

# 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.*

### The Collect For Purity

“How much of your privacy are you willing to give up?”

This was a question recently posed with regard to the evermore encroaching presence of AI. Does it matter what data it has about us? Are we comfortable with the prospect of it being all-knowing?... Most of us would probably answer “No.”

We spend a great deal of time and effort curating ourselves. We want others to see only what puts us in the best light. And many of our relationships can be characterized by concentric circles of how much we’re willing to share with others. Few, if any, are granted full access.

The Collect for Purity is an opening statement in worship. It is our straightforward acknowledgement that before God we have no privacy at all. And yet, this is stated with the inherent confidence that God loves us nonetheless. Our lack of privacy does not result in embarrassment or shame; for God is not moved or swayed by our curated masquerades. And when we ask then that God might “cleanse the thoughts of our hearts” it is our request that, by the grace of God, nothing of what we know of our selves will haunt us anymore, for we can see our selves as God sees us, freed from the baggage of all that we’d otherwise wish to hide. That’s an incredible freedom, which, in turn, allows us to love God perfectly, without any impulse to shy away.

### Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday, October 4 at 11:30am  
in the Church**

Bring your furry and feathered friends for a St. Francis Day blessing. We love acknowledging these animal friends who fill our lives with joy.



### Choral Evensong

**Sunday, October 4 at 5:00pm  
in the Church**

Join us for the first Choral Evensong of the season and then stay for S’mores & More.



### Sunday, October 4

*The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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|---------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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 | Church School .....                      | Parish House 2nd Floor Classrooms |
| 4:00pm  | RYG .....                                | Masterman Hall                    |
| 5:00pm  | Choral Evensong .....                    | Church                            |
| 6:00pm  | S’mores and More .....                   | Parish House                      |
| 8:00pm  | Compline .....                           | via Zoom                          |

## Women Exploring Scripture

### Begins Thursday, October 8 at Noon

Our women's Bible study, will resume on Thursday, October 8, at Noon on Zoom. We'll be discussing the Gospel According to John, beginning with Chapter 15. Zoom information will be available on the church calendar or by contacting Barbara Billings, [bandsbil@verizon.net](mailto:bandsbil@verizon.net). Remember there are two additional Thursday Bible Studies: Youth Bible Breakfast at 7:15am and Men's Bible Study at 7:30am.

## Churchyard Day

### Saturday, October 10 from 9-12pm

Come and share your talent and passion with us to help keep our plantings in good order with weeding, pruning, or general plant care. We will also tend and clean some of the older headstones. Please contact Joshua Castano at [jcastano@theredeemer.org](mailto:jcastano@theredeemer.org).

## Music Series Begins

### Organ Recital - October 11 at 4pm

Our Michael Stairs Organ Scholar, Ted Babbitt, will present an organ recital featuring music by Louis Vierne, Cesar Frank, Christa Rakich, and JS Bach. Ted has already displayed musicianship beyond his years as player and accompanist. Come and experience this remarkable young talent, and greet him following the recital at a reception.



## Morning Musicales Season Begins

### Thursday, October 15, at 11:00am in the Church

The first morning concert features Trio Azura, the Young Concert Artists first Ensemble in Residence, and winners of the 2024 National Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition. Come hear the refined color of Maurice Ravel, the contemporary clarity of Jennifer Higdon, and the drama of Felix Mendelssohn. This performance immediately follows the Carnegie Hall debut of Trio Azura, but you can hear them live here! For more information and tickets, please visit [www.MorningMusicales.com](http://www.MorningMusicales.com); tickets @\$20.00 will also be available at the door.

## The National Center for Courageous Women of Faith

### Celebrate the Opening - Saturday October 12 at 1:30pm

255 S. Third Street, Philadelphia

The Center honors the legacy of The Philadelphia Eleven and Bishop Barbara Harris—the first female priests and bishop of the Episcopal Church. RSVP at [www.ccwof.org](http://www.ccwof.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 of the coming week and to register your attendance and tell us what you will bring to share. If you'd like to be placed on the email distribution list, contact Becky Windfield, [rebecca.harper@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.harper@gmail.com).

## Foyer Groups Now Forming

Whether you're a long-time member or a relative newcomer, Foyer Groups help you acquire more than a nodding acquaintance with your fellow parishioners. Typically, Foyer Groups of 8-10 individuals are formed with a designated "first host." Each group sets its own dates and venues for casual gatherings – most opt for pot luck dinners inside or outside a group member's home, but some are more innovative (e.g., a local park, BYO restaurant, swim club, bowling alley, the Parish House). The idea is to broaden our knowledge and appreciation of one another as members of The Redeemer church family – particularly newcomers! To sign up, or for more information, please contact Jan Clarke at 610-547-1958 or [janc144@verizon.net](mailto:janc144@verizon.net).

## DID YOU KNOW

Did you know Stewardship 2027 officially kicks off this coming week? Please keep a look out for Stewardship messaging which will begin with a thoughtful video from The Rector, followed by individualized letters sent mostly through email. The emails will be from the Stewardship Committee. As we celebrate the 175th Anniversary of The Redeemer, we remember with gratitude all those who gave before us and recognize our own responsibility for the future of the church.

## Family Promise Guests Coming

**October 11 to 18**

We're getting ready to host homeless families from Family Promise October 11 to 18. These are Montgomery County neighbors who have temporarily lost their safety nets and need us (and other churches) to provide food and shelter as they look for housing or jobs or both. There will be opportunities for parishioners of all ages to provide meals and eat dinner with our guests, interact with the children, stay overnight, set up or take down beds, supply basic groceries, help with laundry or serve as evening coordinators. This is a ministry of hospitality and presence. Please sign up on our Sign-Up Genius on line ([www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP)) or the easel in the Parish House. Thank you!

## Episcopal Legal Aid (ELA) Celebration

**Thursday, October 8, 5-7 pm**  
**Church of St. Asaph, Bala Cynwyd**

Enjoy a casual evening to celebrate and hear about the work of ELA, which brings pro bono legal services to low-income residents of Philadelphia and the surrounding counties. Visit <https://www.episcopallegalaid.org/annualcelebration> to order tickets (\$50 for one; \$75 for two), review your options or find out more.

## The Philadelphia Chamber Ensemble Concert

**Friday, October 9 at 7pm Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, October 11 at 2pm Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church**

Parishioner Gloria DePasquale performs with the ensemble in a concert of Mozart, Arauco, Conahan and Dvořák. \$30 tickets are available at the door and more information at: [www.pceconcerts.org](http://www.pceconcerts.org).

## 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)

## CHRISTMAS VILLAGE NEWS



## 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 beginning September 29**  
**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.**

## CONTACT US

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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 5**

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

**Tuesday, October 6***William Tyndale, Priest, 1536*

11:00am Eucharist at Waverly.....Waverly  
 1:00pm Clergy Meeting .....Staff Conf Rm 204  
 5:15pm French Tutoring (*building use*).....Rm 217  
 9:00pm Compline .....via Zoom

**Wednesday, October 7***Birgitta of Sweden, Mystic, 1373*

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 Supper.....Burns Hall  
 6:45pm Redeemer Choir Rehearsal.....Choir Rm  
 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous .....Masterman Hall

**Thursday, October 8**

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  
 4:30pm Choristers Rehearsal.....Choir Rm  
 5:30pm Organ Committee .....Staff Conf Rm 204  
 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous .....Masterman Hall  
 9:00pm Compline .....via Zoom

**Friday, October 9***Robert Grosseteste, Bishop, 1253*

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

**Saturday, October 10***Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator, 1954*

8:00am Diocesan Convention .....Sherton Valley Forge  
 9:00am Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....Church  
 6:40pm Gardiner/Rapp Wedding .....Church

**Sunday, October 11***The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

Family Promise Guests Arrive

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 Church School .....Parish House 2nd Floor Classrooms  
 4:00pm RYG .....Masterman Hall  
 4:00pm Organ Concert.....Church  
 7:00pm Bryn Mawr Renaissance Choir Rehearsal (*building use*).....Burns Hall  
 8:00pm Compline .....via Zoom

**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

**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.

## 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)

## CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

### K-5 Formation News

This Sunday, we will meet in Parish House 215 at 10:45am. We will focus on God's creation Genesis story of Noah and his ark. We will learn about how Noah shows us how to follow God's will and how to care for every part of God's creation. Weather permitting, we will go outside to the church yard to continue our "Autumn's progression" project. We will be bringing home our God's Creates Sky, Sea, and Land mosaics.

### Pre-school program

The Pre-K program will meet at 10:45am in parish house room 221. Our lesson plan will focus on God's creation and Noah and the ark.

### "Some-more S'Mores Please!!" Fall Fellowship after Evensong on October 4

Children's formation will host "S'Mores after Evensong," on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> following the Evensong service at 5PM. We will convene at approximately 6PM on the Parish House Terrace. If you have your own skewers, pokers, or sticks, please bring them to the S'Mores night.

Children, adults of all ages, parents and non-parents alike are invited as we gather in to enjoy Redeemer's community, S'Mores & apple cider. Please contact Glenn with any questions.

### The Redeemer Youth Group

RYG will once again try to get to Chanticleer gardens on Sunday. Last Sundays rain prevented our field trip and hopefully the weather will hold so that we can go and explore the gardens and our theme of hope as found in nature. Please email Rebecca Northington if you are interested in attending. [rnorthington@theredeemer.org](mailto:rnorthington@theredeemer.org).

### Confirmation Class

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

We will begin our discussion of world religions to help the confirmands to understand the context of our Episcopal tradition. This macro perspective offers the kids a worldview and a starting point to work week by week towards a more comprehensive understanding of our tradition and its role in the world in 2026. Please email Rebecca Northington with any questions.