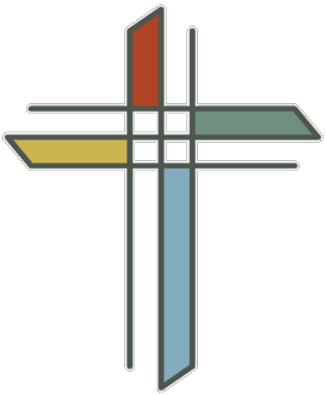


REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—November 15, 2026

"Learning to Walk"

Galatians 5:16-21

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* **Call to Worship** *Ezekiel 36:22-31, 33, 35-36* Rev. Zack Owens
Associate Pastor of Congregational Care

Leader: "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.

People: And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them.

Leader: And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

People: I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.

Leader: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

All: And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.
Leader: You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

People: And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you.

Leader: I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations.

People: Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations.

Leader: Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt.

All: And they will say, "This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited." Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the LORD; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin Rev. Zack Owens

Assurance of Pardon *1 John 4:10* Rev. Zack Owens

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

*** Song of Preparation** *"And We Are Glad"*

Hallelujah! You are worthy, Hallelujah! You get the highest praise.
Hallelujah! You are holy, Lord, we exalt your name! Repeat.

***Chorus:** For You have done great things, done great things!*
For You have done great things, done great things!
And we are glad, yes we are glad! And we are glad, yes we are glad!

Everlasting, ever giving, ever faithful, You get the highest praise.
Ever loving, ever living Lord we exalt your name. ***Repeat. Chorus***

*** Song of Praise** *"Graves Into Gardens"*

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me.
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough.
Then You came along and put me back together,
and every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.

***Chorus:** Oh there's nothing better than You, there's nothing better than You.*
Lord there's nothing, nothing is better than You.I'm not afraid to show You my weakness.
My failures and flaws, Lord You've seen them all and You still call me friend.
'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley,
and there's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again. ***Chorus***

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes,
You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can.
You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies,
You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can. ***Chorus***

Baptism Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

8:00am: Annie June Davidson, Covenant Child of Samuel & Emily Davidson

Pastoral Prayer Mr. Tu Combs
Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving Mr. Tu Combs

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 *"My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness"*

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth is given by the King
So I will give my life my all to love and follow Him

Prayer of Illumination Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text Galatians 5:16-21
Pew Bible p.1157

Sermon Title *"Learning to Walk"*

* **Hymn of Faith** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall, Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem

Refrain: *And crown Him, crown Him,*
crown Him, crown Him;
And crown Him Lord of all!

Sinners whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall, The wormwood and the gall
Go spread your trophies at His feet. ***Refrain***

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe. ***Refrain***

* **Benediction** Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* **Departing Song** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall, We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song. ***Refrain***

Prayer Intercessor Team Mr. Dave Garner & Mrs. Tam Garner (8:00am)
Mr. William Stackler & Mrs. Amy Stackler (11:00am)

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

Why Do We Baptize the Children of Believers?

God's Covenant with His People

In the Reformed tradition, infant baptism is grounded in the Bible's unified teaching about God's covenant of grace. From the beginning, God has graciously committed himself to redeeming a people for himself through His promises. He has also given covenant signs to mark those who belong to his visible covenant community. The coming of Christ does not overturn this pattern; it fulfills it. God established his covenant with Abraham, saying, "I will establish my covenant be-tween you and me and your off-spring after you throughout their generations… to be God to you and to your offspring after you" (Gen 17:7). The covenant sign was circumcision, given not only to believing adults but also to their infant sons (Gen 17:10–12). Circumcision pointed beyond itself to the righteousness that comes by faith (Rom 4:11).

Circumcision, Baptism, and Judgment

There is another important dimension to these covenant signs. Circumcision was a cutting that pictured the judgment and curse deserved by the covenant-breaker. It pointed to the seriousness of sin and the necessity of being delivered from its curse through God's provision. The same pattern helps us understand baptism. Throughout Scripture, water is associated with both judgment and salvation. The waters of the flood brought judgment upon the wicked, while God brought his people safely through the Red Sea. In baptism, these themes converge: the waters picture Christ's own passage through death and judgment on behalf of his people, and our identification with him in that judgment (Rom 6:3–4; 1 Pet 3:20–21).

Baptized into Christ

Baptism is, at its heart, a baptism into Christ—into his death, burial, and resurrection. The water itself does not wash away sin, regenerate a person, or guarantee salvation. Rather, baptism visibly proclaims the gospel: the way of salvation is not around judg-ment but through it, because Christ bore judgment in the place of his people. Baptism pictures our union with Christ in his death and resurrection. The sign points us away from ourselves and toward the Savior who died and rose again so that all who are united to him by faith might have life.

Why Baptize Infants?

Because God has not changed the covenantal pattern by which he addresses believers and their children. At Pentecost, Peter proclaimed, "The promise is for you and for your children" (Acts 2:39). The New Testament also records the baptism of households (Acts 16:15, 33; 1 Cor 1:16). These passages do not explicitly tell us that infants were present, but they fit the broader biblical pattern in which God includes the children of his people within the visible covenant community. Infant baptism, therefore, is not a dec-laration that a child is already regenerate or certainly saved. Baptized children, like everyone else, must personally repent and believe in Christ. Baptism is a sign and seal of God's covenant promise, placing the gospel before the child from the beginning and calling him or her to embrace Christ by faith.

Look to Christ

When we witness a baptism at Redeemer Church, we should look first to Christ. Baptism reminds us that salvation comes through judgment because Christ endured judgment for his people. It points us to his death and resurrection, his covenant faithfulness, and the promise of eternal life for all who are united to Him by faith.

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 ***

- Sarah Ellison & Family: As they grieve the loss of Sarah's grandmother.
- 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.

Birth

- *Ann "Annie" Frances York,* 11.10.26, Covenant Child of John Harrison & Ashleigh York

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

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

RED Christmas Deliveries, Dec 12, 10:00am-12:00pm
It's time for our Redeemer Engaging Disabilities Christmas deliveries! Come join us for a fun morning of delivering Christmas cheer and gifts to families in our church touched by disability. We will meet in the fellowship hall to enjoy treats and pray before dividing up into groups to go visit our families. We also need your help purchasing gifts. Whether you can join us for deliveries or help purchase gifts or do both, all are welcome! Sign up through the QR code.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

RCA ArtShare, Nov 19, 6:00-8:00pm
Join Redeemer Community Arts for a special ArtShare as we collaborate with City Art for our art "open mic night" where you can share what you've been working on. All mediums welcome! Play a song, share a poem, show a painting or drawing, or read a short story. Meet new artists and friends alike! ArtShares are a warm and relaxed environment designed to encourage one another in creative artmaking. We'll meet in the Belhaven neighborhood, contact Peter Davis at peterdart@live.com for the address and more details. Light refreshments provided. All ages welcome!

RYA Friendsgiving Potluck, Nov 19, 6:30-8:00pm
For our last event of the Fall, we'll be doing a Friendsgiving potluck together! Drinks will be provided, but we'll have a sign-up form for entrees, sides and desserts on the RYA GroupMe. Bring a friend and come fellowship with us! We'll gather in the church fellowship hall. To join to GroupMe, reach out to Josh Anderson at janderson4333@student.rts.edu.

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.

Christmas Cantata, Dec 13, 6:00pm
Come and savor the Advent season with an evening of music and celebration, followed by dessert and hot chocolate in the fellowship hall. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come early, seating fills quickly!

Advent Meditation Joint Sunday School: Advent Readings, Songs, and Spoken Word, Dec 20

Join us in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour as we celebrate the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. Through Old and New Testament Scripture readings, congregational Christmas hymns, poetry, and spoken word, we'll trace the promise of light in a darkened world, the arrival of Jesus Christ, and the glorious hope of the day when night will be no more. Children & Youth will be joining us!

Redeemer Together 2027

Save the date for Redeemer's all ages and all stages church-wide retreat at Twin Lakes, Apr 16-17, 2027. Redeemer Together is a chance for our church to take a step back from our typical routine, reflect on our calling as a community, and to simply enjoy being with one another. Be on the look out for more information!

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

Calling For Photos from Redeemer's History!

We're gathering pictures from the last 20 years of life at Redeemer Jackson, everything from the early days to last month's fish fry. If you've got a few shots you'd like to share, send them to Corrie at ckeplinger@redeemerjackson.com by Nov 30. Note that by sharing a photo, you're giving us permission to potentially use it in church publications.

*** Redeemer Kids ***
K4-5th Grade

Children's Church, Nov 15
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 tonight 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

Sharing Christ at Work
Location: Fellowship Hall
Teacher: Jerome Douglas

Redeemer Explored
Location: 109
Teachers: Elbert McGowan, Jr., Barry McCay

Winter '26-'27 Schedule
Joint Adult Sunday School
9:45-10:45am

- Dec 6: Fellowship Brunch
- Dec 13: Capital Campaign Presentation with Elbert McGowan, Karl Arndt, and Corrie Keplinger
- Dec 20: Advent Meditation
- Dec 27 & Jan 3: Joint Worship Services at 9:30, No Sunday School
- Jan 10: Prayer Brunch
- Jan 17: Healthy Church Membership with Brian Gault & Elbert McGowan
- Jan 24: Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers
- Jan 31: Serving Sunday School with Zack Owens & Rome Douglas
- Feb 7: Joint Anniversary Service, Installation of Officers

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 15
Ellis Tucker, 601.842.1729

Sunday, Nov 15
Baptism Sunday
8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm High School Friendsgiving
Various Sunday Growth Groups

Monday, Nov 16
6:00pm GriefShare

Tuesday, Nov 17
7:00am Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, Nov 18
9:00am Mom's Bible Study
6:00pm Upside Down
6:00pm Middle School ThanksChristmas Party
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Hope & Relationships Class

Thursday, Nov 19
12:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm RCA ArtShare with City Art
6:30pm RYA Friendsgiving Potluck

Friday, Nov 20

Saturday, Nov 21
8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Nov 22
8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Fall Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm Thanksgiving Evening Service

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Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor
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Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship
Jerome Douglas, Dir Neighborhood Outreach & Missions
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Chael Williams, Director of Youth Ministry
Stephanie Greer, Assistant Youth Director
Katie Drake, Director of Women's Ministry
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Cody McCain
Lane Morgan
Greg Ross
Jaimar Scott
Seth Shannon
Jonathan Shull
Jeremy Smith
Ellis Tucker
Johnston Walker
Tamarco White

COMING UP:

Nov 23-27: Church Office Closed
Dec 6: Communion Sunday
Dec 7: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Dec 13: Christmas Cantata
Dec 20: Baptism Sunday
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Dec 27: Combined Worship Service
Jan 3: Combined Worship Service
Jan 6: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Jan 17: Baptism Sunday
Jan 18: Church Office Closed