

# News from The Redeemer

*Celebrating 175 Years!*

Episcopal Church of

OCTOBER 18, 2026

## WORSHIP NOTES

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

*In this new feature of The News, the Rector will illumine and call to our attention significant features of our worship.*

### The Collect of the Day

A few years ago we discontinued including “The Prayers of the People” in our Sunday morning liturgies. This came about because, overwhelmingly, people said this was a practice within the service that had slipped into rote recitation. The words were dutifully read, but the energy and momentum of the service went dead. We still pray for the sick, for those who have died, and for the welfare of the world, but this is now done at the altar by the Celebrant with prayers that vary season to season.

There are many times when there seems to be a similar indifference to the Collect of the Day. These prayers at the beginning of each service are often described as announcing an idea or a theme under which the various elements of the service are gathered up. They collect us all together. (And it is an enduring tradition within the church to put strange use or pronunciations to common words. Only in worship does the word “collect” have the emphasis on the first syllable. For anyone who is unfamiliar with Episcopal ways, they would be either confused or amused by this pronunciation).

Announcing a theme may be the purpose of the Collects, but we’re not used to the kind of focus that would lead us naturally to hold their thought throughout the liturgy, and often the prayers themselves seem to be fairly generic statements that may introduce something but don’t command our attention for long. Yet many date back almost 500 years to the origins of the Anglican Church, and they still retain a beauty of expression that sets a tone if not a theme. And in this way they can launch us into worship, which is a space quite different than any other kind of collective exercise. They can invite us to more consciously feel that we are present before God and God is present to us.

### Organ Concert Video

If you missed last Sunday’s concert by our Organ Scholar Ted Babbitt, you REALLY missed it. Ted’s amazing performance was captured on video and you can watch it from our website at: [www.TheRedeemer.org/musicseries](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/musicseries).

### Sunday, October 18

*The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

Family Promise Guests Depart

8:00am Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....Church

9:15am Nursery Opens..... Rm 206

9:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II with choirs .....Church + Livestream

10:40am Coffee Hour..... Parish House

10:45am Children’s Formation..... Parish House 2nd Floor Classrooms

4:00pm RYG .....Masterman Hall

5:00pm Choral Evensong.....Church

7:00pm Bryn Mawr Renaissance Choir Rehearsal (*building use*) .....Burns Hall

8:00pm Compline..... via Zoom

## DID YOU KNOW

Did you know the 2027 Stewardship Campaign kicked off this past Tuesday with personalized emails from the Stewardship Committee, followed by letters where appropriate? If you have not already read the thoughtful messaging, please take a minute to read the statement and watch the videos. As we celebrate 175 years of The Redeemer, we have the opportunity to strengthen the foundation that will carry this parish into the next chapter. Pledging online only takes a minute and you can choose your preferred method of payment for the calendar year 2027. Thank you for your continued support of our shared church community for the coming year and future generations.



*Pledge online here*

## OPPORTUNITIES



# Choral Evensong

Third Sunday, October 18 at 5:00pm  
Sung by Camerata

**Sarah MacDonald - *Preces and Responses***  
**Evening Service in A of Herbert Sumsion**  
**Felix Mendelssohn's *Verleih uns Frieden***

The Redeemer Church of  
**The Redeemer**

## Clothing Drive

The Redeemer Youth Group and Community Connections are collecting clothing items for the St. Francis Inn store "Marie's Closet" which serves the Kensington community of Philadelphia. Marie's Closet distribution center offers a dignified and respectful shopping experience for guests. They kindly ask that all donated clothing is washed prior to being dropped off to ensure that they are in good condition for guests. Guests can come once a week to pick out an outfit that includes underwear, socks, shirt, and pants. Some items such as shoes, hoodies, sheets, and towels are handed out once a month. Blankets and coats are given seasonally and would be welcome at this time of year. Please place donations in bags under the coat rack in the hallway by the Community Connections grey bin. Please contact Rebecca Northington or Barbara Billings with any questions, [rnorthington@theredeemer.org](mailto:rnorthington@theredeemer.org).

## Wednesday Suppers Are Back

### 6 to 7pm in Burns Hall

Use the link at [TheRedeemer.org/RSVP](http://TheRedeemer.org/RSVP) to find more details for each of the coming weeks and to register your attendance and tell us what you will bring to share. Planning ahead, October 28 will feature "Spooky Costume Wednesday." Costumes for all are most welcome. If you'd like to be placed on the email distribution list, contact Becky Windfield, [rebecca.harper@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.harper@gmail.com).

## Church Farm School Exhibition

### 1001 E. Lincoln Hwy. Exton

### Saturdays 11am to 2pm through November 14

Featuring more than 300 original objects, posters, and handbills by one of America's greatest living printmakers, *Amos Paul Kennedy Jr.: Citizen Printer* bursts with color and amplifies voices too often overlooked while asking us to consider the power of words in the public sphere. The exhibition is open to the public. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Guests are invited to give what they wish in support of Church Farm scholarships. More information: [gocfs.net/campus-life/public-programs-and-events](http://gocfs.net/campus-life/public-programs-and-events)

## Family Promise — Abundant Thanks

Thank you to all who helped in ways large and small to make our Family Promise week a success. Our guests were a delightful and gracious family of four who blessed us with their presence.



**CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER**  
BRYN MAWR, PENNSYLVANIA  
★ 175TH ANNIVERSARY ★

# CHRISTMAS VILLAGE & SHOPS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**THE PARISH HOUSE**  
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
230 PENNSWOOD ROAD • BRYN MAWR, PA

**PLANTS & BULBS**  
Holiday plants, bulbs, cyclamen, and wreaths

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPE**  
Unique gifts and treasures for everyone on your list

**TASTY TREATS**  
Homemade goodies and seasonal favorites

**SANTA'S WORKSHOP**  
A special place for children of all ages

**MUSICAL PERFORMANCES**  
Enjoy the sounds of the season

**LUNCH BY REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP**  
Delicious lunch options available

*All are welcome!*  
*Bring someone with you and make this the beginning of your holiday season!*

## Silent Auction Donations Please

The items already offered for the Christmas Village's Silent Auction are wonderful, and we are grateful for the generosity from members and friends of The Redeemer! As we continue to build the auction, we especially welcome tickets to concerts, theater performances, sporting events, or other experiences. Gift cards for dinner or another outing could also be paired with tickets to create a special night out. If you have something to contribute or would like to sponsor an experience, please be in touch with Edward Senn at [elandinsenn@gmail.com](mailto:elandinsenn@gmail.com).

## Become a Benefactor

If I wanted to show someone the best of The Redeemer—who we as a community are at heart—I'd invite them to the Parish House as people arrive for the Friday dinner of the Christmas Village. It's a time of honest joy, when church members and friends gather to revel in their friendships, knowing that they are all engaged in the project of building a greater community beyond the church campus. It's the shared delight of giving, through and through, without any other baggage. The building is full, and everyone is caught up in happiness. It makes for a great night and a wonderful extension of love to others. Please make plans to attend (November 20 and 21), and if you'd like to help us by being a benefactor, call Roseann in the office (610-525-2486). *Peter Vanderveen*

## Crafting In Earnest

**Tuesdays 9am to 11am Parish House Room 007 (lower level)**

The Redeemer crafters will begin crafting in earnest in preparation for the Redeemer Christmas Village. Are you creative, crafty or handy with a glue gun or ribbon? It doesn't matter if you are...we'd still love your company in the crafting room! All Redeemer parishioners are welcome to join in the fun! If you would like more information or would like to craft at an alternative day/time (should we meet some evenings?), Please contact Caroline Manogue (610-742-9072 or [cbmanogue@gmail.com](mailto:cbmanogue@gmail.com)).

**Additionally, we are in desperate need of Christmas ornaments of any shape, size or quality! Our \$ tree was picked clean last year! Do you have any ornaments that no longer bring you or your family joy? Please consider donating them to Redeemer! There is a box in the Parish House hallway for donations.**

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The Mission of the Church of the Redeemer is to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. As an open and welcoming Episcopal community, we worship, learn and grow together, supporting each other and our world through the generous and creative use of God's gifts.

## NEW TO THIS COMMUNITY?

**We're glad you're here!** We'd like to get to know you. Please sign the guest book on the podium in the Church entrance way or fill out one of the cards in the pew. We will be in touch.

**Many of us here today were not raised in The Episcopal Church,** but have found in this parish a source of spiritual growth. If you might like to join this congregation or come seeking prayer or guidance, please speak to one of the clergy or call the office at 610-525-2486 or complete an online form here.



**For young children,** we offer a worship tote bag filled with materials meant to enhance their sense of worship and help them process new prayers, scriptures and hymns. Pick one up in the narthex.

**Restrooms** are located through the large wooden door halfway down the left side aisle. Baby changing stations are in the handicap restroom off the left side aisle and in the hallway restroom behind the high altar.

### Wi-Fi Access

Choose: **COTR-Congregation**  
Password: **Redeemer1881**

**Best sources for information** on all our ministries are on our:  
website ([www.TheRedeemer.org](http://www.TheRedeemer.org)),  
Facebook page ([RedeemerBrynMawr](https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerBrynMawr)),  
Instagram ([theredeemerpa](https://www.instagram.com/theredeemerpa)).

**Submission guidelines and a submission form** for The News can be found at [www.TheRedeemer.org/the\\_news](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/the_news).

## ASK AN USHER

- For hearing assistance devices
- For a card to drop in the offering plate if you give online

**Monday, October 19***St. Luke the Evangelist*

8:00pm NA.....Masterman Hall

**Tuesday, October 20***Cornelius the Centurion*

1:00pm Clergy Meeting ..... Staff Conf Rm 204  
 3:00pm Eucharist at Beaumont ..... Beaumont  
 5:15pm French Tutoring (*building use*) ..... Rm 217  
 6:30pm Vestry Meeting ..... Pembroke Rm  
 9:00pm Compline ..... via Zoom

**Wednesday, October 21**

1:00pm Staff Meeting..... Staff Conf Rm 204  
 2:00pm Liturgy Meeting ..... Staff Conf Rm 204  
 5:00pm Choristers Rehearsal..... Choir Rm  
 5:00pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal ..... Rm 215  
 6:00pm Wednesday Suppers ..... Burns Hall  
 6:45pm Redeemer Choir Rehearsal ..... Choir Rm  
 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous ..... Masterman Hall

**Thursday, October 22**

7:15am Youth Bible Breakfast ..... Raymond Library  
 7:30am Men's Bible Study..... Pembroke Rm  
 10:00am Formation Meeting ..... Staff Conf Rm 204  
 12:00pm Women Exploring Scripture ..... via Zoom  
 4:00pm Finance Committee ..... via Zoom  
 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous ..... Masterman Hall  
 9:00pm Compline ..... via Zoom

**Friday, October 23***St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of our Lord Jesus Christ*

9:00am Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)..... Church  
 5:00pm PRYSM Strings (*building use*) ..... Parish House

**Saturday, October 24**

8:45am St. Gabe's Prep..... Kitchen  
 9:00am Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)..... Church  
 10:00am David Ligget Potts Intermemt..... Churchyard  
 11:00am David Ligget Potts Funeral..... Church  
 2:00pm Schwenke Baptism Rehearsal..... Church

**Sunday, October 25***The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

8:00am Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I..... Church  
 9:15am Nursery Opens..... Rm 206  
 9:30am Choral Matins-Baptism-Holy Communion ..... Church + Livestream  
 10:40am Coffee Hour..... Parish House  
 10:45am Children's Formation Brunch ..... Parish House 2nd Floor Classrooms  
 4:00pm RYG field trip to Eastern State ..... Off Campus  
 8:00pm Compline ..... via Zoom

*Up-to-date calendar always available on [www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar)  
 All Zoom meeting links are there as well.*

**WAYS TO GIVE**

If you're giving cash, check, or offering envelopes,  
 please drop them in the offering plates at the back of the church.



Via Text



Via Venmo



Via PayPal



All Options

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- For those who are sick or in need:

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|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Angel          | Keanen       | Malcolm       |
| Amit           | Lyman Perry  | Pam Daley     |
| Kate Atlas     | Annie        | Bob Hobbs     |
| Tess           | Kristen      | Megan         |
| Dixon Sperry   | Jay & Martha | Tom Gerrity   |
| Binney McCague | Lisa         | Fran Northrup |

- For those fleeing from devastation in their countries of origin.
- For the victims of violence in this country and throughout the world, especially Ukraine and the Middle East.
- For our Montgomery County neighbors who are homeless and have lost their safety nets, especially our Family Promise of the Main Line guests.
- For those who have died, and the victims of gun violence throughout this country.

If you know a parishioner who needs pastoral care or could use a visit, please contact Peter Vanderveen-pvanderveen@theredeemer.org or ext. 17, Jo Ann Jones-jjones@theredeemer.org or ext. 16, or any member of the Pastoral Care Committee. To add names or thanksgivings to the prayer list, use the online form at: [www.The-Redeemer.org/pastoral\\_care](http://www.The-Redeemer.org/pastoral_care) or contact Jo Ann Jones; [jjones@theredeemer.org](mailto:jjones@theredeemer.org)

## CHILDREN'S FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Name Change

After discussions, we have decided to change the name of our Pre-K through Grade 7 program from “church school” to “**Children’s Formation**,” which better reflects the breadth of our program offerings and aligns our title with Church of the Redeemer programs including the Redeemer Youth Group, confirmation, and formation programs. Children’s Formation also sounds cooler.

### The Pre-K and K-6

Children’s Formation programs will convene in parish house room 221 following 9:30 liturgy. We will complete our first SHINE learning set focused on God’s creation. We will frame our flower and leaf presses that we created last week.

### Come & Get Your Brunch!

On Sunday, October 25, Children’s Formation will hold our fall family brunch in parish house room 221 following 9:30 liturgy. This informal meal will create time and space for our kids to share their experiences and thoughts with us, to connect with other parents and children, and to enjoy our fellowship. We hope you can join us.

### Cocktails Deferred

Due to logistical, space, and timing challenges the parents’ cocktail party has been delayed and will not occur on Friday, October 30. Rebecca and Glenn will be in touch with a new time and place in the coming months.

### The Redeemer Youth Group

RYG will be meeting Sunday from 4–6 pm in Masterman hall. We will be continuing our discussion of hope as found in the sounds of nature and in music throughout the centuries. Bible Breakfast will recap Matthew this Thursday at 7:15 am, and begin our study of the Gospel according to Mark. Please join us!

### Confirmation Class

#### Hospitality Suite 1045 to 11:30am

Confirmation class will be continuing our discussion of Abrahamic religions and the importance of the book of Genesis to our shared story.

**Please be aware of email scams.** Staff members will NEVER request gift cards. Check the FROM address. If it is not from a @theredeemer.org address, DELETE IT.