

Redeemer Church, PCA  
*2023 Missions Month*

**THE CHURCH**



*A Community  
on Mission Together*

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Ebert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—March 26, 2023  
"Personal Idolatry Hinders Our Public Witness"  
— 1 Corinthians 10:1-11:1

**Prelude**

Musicians

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**Time of Greeting**

**Mission Moment**

Mrs. Felecia Marshall  
Grant Me Justice

**\* Call to Worship**

*Psalm 67*

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding and Discipleship

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

**Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin**

Rev. Brian Gault

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Romans 5:8*

Rev. Brian Gault

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**\* Song of Preparation**

"High Praise"

The Lord is high above the heavens And His glory above the nations  
The Lord is high above the heavens And His glory above the nations (2x)

Give God the highest praise Acknowledging Him always  
And all the people say Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

The Lord is high above the heavens And His glory above the nations  
The Lord is high above the heavens And His glory above the nations

Give God the highest praise Acknowledging Him always  
And all the people say Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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**\* Song of Praise**

"His Mercy Is More"

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

**Chorus:** Praise the Lord, His mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (Chorus)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more! (Chorus)

**New Testament Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 10:1-22

Rev. Brian Gault

**Pastoral Prayer**

Mr. Gene Dent, Ruling Elder

**Worship in Giving**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**Congregational Chorus**

"Forever His Children"

**Chorus:** Forever, and ever, and always His children.

Forever, and ever, we will always be with Him  
Always, always His children (His children) Always, always His children

What can separate us from the love of Christ Jesus.  
What can separate us from the love of the Savior  
Always, always His children, (His children) Always, always His children

Not height, nor depth, not life nor death.  
No, nothing can separate us from the love of the Savior  
Always, always His children (His children) Always, always His children

Not Angels, nor demons, in all of creation.  
Not present or future the Lord shows His greatness  
Always, always His children (His children) Always, always His children

What a wonderful blessing to be called as God's children.  
What a precious redemption Christ Jesus has delivered

Always, Always, Always, Always

**Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**Sermon Text**

1 Corinthians 10:1-11:1

**Sermon Title**

"Personal Idolatry Hinders Our Public Witness"

\* **Hymn of Faith**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:** Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, Spring-time and harvest;  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above--  
Join with all nature in manifold witness to  
Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear Presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**\* Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**Prayer Intercessor Team**

Mr. Gene Dent/Mrs. Ellen McCay (8:00am)

Mr. Gene Dent/Mrs. Emily Shuler (11:00am)

**\*Please Stand. (Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)**

## **SERMON NOTES**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—March 26, 2023  
"Personal Idolatry Hinders Our Public Witness"  
— 1 Corinthians 10:1-11:1

## SERMON QUESTIONS

- Our Mission's month theme is "The Church: A community on Mission Together." What comes to mind when you think of this?
- For context, read 1 Corinthians 6:1-8, 7:12-16, and 14:22-25. Pay attention to Paul's repeated reference to unbelievers. Now, re-read 10:23-11:1. Why do you think Paul repeatedly calls the Corinthian Christians to consider unbelievers?
- In almost every use of *unbelievers* in this book, Paul's longing for their salvation surfaces! What does this teach us about the missional aspect of our new identity in Jesus?
- Paul also presupposes that our lives will have points of connection with unbelievers! It is not a coincidence that some Christians were married to unbelievers, that some unbelievers showed up in church, or that they invited Corinthian Christians into their homes! We must deduce that God's mighty providence is at work in situating Christians near non-Christians. Do you believe this now? Why is this encouraging?
- In 1 Corinthians 10:1-22 Paul seems to warn them (and us) that personal idolatry is dangerous, distorts, distracts, and decimates our ability to be faithful witnesses. So how does our idolatry threaten our witness to others?
- In what ways were the Corinthians behaving like the Israelites in the wilderness? Is it ironic that some of these things are prevalent in the church today? Of the manifestations of idolatry mentioned, which ones most resonate with you?
- Paul wants them (and us) to repent of our idolatry. What does repentance look like in this passage? Can you trace these themes from the text?
  - Being convinced of our sin and misery
  - Running from our idols
  - Running to our savior to experience His mercy and grace
  - Moving towards unbelievers with deep humility and love
- What might happen if we all practiced personal repentance regularly? Would we be able to be silent or indifferent around unbelievers?



# FAITH PROMISE 2023

## What is Faith Promise?

Faith Promise giving is the primary way that Redeemer funds local and global missions (apart from Redeemer specific ministries). We call it "Faith Promise" because we promise in faith to give to missions in addition to our regular tithes and offerings.

## Why Faith Promise?

By pooling resources, we provide missionaries consistent, stable support. This allows them to spend less time fundraising and more time in ministry. Multiplying resources thus multiplies opportunities to spread the gospel.

## Who does Faith Promise support?

Faith Promise supports numerous missionaries (many from our congregation!) and missions agencies both at home and abroad. Our three ministry areas are:

- Mission to the World - missions outside the continental U.S.
- Mission to North America - missions within the U.S. and Canada
- Mission to Jackson - outreach all over the Jackson-Metro area

## Who manages Faith Promise?

We entrust our Mission Committee to wisely and prayerfully vet potential missionaries/agencies and allocate Faith Promise funds appropriately. Mission ministry reports are available upon request.

## What is the goal of Faith Promise?

Our 2023 financial goal is \$140,000. Our prayer is that at least 50% of our congregation will join us, pledging to give according to God's leading and provision. Please pray and join us! Together, we can multiply opportunities to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth.

(For a complete list of missionaries and ministries we support, visit our website at: <https://redeemerjackson.com/get-involved/outreach/missionaries>)

**Please complete and hand this portion to ushers**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVE:** I would like to Prayerfully commit to make a:  
 One-time Faith Promise Investment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monthly Investment \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quarterly Investment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PRAY:** I commit to Pray for a Missionary or Mission effort (name of Missionary/Mission effort)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVE:** (Please check appropriate location and length of time)

I would like more information and prayer concerning serving on Mission Field at:  
 HOME       ABROAD       on a CAREER BASIS       SHORT-TERM BASIS

(For more information, please check your interested area of serving)

MISSION TO JACKSON       MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA       MISSION TO THE WORLD

# 2023 Missions Month Schedule

## Missionary Updates through Mission Moments (MM)

**Sun, Feb 26**

*Samuel Bolen*

(Jackson Leadership Foundation)  
jacksonleadershipfoundation.org



**Sun, Mar 5**

*Franky & Alaina Garcia*

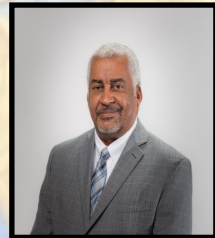
(MNA Quebec)  
Frank@gracegatineau.ca



**Sun, Mar 12**

*Kelle Menogan, Sr.*

(The Redeemer's School)  
wearetrs.org



**Sun, Mar 19**

*Bill Wallace & Steve Ozier (ELI) 8:00am*  
*Middle East Representative 11:00am*

**Sun, March 26**

*Felecia Marshall*

(Grant Me Justice)  
grantmejustice.org





Redeemer Church, PCA

# WEEKLY

Schedule

Sunday  
School

9:45 AM

Feb 12 – May 7

## Adults

**Redeemer Explored:** Room 109

**Hermeneutics: How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth:** Sanctuary

**Apologetics: Reasons, Questions, and the Hope within Us:** Fellowship Hall

**Practicing the King's Economy:** Bride's Room

## Youth (6th-12th)

**Missions:** Youth Room

## Children (K4-5th)

**K4-1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Stories of the Bible**

**K4:** Room 203

**K5:** Room 204

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Room 205

**2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Biblical Themes & Building Blocks of the Faith**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Room 202

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Room 207

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Bible Survey**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Room 209/211

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Room 210

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday)

### Let Us Know You Were Here!

Please aim your smart phone camera at the QR code and fill out the short attendance form. This helps us keep track of Members and Visitors alike, and also includes links to announcements, online giving, and prayer requests.



### \*\*\* PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES \*\*\*

- Lydia Abraham: Mito Disease, Stage 4 Liver Cirrhosis, pain management and wisdom for doctors in her treatment. For updates on Lydia, please see QR Code.

### \*\*\* SEEKING TO SERVE \*\*\*

#### Join Team Redeemer for CPC Life Walk, May 6

The CPC Life Walk will be May 6 at Trustmark Park with a special performance by Todd Tilghman. Join us with a team of friends to represent the unborn in our state and community. For more information on joining Redeemer's team as a walker, email Al Arnold at [alar-nold03@att.net](mailto:alar-nold03@att.net) or Tamiko Arnold at [tjarnold6@gmail.com](mailto:tjarnold6@gmail.com). Our team is Redeemer Presbyterian Church-Jackson, MS. See QR Code for more information and to register today!

### \*\*\* CALLED TO CONNECT \*\*\*

#### Notes for High School Graduates

In just a few weeks, Redeemer Youth will be celebrating our 2023 High School Seniors. We want to send them off feeling loved and supported by the church! One way we hope to do this is by collecting notes for the class of 2023 from the congregation with advice, encouragement, and reminders of God's character. If you can help with this, send your note to Stephanie Morton at [smorton@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:smorton@redeemerjackson.com) by April 15.

#### As We Are One: A Biblical Sexuality Seminar, Mar 31 & Apr 1

In this seminar, we will explore God's good design for sex and sexuality. On Friday night, we'll look at how this design fits into the larger story of the Bible, and how we can live in sexual integrity and wholeness whether single or married. On Saturday morning, we'll talk about contemporary issues in sexuality such as gender identity, and how to find freedom and joy in repentance from sexual sin. See QR Code for more information & to sign up.

#### RCA-Stations in the Garden, Mar 31-Apr 9

The Art + Soil Garden Community, corner of Londonderry and Robinhood, has collaborated with Redeemer Community Arts to present Stations in the Garden. We invite you to move through a guided meditation as a way of preparing body, mind, heart and soul to enter more fully into the solemnity of Good Friday, the peace of Holy Saturday, and the joy of Resurrection Sunday. See QR Code for more information.

#### Maundy Thursday Service, Apr 6

Please join us on Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 pm for our Maundy Thursday Service. Nursery will be provided. See QR Code for more information.

#### RYA MS Braves Home Opener, Apr 7

The MS Braves home opener for the 2023 season is Friday April 7, 2023! All are welcome—come out and join RYA for the game and bring a friend! RSVP by texting Daniel Covert 601.527.5205. Game starts at 6:35pm.

## **Redeemer Together, Apr 21-22**

Redeemer Together is a chance for our church to take a step back from our typical routine and to simply enjoy being with one another in a unique setting.

Here's what to expect:

- one night retreat
- only 30 minutes away at a beautiful and comfortable conference center (Twin Lakes)
- breaking bread together, turning to Gods word, and enjoying His creation

See QR Code for more information and to sign up.

### **\*\*\* Redeemer Kids \*\*\***

*K4-5th Grade*

#### **Apr 26: 5th Grade Graduation**

This is a time for all 5th graders to come together play some games and spend time with the leaders one last time as they move up to youth group. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, from 5:30-7:30pm., food will be provided. Email Jajuan McNeil at [mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com) for more information.

**May 28:** Punch-n-Brunch and Pastries-n-Planes

**Jun 1-3:** Kids With A Mission

### **\*\*\* Redeemer Youth \*\*\***

*6th-12th Grade*

#### **Apr 8: Redeemer Youth Spring Day Getaway**

6th-12th Graders, join us on Saturday, Apr 8, from 8:40am-4:00pm for Spring Day Getaway at Camp Pioneer, 119 Camp Pioneer Rd, Pearl, MS 39208! We will have games and other activities, enjoy time outside, and get to hang out with friends and youth leaders. See QR Code to sign up by Apr 2.

#### **Apr 26: Combined Youth for Senior Night**

A combined gathering for 6th-12th grade students to close the semester and say goodbye to our seniors graduating from the youth ministry. For more information, please contact Stephanie Morton at [smorton@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:smorton@redeemerjackson.com) or 678.554.8552.

## THIS WEEK

### Deacon on Call for the Week March 26

Philip Carter, 601.665.5504

### Sunday, March 26 Missions Month Ends

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

### Monday, March 27

### Tuesday, March 28

- 12:00pm Men's Gathering  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, March 29

- 6:30am Women's Bible Study  
9:00am Mom's Bible Study  
6:00pm Hope Exchange  
6:00pm Upside Down  
6:00pm Crossroads  
6:00pm Men's Bible Study

### Thursday, March 30

- 12:00pm Women's Bible Study  
6:00pm GriefShare

### Friday, March 31

#### RCA-Stations in the Garden

- 5:30pm As We Are One: A Biblical  
Sexuality Seminar

### Saturday, April 1

#### RCA-Stations in the Garden

- 8:30am Men's Basketball  
8:30am As We Are One: A Biblical  
Sexuality Seminar

### Sunday, April 2 Communion

#### RCA-Stations in the Garden

- 8:00am Worship Service  
Livestream Available  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:30pm Rooted  
Various Times-Sunday Growth  
Groups

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## STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor  
Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship  
Zack Owens, Asst Pastor of Congregational Care  
Symeon Robins, Music Director  
Candace Robins, Assistant Music Director  
Jajuan McNeil, Director of Children's Ministry  
Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant  
Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator  
Wilson Jamison, Interim Youth Director  
Stephanie Morton, Assistant Youth Director  
Jermaine Van Buren, Jr., Intern, Youth Ministry Asst  
Gabriel Garcia, Intern  
Daniel Covert, Intern  
Ann Chestnut, High School Ministry Assistant  
Felecia Marshall, Business Administrator  
Mary Sanders, Communications & Events Coordinator  
Tina Collier, Administrative Assistant

## RULING ELDERS

Grant Callen  
Tu Combs  
Gene Dent  
Scott Marshall  
Barry McCay  
Kelle Menogan, Sr.  
Marculis Mosby  
Paul Rankin  
Herb Sanders  
Andy Sauerwein  
William Stackler  
Trey Watkins  
Shelby Watts

## DEACONS

Karl Arndt  
Grafton Bragg  
Philip Carter  
Davidson Forester  
Jon Fults  
David Garner  
Jake Garner  
Levi Gill  
Reid Haygood  
John Hooker  
Detrick Johnson  
Baskin Jones  
Guin Kendrick  
Blaise King  
Cody McCain  
Greg Ross  
Jonathan Shull  
Jeremy Smith  
Ellis Tucker  
Johnston Walker  
Thomas Wallace

## COMING UP

Apr 3: Session & Diaconate Meetings  
Apr 6: Maundy Thursday Service  
Apr 7: RYA MS Braves Home Opener Friday  
Apr 8: Redeemer Youth Spring Day Getaway  
Apr 8: Second Saturday Serve  
Apr 9: Easter Sunday  
Apr 20: RYA & Zack Owens on Vocation  
Apr 21-22: Redeemer Together  
Apr 26: 5th Grade Graduation  
May 1: Session & Diaconate Meetings  
May 6: Team Redeemer for CPC Life Walk  
May 7: New Members Join  
May 28: Punch-n-Brunch and Pastries-n-Planes