

News from The Redeemer

Celebrating 175 Years!

Episcopal Church of

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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.

And we come to church because...

In a recent interview published in The New York Times, Sarah Coakley, an Anglican priest and theologian was asked what she would like her legacy to be. She said, “I hope it will be something of this great propulsion to recombine serious systematic theology in the church with its practical and pastoral implications. That’s what I would like to think might have some impact. Because I’ve had a very distressing time in the church, especially with bishops who don’t think that theology is important anymore, especially in the Episcopal Church. Certain political topics become all important, and theology is seen as an unnecessary obfuscation and a sideline. I think that’s why our liberal churches are dying, actually. Unless we can regenerate the depth of the theological tradition alongside the depth of spiritual transformation, I think our churches deserve to be empty. And I find in the youngest generation this great longing for substance, for real theological substance, and real ascetical demand. People want their lives to be changed. They don’t want a lightweight cultural Christianity with a lot of politics linked to it. They’re looking for the real thing. And if I have any impact on that for the rest of my days, I shall be pleased.”

People come to church for many, varied reasons—sometimes, perhaps, simply out of habit. People enter the church with many, varied hopes and expectations—or, perhaps, with none at all. Regardless of whatever people have in mind, it is the function of the liturgy, and the architecture of the church, and the appointed leaders to set us all before God, in whose presence our lives can be seen in a different light—which might well change all that was anticipated when the service began. When this happens, we have fallen in to worship.

New Jubilate for Us

At this Sunday’s 9:30am Choral Matins, you get to sing our newly commissioned Bryn Mawr Jubilate. As part of our 175th Anniversary celebration, renowned British musician Malcom Archer was commissioned to compose it for us. It was premiered by the choir at last month’s Choral Matins and now will be sung by the congregation. A short video interview with Malcom Archer was included in the Friday email News.

We Welcome into the Household of God

This Sunday at the 9:30am service, **Charles Strawn Schwenke** will be Baptised. Charles is the son of Robinson and Amanda Schwenke.

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



For 175 years, The Redeemer community has gathered to remember, pray, and praise. This year for All Saints Day, we move away from a traditional solemn requiem, and invite you to a very special Choral Evensong at 5:00pm – celebrating the enduring light of our departed loved ones through transcendent choral masterpieces.

Our choir will bring to life three magnificent, large-scale anthems that bridge earth and heaven: John Tavener's mesmerizing Funeral Ikos and the iconic Song for Athene, as well as the splendor of William Harris's O What Their Joy. Join us for an evening of sublime music, sacred reflection, and community thanksgiving for all who have gone before us as we begin the celebration of our 175th year.

Submit Names of Persons to be Remembered

Our All Saints Choral Evensong will again include the reading of names of loved ones that you would like to be remembered. Please contact Roseann Christian to list your names: rchristian@thereddemer.org or Ext. 14

Improvements to Burns Hall

Installation of acoustic panels in Burns Hall will begin the first week of November. During the following week or so, the hall will be unavailable during the day. These improvements will increase our ability to comfortably hold meetings and gatherings in this beautiful space.

Discover the Churchyard

Adult Forum, Sunday November 15 at 10:45am

Jeff Groff, retired Estate Historian at Winterthur and frequent lecturer on Main Line history, joins us for the Adult Forum to explore the history of the Churchyard and the notable individuals laid to rest here, whose accomplishments span industry, commerce, education, the arts, and government. Join us and our friends at the Lower Merion Conservancy to celebrate Redeemer's place in our community's remarkable history.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that all Stewardship emails and mailings have been sent? A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who has already pledged! Together, our Stewardship pledges fund the many ministries and activities of The Redeemer and provide a foundation for our future. As we celebrate the 175th anniversary of our parish, please consider commemorating this significant milestone with a pledge for 2027. If you haven't pledged in recent years, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with your history at The Redeemer and help ensure a strong future for generations to come. And if you've pledged faithfully every year, perhaps this is the year to consider increasing your gift. Every pledge matters, and we are deeply grateful for the generosity and support of our entire parish community. Thank you for being part of The Redeemer's past, present, and future!



Pledge online here

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 Preview and More

Thank you to all who have made generous donations of items for the Christmas Village Silent Auction. You can get an advance view of the items along with other information for the Friday evening party and Saturday events at www.TheRedeemer.org/ChristmasVillage.

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).

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.

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.

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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), 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.

ASK AN USHER

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

THIS WEEK AT THE REDEEMER

Monday, October 26

Alfred King, 899

5:00pm	Stewardship Committee.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:00pm	Christmas Village Committee.....	Rm 215
7:30pm	Cantores Rehearsal (<i>building use</i>)	Burns Hall
8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall

Tuesday, October 27

1:00pm	Clergy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
5:15pm	French Tutoring (<i>building use</i>)	Rm 217
7:00pm	NEW Committee.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Wednesday, October 28

Sts. Simon & Jude Apostles

11:00am	Christmas Village Meeting	Raymond Library
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 29

James Hannington, Bishop & his Companions, Martyrs, 1885

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
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Friday, October 30

Maryam of Qidun, Monastic, fourth century

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

Saturday, October 31

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
10:00am	Shoemaker Baptism Rehearsal	Church

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery Opens.....	Rm 206
9:30am	Holy Eucharist & Baptism Rite II.....	Church + Livestream
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Parish House
10:45am	Children's Formation.....	Parish House 2nd Floor Classrooms
5:00pm	All Saints Choral Evensong.....	Church
8:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

*Up-to-date calendar always available on 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:

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 or contact Jo Ann Jones; 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.

Come & Get Your Brunch!

This Sunday, we will enjoy a family brunch in the Parish House room 221 (at the end of the second floor hall) following the 9:30 liturgy. We have completed our first SHINE learning series focused on God’s creation. The brunch provides a time for relaxed fellowship and peace.

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 going to Eastern State Penitentiary Sunday evening. We will be exploring the hope found in surviving terror. As Aristotle noted, when we overcome our fears we feel a surge of relief or triumph thereby building resilience and confidence. Scary narratives and experiences relegate our own daily fears into normal and manageable stasis, cultivating a hope in our own ability to manage.

Confirmation Class

Hospitality Suite 10:45 to 11:30am

Confirmation class will briefly review the last two weeks which covered Abrahamic religions and Genesis. We will move into Exodus and the story of Moses, and a broad discussion of the Old Testament.

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.