

REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—September 8, 2024

“Who is Like Our God?”

—Psalm 113

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Time of Greeting

Introit

“We Have Come into This House”

* Call to Worship

1 Samuel 2:1–10

Rev. Zack Owens

Assistant Pastor of Congregational Care

And Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. “There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, and on them he has set the world. “He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Zack Owens

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:5

Rev. Zack Owens

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

* Song of Preparation

“Promises”

God of Abraham, You're the God of covenant, And of faithful promises

Time and time again, You have proven You'll do just what You said

Though the storms may come and the winds may blow I'll remain steadfast

And let my heart learn, when You speak a word It will come to pass

Great is Your faithfulness to me

Great is Your faithfulness to me

From the rising sun to the setting same, I will praise Your name

Great is Your faithfulness to me

God from age to age, Though the earth may pass away, Your word remains the same

Your history can prove, There's nothing You can't do

You're faithful and true

Though the storms may come and the winds may blow I'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn, when You speak a word it will come to pass.

I put my faith in Jesus My anchor to the ground
My hope and firm foundation
He'll never let me down

*** 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

Matthew 10:26-33

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"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Gene Dent, Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Mr. Gene Dent

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.

Choral Worship

"Unspeakable Joy"

Redeemer Choir

When I think, of how he brought me through.
And how, how the Lord changed my life.
My soul, my soul is overwhelmed.
I've got joy, joy, joy, unspeakable joy
I've got joy, joy, joy, unspeakable joy (Repeat as directed)

Joy unspeakable full of glory
Joy unspeakable pathway bright
Joy unspeakable full of glory
Joy unspeakable burdens light
Every time I think of the goodness of the Lord.
I've got joy, joy, joy, unspeakable joy (Repeat as directed)

I've got joy unspeakable joy, I've got joy unspeakable
Joy unspeakable joy, joy unspeakable
Unspeakable joy, joy unspeakable

I've got joy, joy, joy, unspeakable joy (Repeat as directed)

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Psalm 113
Pew Bible p. 510

Sermon Title

Who is Like Our God?

*** Hymn of Faith**

"Praise Him"

1st Chorus: Praise Him (4x)

Jesus, blessed Savior
He's worthy to be praised

From the rising of the sun
Until the going down of the same; He's worthy, Jesus is worthy
He's worthy to be praised (1st Chorus)

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Departing Hymn

"Praise Him"

2nd Chorus: Glory (2x)

In all things give Him glory; Jesus, blessed Savior
He's worthy to be praised

God is our rock
Hope of salvation
A strong deliverer
In Him will I always trust [2nd Chorus]

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Gene Dent/Mrs. Betty Marsha Dent (8:00am)
Mr. Gene Dent/Mrs. Betty Marsha Dent (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday

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More Information:

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

*** PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES ***

- Tu & Caroline Combs: As Caroline undergoes treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.
- Katie Trotter: Comfort, hope, and peace in Christ through breast and bone cancer .See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for Take Them a Meal.
- Lydia Abraham: Mito Disease, Stage 4 Liver Cirrhosis, pain management and wisdom for doctors in her treatment. For updates on Lydia and the Abraham's Take Them a Meal, please see QR Code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday.

BIRTHS

- Everette Lane Diethelm, 6-24-2024, daughter of Chris & Alex Diethelm.

SEEKING TO SERVE

Join the Coffee Ministry

Coffee Ministry is back on Sept 8 and we're looking for a couple more members to join our team. If you love Java and people and are willing to serve once a month, we'd love to have you on the team. See the QR code to sign up.

Serve in the Nursery

We are in need of additional volunteers to serve our kids in the Nursery and help care for the littlest of our flock during the 8am and 11am services. If you can join the rotation, email Velma Warner at vwarner@redeemerjackson.com.

Serve at Upside Down (K4-5th)

Due to overwhelming attendance, we are in need of 4 men and 3 women to serve as shepherds to our kids during Upside Down. Leaders will build relationship with groups by playing games and by asking and answering questions about the Bible story that is presented weekly. If you are interested in teaming up with Redeemer Kids as a leader, email Jajaun McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

Women's Bible Studies Begin Aug 21 & Sept 10

Please join the women of Redeemer this year in our study of Revelation! Revelation speaks a steady word of assurance and a strong call to endure while promising that those who hear the words of the prophecy and keep what is written will be "blessed." (Revelation 1:3). We have five different groups that will meet once a week through the fall and spring semesters. Group times include Tuesday mornings and evenings, Wednesday mornings and evenings, and Thursdays at noon. Childcare is offered during the Wednesday morning and evening studies. The Wednesday evening group will begin August 21, and all other groups begin the week of September 9. See the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to visit the Women's Ministry page.

Women's Pilates & Fellowship, Saturdays in Sept

Ladies of Redeemer, you're invited to a free series of hour long Pilates classes taught by Margot Christie, followed by a cool down time with coffee and fellowship. If possible, bring an exercise mat, a few tennis balls, a theraband, and a friend or two! We'll meet the first three Saturdays in Sept from 10:00-11:45am at the Ballet Magnificat studios. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.

Redeemer Explored Begins Sept 8

If you are interested in joining Redeemer or know someone who is, Redeemer Explored is a Sunday School class that explores who we are and what we believe. Pastor Elbert leads this class during the Sunday School hour (9:45 - 10:35am), for 7 weeks from Sept 8 - Oct 27. Email Brian Gault at bgault@redeemerjackson.com for more info or to hold your seat in the class.

GriefShare Begins Sept 10

GriefShare serves our church and community as a place of rest for the weary. Please reach out if you'd like a place to grieve the loss of someone you love, grow in community with other believers, and look into God's Word for hope and healing. GriefShare meets at 630 Wellington Rd behind the church on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm, from Sept 10-Dec 10. Contact Quita Sauerwein at quitasauerwein@gmail.com to get connected or see QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.

College Student Lunch, Sept 15

Calling all college students! After the 11am service on RUF Sunday, Sept 15, we will host a free lunch for all college students to meet members of the congregation and to learn how to connect in the life of Redeemer. Bonus: it's an opportunity to meet students from other area campuses. Bring a friend!

Redeemer Block Party and Fish Fry, Sept 25

Join us for a family-friendly event and a Redeemer tradition! Each September we invite the entire Broadmoor and Fondren North neighborhoods to the church grounds for a free meal, joyful vibes, and practical connections. This year there will be live music (via deejay), large inflatables for the kids, and a community resource fair. We hope to make new friends, eat good food, and promote the gospel sharing work of our ministry partners. Bring your chairs and a blanket and join the fun! See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information and to sign up to volunteer.

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

Now Accepting Applications for the Director of Music Ministry

Our search is underway for a Director of Music Ministry. This is a salaried, part-time position (targeting 25-30 hours/week) with potential to grow into full-time role. We are accepting applications through Sept 15. Know someone who might be interested? See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.

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

Communicants Class Begins Sept 8

Communicants Class is a six week course during the Sunday School hour from Sept 8-Oct 13. It is an avenue for 3rd-8th graders at Redeemer to walk through the core beliefs of the Christian faith and then have opportunity to give a credible profession of faith to an elder in order to become a communing member. Participants are required to attend at least half of the classes. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information and to sign up.

Children's Church, Aug Sept 15

Intro to the Lord's Prayer: "And forgive us our debts" 8:00am service only, ages 4-5.

Upside Down (K4-5th)

Elementary students are invited to join us at Upside Down, our weekly time of fun, fellowship, and studying God's word! We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday Evenings, Aug 21-Nov 6 (not Sept 25, Oct 2) from 6:00-7:00pm. Contact Jajuan McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com for more information.

***** Redeemer Youth *****
6th-12th Grade

High School Fall Retreat, Nov 15-16

Registration is open for our High School Fall Retreat! At the retreat, we will get to hear teaching from God's Word by Jermaine Van Buren, Jr., play games, and enjoy time outside with new and old friends. We hope you'll join us! Registration closes Oct 31. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information and to register.

Crossroads (6th-8th)

Join us for Crossroads, our weekly Youth Group gathering for Middle Schoolers. We play games, eat pizza, and get to study God's Word together! We meet on Wednesday's, Aug 21-Nov 6 (not Sept 25, Oct 2) from 6:00-7:30pm in the Youth Room. For more information contact Wilson Jamison at wjamison@redeemerjackson.com.

Rooted (9th-12th)

High Schoolers, we would love for you to join us for Rooted this semester. At Rooted, we get to unpack God's Word and enjoy fellowship together with some laughter (and food) along the way. We meet Sunday evenings, Aug 18-Nov 3 (not Sept 22, Sept 29) from 5:30-7:00pm in the Youth Room. For more information contact Wilson Jamison at wjamison@redeemerjackson.com.

Fall Sunday School Begins Sept 8

9:45-10:35am

**2024 Fall Adult Sunday School, Block 1
will begin on Sept 8 and conclude on Oct 20.**

The Book of Ruth

Teacher: Brian Gault

Location: Fellowship Hall

The book of Ruth, set in the time of the Judges, revolves around a 'woman of worth (or strength, excellence)' (3:11) who is better to Naomi than 7 sons (4:15).

The story is one of heartache and loss with a famine that drives the family to a foreign land and with three funerals that leave Naomi and Ruth unprotected in a place that is not their home. We'll explore remarkable providences, unusual customs, and the thread of redemption—all of which show God at work in the midst of our grief.

In the Hebrew Bible, Ruth is found in the Writings, the section of the Old Testament devoted to 'covenant life.' The theme for this book is 'how to survive personal difficulties.' Join us as we learn from this woman of excellence.

7 Biblical Theologies

Teachers: Zack Owens, Jermaine Van Buren Jr.,
Andy Sauerwein, Wilson Jamison, Marculis Mosby,

Location: Sanctuary

Biblical Theology investigates the development of themes over the narrative arc of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, uniting and connecting the Old and New Testament.

In this class, we will look at 7 topics across 7 weeks: (1) biblical theology, (2) the temple of God, (3) music, (4) covenant, (5) exodus, (6) curses, and (7) the people of God.

Consider the temple. Biblical theology will consider how the Garden of Eden was the first sanctuary as we walked with God in the cool of the day, how the tabernacle and temple were special fulfillments of the promise of God's presence, how Jesus is the temple, how the church becomes the temple, and the fact that there is no temple in the New Heavens and New Earth in Rev 21.

Join us as we explore the depth of the Bible in the story of redemption.

Redeemer Explored

Teachers: Elbert McGowan, Barry McCay

Location: Room 109

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, 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 (Oct 27).

Fall Youth Sunday School Begins Sept 8

**2024 Fall Children & Youth Sunday School will begin on Sept 8
and conclude Dec 8.**

New City Catechism

Location: Youth Room

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

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

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.

Fall Children's Sunday School

Investigating God's Word

This fall, RedeemerKids will be transitioning to a new Sunday school material entitled "Investigating God's Word." All classes K4-5th Grade will be working chapter by chapter through Genesis 1-24.

K4-K5: Room 209/211

Teachers:

Morgan Barber, Sarah Love Crawford,
Rachel Habarger

3rd Grade: Room 205/206

Teachers:

Andrea Burks, Page Callen,
Christa Williams

1st Grade: Room 210

Teachers:

Claire Graves, Krisan Parish,
Khambile Perry

4th Grade: Room 204

Teachers:

Samuel Bolen, Gabriel Garcia, Jake Garner,
Angela Simpkins

2nd Grade: Room 207

Teachers:

Haley Arndt, Tyler Espinoza, Kristen Owens

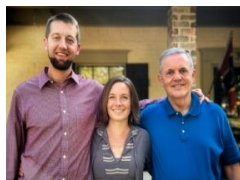
5th Grade: Room 202

Teachers:

Liz Callen, Gene Everitt, Amanda McGuffey

Fall Growth Groups begin Sept 15 & 18

SUNDAY GROWTH GROUPS



OZIER/PEARCE

5:00pm
Place: Pearce
Home, Madison



CALLEN/ MARSHALL

5:00pm
Childcare provided
(call ahead)
Place: Callen Home,
Madison



LEWIS/MORGAN/ SMITH/SMITH

5:00pm
Childcare provided
(call ahead)
Place: Lewis Home,

EVANS/McGUFFEY LANCASTER/ TRAMEL

5:00pm
Childcare provided (call
ahead)
Place: Evans Home,
Belhaven



KING/McNEIL

5:30pm
Place: Redeemer
Church

OWENS/DOWELL/ DENLEY

5:00pm
Childcare can be ar-
ranged (call ahead)
Place: Owens Home,
Jackson



GAULT/TAYLOR

5:00pm
No Childcare
Place: Gault Home,
Jackson



SAUERWEIN/ WAGNON

5:45pm
No Childcare
Place: Wagnon
Home, Jackson

WEDNESDAY GROWTH GROUPS



POLLARD/SLAY

6:30pm
Childcare at the
church with Wed
night activities
Place: Redeemer



GARNER/WALLACE

6:30pm
Place: Garner Home,
Brandon

Are you a part of a Growth Group?

Growth Groups are a place where we can plug into a smaller community to know others and be known, grow in the Christian life together under God's word, and pray with and for each other.

To visit a Growth Group to see if it's a fit for you, visit the QR code or redeemershack.com/this-Sunday for each group's contact info.



FOOD
COMIDA

GAMES
JUEGOS

MUSIC
MUSICA

FALL
BLOCK
& FISH FRY
PARTY!
FIESTA DEL BARRIO
Y EVENTO DE PESCADO FRITO



SEPT
25TH
6-8PM

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THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call for the Week Sept 8

Jon Fults, 601.212.3327

Sunday, Sept 8

- 8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available
9:45am Fall Sunday School Begins
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, Sept 9

- 6:00pm Session & Diaconate Meetings

Tuesday, Sept 10

- 7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, Sept 11

- 11:00am Moms Bible Study Begins
6:00pm Upside Down (K4-5th)
6:00pm Crossroads (6th-8th)
6:00pm Hope Exchange Community Group
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Officer Training

Thursday, Sept 12

- 4:15pm High School Girls Small Group

Friday, Sept 13

Saturday, Sept 14

- 10:00am Women's Pilates

Sunday, Sept 15

RUF Sunday

- 8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm Rooted (9th-12th)
Various Sunday Growth Groups Begin

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STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor
Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship
Zack Owens, Asst Pastor of Congregational Care
Wilson Jamison, Asst Pastor of Youth Ministry
Stephanie Greer, Assistant Youth Director
Jajuan McNeil, Director of Children's Ministry
Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant
Jerome Douglas, Dir Neighborhood Outreach & Missions
Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator
Kerrie Keplinger, Communications & Events Coordinator
Tina Collier, Administrative Assistant
Josh Anderson, Intern
Ian Deffenbaugh, Intern
Chael Williams, Intern
Interim Music Ministry Team:
Joyce Hamme, Arthur Phillips, Kateri Gill, Akida Mosby
Haley Arndt, Women's Committee Chair

RULING ELDERS

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

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
Greg Ross
Jeremy Smith
Ellis Tucker
Johnston Walker
Thomas Wallace
Tamarco White

COMING UP:

Sept 25: Annual Fall Block Party
Oct 3: RYA Hospitality Discussion
Oct 7: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Oct 10: Youth Game & Tournament Night
Oct 14: Church Office Closed
Oct 17: RYA Hangout at Belhaven Town Center
Oct 27: Children & Youth Sunday
Nov 4: Session Meeting
Nov 11: Diaconate Meeting
Nov 7: RYA Hospitality Discussion
Nov 13: Youth Friendsgiving Potluck
Nov 15-16: High School Fall Retreat