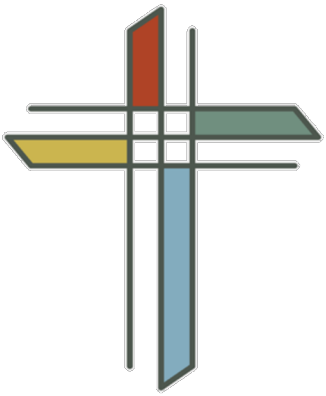


REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—November 8, 2026

"The Reality of Slavery and The Relief of Freedom"

Galatians 5:1-15

Welcome & Announcements — Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Ministry Moment — Redeemer Young Adults, Mr. Josh Anderson

* **Call to Worship** — *Matthew 11:25-30* — Mr. Joshua Coleman, Intern

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin — Mr. Joshua Coleman

Assurance of Pardon — *1 John 1:9* — Mr. Joshua Coleman

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* **Song of Preparation** — *"Let It Rise"*

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,
Let the praises of the King rise among us—let it rise!

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,
Let the joy of the King, rise among us—let it rise!

Ohh, ohh, ohh, let it rise!

* **Song of Praise** — *"King of Kings"*

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
'Til from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus: *Praise the Father, praise the Son,*
Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings!

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering You saw to the other side,
knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake you died. ***Chorus***

And the morning that You rose, all of Heaven held its breath,
'Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.
And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame,
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me! ***Chorus***

New Testament Scripture Reading *Luke 10:25-37* Mr. Joshua Coleman

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Pastoral Prayer Mr. Grant Callen
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.

Special Music *"I Came To Magnify The Lord"*

I came to magnify the Lord, praise His holy Name, lift Jesus higher, lift Jesus higher.
I just came to magnify, I just came to glorify, I just came to praise the Lord.
He is worthy, worthy of all my praise. ***Repeat***

Never will a rock cry out in my place, He's worthy of all my praise. Repeat
Never, never, never, never. ***Repeat***

I just came to magnify, I just came to glorify, I just came to praise the Lord.

Prayer of Illumination Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text Galatians 5:1-15
Pew Bible p.1157

Sermon Title *"The Reality of Slavery and The Relief of Freedom"*

* **Hymn of Faith** *"It Is Well With My Soul"*

When peace like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows rolls;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

***Refrain:** It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul),*
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed His own blood for my soul. ***Refrain***

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! ***Refrain***

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

* **Departing Song** *"It Is Well With My Soul"*

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul. ***Refrain.***

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 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 ***

- 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 ***

Community Garden Workday, Nov 14, 9:00am-12:00pm
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 all the growing things in our beautiful and peaceful 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! Each Sat work day includes a potluck meal at the end, so you are also invited to bring a side, drink, or dessert to share. The garden is located at 601 Robinhood Rd, sign up through the QR code.

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! For the location or 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. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come early, seating fills quickly!

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** ***

Congratulations Zack!
Zack Owens has been approved to be an Associate Pastor at Redeemer. On Oct 5, the congregation voted to call him to this position; and we're grateful to share that on Nov 3, he was approved by the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley. He will be installed at our Anniversary Service on Feb 7. We're so thankful for Zack and his continued service at Redeemer.

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 ***current*** 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.

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 Coralie 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.

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 the end of today, Nov 8***, you can find the application and more details through the QR code. Contact Zack Owens at zowens@redeemerjackson.com for more information.

Giving Update for '26-'27 FY
Our fiscal year runs from July - June. *Thank you for your generous giving!*

Total Budget: $2,143,590
Year-to-Date Budget: $535,897
Year-to-Date Giving: $578,690
Sept Budget: $178,632
Sept Giving: $138,385

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:

REDEEMER CHURCH

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 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 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 8
Jeremy Smith, 901.902.1324

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

Monday, Nov 9
12:00pm Men's Gathering
6:00pm GriefShare

Tuesday, Nov 10
7:00am Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, Nov 11
Church Office Closed
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 12
12:00pm Women's Bible Study
5:30pm Women's Ministry
Fall Fellowship

Friday, Nov 13

Saturday, Nov 14
8:30am Men's Basketball

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

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STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor
Zack Owens, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care
Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship
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Stephanie Greer, Assistant Youth Director
Katie Drake, Director of Women's Ministry
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Andre Warner, Audio/Visual Assistant
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Herb Sanders
Andy Sauerwein
William Stackler
Rob Vickery
Trey Watkins

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Reid Haygood
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Blaise King*
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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 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
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