brink of fracture:** How were a misleading message, manipulative motives, and misplaced trust working together in Galatia? How can we distinguish someone who desires our good from someone who desires our dependence?
- Paul asks, "Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?" When might being wanted by someone become more important to us than whether they are telling the truth? What helps us receive difficult truth from people who love us?
- **The family God brings into being through his promise:** Why does Paul take the Galatians back to Abraham's family? How might resting in our belonging through Christ help us resist competing promises of acceptance and deepen our love for his people?
- What else do you notice in this passage that we haven't discussed? What questions remain, and how should this passage shape our prayers for one another?

SERMON NOTES

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Galatians 4:12-31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 *****

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

Church-Wide Prayer Brunch, Today, Nov 1, 9:45-10:35am

Join us for our monthly congregation-wide brunch during the Sunday School hour! We'll spend the last ten minutes praying for our Children and Youth Ministry. 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!

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 for the Church

The Session has assembled a Capital Campaign Committee to begin prayerfully exploring the future of the church's building and facilities, with plans underway for The Redeemer School to eventually move to Chastain. 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, Today, 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 Nov 1

Jonathan Shull, 601.874.3440

Sunday, Nov 1

Communion Sunday

- 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, Nov 2

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

Tuesday, Nov 3

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

Wednesday, Nov 4

- 9:00am Mom's Bible Study
- 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, Nov 5

- 12:00pm Women's Bible Study

Friday, Nov 6

Saturday, Nov 7

- 8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Nov 8

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



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Ellis Tucker
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*Sabbatical

COMING UP:

Nov 11: Church Office Closed
Nov 12: Women's Ministry Fall Fellowship
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 23-27: Church Office Closed
Dec 6: Communion Sunday
Dec 7: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Dec 13: Christmas Cantata