



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Zack Owens—July 28, 2024

“An Ambidextrous Righteousness: Vengeance and Consolation”

Psalm 94

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Zack Owens
Assistant Pastor of Congregational Care

Time of Greeting

* Call to Worship

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Rev. Brian Gault
Assistant Pastor of Shepherding and Discipleship

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Brian Gault

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7

Rev. Brian Gault

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

* Song of Preparation

“Better Than Life”

Your love is everlasting, it's an everlasting love,
Your mercy is as new as every rising of the sun
And Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life.

Your grace is all-sufficient, It's an all-sufficient grace,
Your power and Your glory are forever on display
And Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life.

Chorus: Oh, it's better, Oh, better than life.
Oh, so much better, Jesus, Your loving kindness is better than life.

Fairest of ten thousand, Of ten thousand You are fair.
And nothing in this world could ever measure or compare to
Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life.

All your ways are just oh Lord, You're just in all Your ways.
And I will lift my hands oh Lord with gratitude and praise.
For Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life. (Chorus)

Jesus, Your loving kindness is better than life itself, better than life itself.
Jesus, Your loving kindness is better than life itself, better than life.

* Song of Praise

“I Call You Faithful”

I call You Holy, Your name is Holy, You are so Holy to me.
I call you Holy, Your name is Holy, Holy You are and Holy You'll be.

I call You righteous, Your name is Righteous, You are so Righteous to me.
I call you Righteous, Your name is Righteous, Righteous You are and Righteous you'll be

I call you faithful, Your name is Faithful, You are so Faithful to me.

I call You Faithful, Your name is Faithful, Faithful You are and Faithful You'll be.

I call You Awesome, Your name is Awesome, You are so Awesome to me.

I call you Awesome, Your name is Awesome, Awesome You are and Awesome You'll be.

I call You Worthy, Your name is Worthy, You are so Worthy to me.

I call You Worthy, Your name is Worthy, Worthy You are and Worthy You'll be.

New Testament Scripture Reading Hebrews 10:26–39

Rev. Brian Gault

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Kelle Menogan, Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Mr. Kelle Menogan

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.

Congregational Song

"O Magnify The Lord Medley"

Oh, magnify the Lord, for he is worthy to be praised. (Repeat)

Hosanna, blessed be the rock, blessed be the rock of my salvation. (Repeat)

I will call upon the Lord (women)

I will call upon the Lord (men echo)

For he, is worthy to be praised (women)

For he, is worthy to be praised (men echo)

So shall I be saved from my enemies (women)

So shall I be saved from my enemies (men echo)

The Lord liveth, blessed be rock and let the God of my salvation be exalted (Repeat)

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Zack Owens

Sermon Text

Psalm 94

Pew Bible p. 498

Sermon Title

An Ambidextrous Righteousness: Vengeance and Consolation

***Hymn of Faith**

"A Mighty Fortress"

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing: For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth,
His Name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;

His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

*** Benediction**

Rev. Zack Owens

*** Departing Song**

"A Mighty Fortress"

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Kelle Menogan/Mrs. Mary Sanders (8:00am)
Mr. William Stackler/Mrs. Amy Stackler (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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More Information:

On the QR Code you'll find links to announcements and online giving.

*** PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES ***

- Davidson Forester & family: as they grieve the home going of Davidson's mother, Margaret Anne Forester, with hope.
- Tu & Caroline Combs: As Caroline undergoes treatment for stage 4 breast cancer. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for Take Them a Meal.
- Katie Trotter: Healing of breast and bone cancer.
- 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.

Births

- Matibai Lev Kenyon, 7.22.2024, son of James & Laina Kenyon. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for Take Them a Meal.

SEEKING TO SERVE

Community Garden Workday, Aug 10

Join us as we continue to cultivate and beautify our neighborhood garden as a way of loving our neighbors. We will be planting seeds, harvesting veggies, pulling weeds, and performing routine maintenance in the garden. This event is from 9:00am-12:00pm and is open to all ages and levels of experience. The garden is located on the corner of Robinhood and Londonderry behind the church. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information and to sign up.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

Choir Returns July 30

Do you love to sing? Consider using your vocal gifts in the Redeemer Music ministry! Our first choir practice for the semester will be Tuesday, July 30 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. All voices high school age and up are welcome to join us! Contact Akida Mosby at akidamosby@yahoo.com for more information.

Meet Jerome Douglas at the Last Wednesday Fellowship Potluck, July 31

This summer our Wednesday Fellowship Potlucks have fostered hospitality, connectedness, and belonging. On July 31, our last potluck of the Summer will give us the opportunity to get to know Jerome Douglas, our new Director of Neighborhood Outreach and Missions.

We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:00pm. Join us!

What do I bring? On July 31, If your LAST NAME starts with...

A-I: bring a side dish

J-Q: bring a dessert

R-Z: bring a main dish

See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to for more information.

Women's Prayer Gathering, July 31

Please join the women of Redeemer as we pray for our church, our leaders, and specific needs felt by our congregation. We'll pray from 5:00-6:00pm and wrap up in time for everyone to walk over to the fellowship meal at 6:00. Childcare is not available, but children are welcome to sit in with us! Contact KC Jones at katherinejones@outlook.com for more information.

*** NEWS TO NOTE ***

Report on How Men and Women are Serving Together at Redeemer, Aug 4, 11, 18

In 2017 the PCA General Assembly gave a report entitled 'Women Serving in the Ministry of the Church' which was followed in 2019 by a report from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (our Presbytery) on 'The Role of Women in the Church.'

Both reports encouraged PCA Sessions to study the matter to encourage a robust and gracious complementarian practice to promote the peace, purity, and unity of the church.

In 2019, the Redeemer Session formed a Subcommittee on Women's Roles. The whole Session has studied both reports and prayerfully considered the matter as it applies to Redeemer, and now we want to report it to you.

We want to invite you to a joint adult Sunday School on Aug 4, 11, 18 for a report on how men and woman are serving together at Redeemer.

Our report to you will be considered in three sections, with room for Q&A in each section, but especially in the third discussion.

Aug 4: Exegetical Foundations, Elbert

Aug 11: Selected Findings in the GA & PMV Reports, Brian

Aug 18: A Vision for Women Serving at Redeemer, Elbert

You can find both the GA and the PMV reports on our Sunday School page. We hope you'll join us!

Officer Nominations, July 14-Aug 4

The Session has voted to accept nominations for officers for three weeks. Qualified men will meet the standards set for Deacon or Elder in 1 Tim 3 and Titus 1, of the appropriate age (Deacon 25, Elder 35), and a member for at least one year as of Feb 2025. He should be someone who is already actively serving and connected in the life of the church. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to view the webpage for more information. From July 14-Aug 4, you will find the nomination form on that page.

Summer Joint Adult Sunday School

9:45-10:35am

Summer Sunday School will begin on June 9 and conclude on Aug 25.

New City Catechism

Teachers: Brian Gault, Zack Owens, Elbert McGowan, Scott Marshall, Marculis Mosby

Location: Sanctuary

Catechisms are a time-tested tool of discipleship. They are interactive by design, easy to memorize, rooted in the Bible, and theologically rich.

Catechisms were written:

1. To explain the gospel comprehensively. Catechisms sharpen our understanding of the gospel by building out biblical doctrines and investigating the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer.
2. To counteract false beliefs. Catechisms lay out biblical doctrine to address contemporary cultural questions, errors, and false beliefs.
3. To cultivate communal holiness. Catechisms create a shared language of belief to cultivate a community that corporately reflects the character of Christ.

Written in 2017, the New City Catechism stands on the rich theological tradition of the Heidelberg Catechism (1563) and Westminster Shorter Catechism (1648) but uses modern language shaped to address contemporary questions.

We encourage you to download the New City Catechism App (it's free!), which has scriptural references, commentary quotes (both ancient and modern), prayers, and animations for each of the 52 questions.

The New City Catechism App even has a "Children's Mode" which will be helpful as our Children's Sunday School (K4-5th) will be studying the New City Catechism as well! For more information, see QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for Tim Keller's introduction to the New City Catechism.

Summer Youth Sunday School

9:45 - 10:35am

Summer Sunday School will begin on June 9 and conclude on Aug 25.

Prayer

Location: Youth Room

HS Teachers: Wilson Jamison, Stephanie Greer, Cadden Christie, Rob Vickery

MS Teachers: Wilson Jamison, Stephanie Greer, Corrie Keplinger, Hermes Tomas

This summer, our topic for Youth Sunday school is prayer. We know that we should pray, but we can struggle to pray and find delight in it. And we have questions such as "What is prayer? Why is prayer difficult? And how do I pray?" Over the summer, we will unpack the theology of prayer, the experience of prayer, and different methods of prayer. There will be time during each class for our students to pray in small groups together.

Summer Children's Sunday School

New City Catechism

Children's Sunday School will be studying the New City Catechism this summer. Catechisms are summaries of the principles of our faith in question and answer form. We hope to consider and remember the first 12 questions and answers.

K4-K5: Room 209/211

Teachers:

Beth Clarke, Sarah Love Crawford,
Rachel Harbarger, Jajuan Mcneil

1st-2nd Grade: Room 207

Teachers:

Claire Graves, Krisan Parish, Tyler Espinoza

3rd Grade: Room 205

Teachers:

Andrea Burks, Page Callen, Christa Williams

4th-5th Grade: Room 202

Teachers:

Rachel Garner, Jake Garner, Amanda
McGuffey, Angela Simpkins

***** Redeemer Kids *****

K4-5th Grade

Children's Church, Aug 4

Intro to the Lord's Prayer: "Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." 8:00am service only, ages 4-5.

***** Redeemer Youth *****

6th-12th Grade

Redeemer Youth Summer Retreats

In June, 20 middle schoolers ventured to The Edge summer camp in Tennessee, where we spent a week diving deep into God's word, enjoying fellowship and even saw some penguins. Then in July, 28 high schoolers spent a week in Florida with Reformed Youth Ministries. RYM is annually a fruitful time of deep study, growth, and enjoyment. We are thankful for Wilson, Stephanie, and the chaperones efforts in caring for our Youth and are celebrating God's goodness in our summer retreats!

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call for the Week July 28

Thomas Wallace, 601.955.5998

Sunday, July 28

8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available

9:45am Summer Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

Monday, July 29

Tuesday, July 30

12:00pm Lunch Group Book Study

6:30pm Evening Book Study

7:00pm Choir Resumes

Wednesday, July 31

Thursday, Aug 1

Friday, Aug 2

Saturday, Aug 3

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Aug 4

8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

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Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant

Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator

Corrie Keplinger, Communications & Events Coordinator

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Josh Anderson, Intern

Ian Deffenbaugh, Intern

Gabriel Garcia, Ministry Assistant

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Joyce Hamme, Arthur Phillips, Kateri Gill, Akida Mosby

Haley Arndt, Women's Committee Chair

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Grant Callen

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Gene Dent

Scott Marshall

Barry McCay

Kelle Menogan, Sr.

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Herb Sanders

Andy Sauerwein

William Stackler

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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

Greg Ross

Jeremy Smith

Ellis Tucker

Johnston Walker

Thomas Wallace

Tamarco White

COMING UP:

Aug 5: Diaconate Meeting

Aug 7: Women's Prayer Gathering

Aug 7: Fellowship Potluck

Aug 10: Community Garden Workday

Aug 15: Session Meeting

Aug 18: Rooted Begins

Aug 20: Community Garden Workday

Aug 21: Upside Down Begins

Aug 21: Crossroads Begins

Sept 2: Church Office Closed-Labor Day

Sept 11: Mom's Bible Study Kickoff Brunch

Sept 15: RUF Sunday

Sept 15: Fall Growth Groups Begin

Sept 25: Annual Fall Block Party