Celebrating 175 Years!

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

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NEW & NOTEWORTHY



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.

A Celebration of All Saints

The term *saint* means "a holy person." The church's teaching about the saints is not that they are a few exceptional Christians who were holy in themselves; instead, it is everyone who is holy with the indwelling of God's Spirit. The saints are those who have received the Spirit of God, who lead them into holiness. Those in our parish family who have died in the past year and those who were buried in our parish churchyard in the past year:

Patricia Bryant Bowers
Kathleen Case
Flora de Pasquale
Joan Kellett Harvey
Elizabeth Drayton Hopkins
David Andrew Thomas Justi
Janice Savin Keen
Anne Kellett
Morris Kellett
Barbara Ladd
Marion Locket-Egan
Donald McCulloch, Jr.
Charles E. McGraw
Elise Stokes Meade
Eleanor F.W. Reeve Peterson
David Ligget Potts
Louis Rodman Page III
Camille Scott
William M. Scott
Cannie Crysler Shafer
Beverley Spahr
Jean A. Yarnall
Joan Warren
Nancy Wessells
Jean Lippincott Wessellman

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

WORSHIP NOTES

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

The Baptismal Covenant

In The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde famously quipped that "there is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about."

This is certainly the attitude of human beings in general, and it's often accentuated in religious practice when God is not so much the center of our focus: we are. And faith is then considered meaningful only in so far as it effects our actions, our lives, our fears, and, ultimately, our sense of destiny. We attend church chiefly for our own well-being.

This is evident in the way that the statements of the Baptismal Covenant have been put to use. The Celebrant asks eight questions, and the congregation answers each of them. The first three correspond to the Trinitarian nature of God. They aren't of much interest. The following three ask about the disciplines of faith in the church: communion, confession, and proclamation of the Gospel. Not much is said about these either. The last two questions have been given the most prominence. The first of these asks that we see Christ in others. This can get our attention. But the vast profusion of investigation, discussion, and pursuit has been reserved for the last question alone: it emphasizes the "dignity of every human being." This is, finally, when we can become excited — in real time about real things. Us.

Some might want to claim that the issue of human dignity is the culminating goal of all the preceding questions. And securing this dignity is not to be shortchanged. It is an incredibly difficult and constant task. But God should not be put in service merely for our needs and wants. God, properly understood, is to be the first love of our lives, more than all else — a passion to which we should give "all our heart and soul and mind and strength." For only when this is our intent are we able to envision the dignity of others in a way that doesn't lead to division and spite between us.

The Baptismal Covenant is meant to be comprehensive and not progressive. And when we realize the essential importance of each question and answer, then dignity is not something we achieve; it's the gift of God to us that can't be dismissed.

We Welcome into the Household of God

This Sunday at the 9:30am service, **Timothy Gavin Shoemaker** will be Baptised. Timothy is the son of Ellen Ann Donnelly and Jeffrey Shoemaker.

OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Upcoming Adult Forum





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. Invitations should arrive in your mail this week.

Crafting In Ernest

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.

Next Morning Musicales Performance

Thursday, November 12, at 11:00am in the Church
The second morning concert features violinist Joshua Brown accompanied on piano by Dina Vainshtein. Joshua Brown has been praised by audiences and critics worldwide for his "richness of sound, elegance of reading…commitment of every moment at the service of the work…" (La Libre). Recipient of a 2025 Avery Fisher Career Grant, Joshua gained international attention after winning the 2nd Prize and both Audience Awards at the 2024 Queen Elisabeth Competition in Brussels. For more information and tickets, please visit www.MorningMusicales.com; tickets @ $20 will also be available at the door.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that, collectively, Redeemer households are incredibly generous in their support of our Stewardship efforts? Thank you for your generosity! There is, however, room for improvement when it comes to submitting pledges promptly. Pledging early not only removes your name from future reminders and solicitations, but also saves staff and volunteer time and reduces the church's mailing costs. Your timely response makes a real difference and helps us be better stewards of our time and resources.

Pledge online here

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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),
Instagram (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, November 2

All Souls/All the Faithful Departed

7:00pm	Christmas Village Committee	Pembroke Rm
8:00pm	NA	Masterman Hall

Tuesday, November 3

Richard Hooker, Priest & Theologian, 1600

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

Wednesday, November 4

Adeline Blanchard Tyler and her Companions

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, November 5

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

Friday, November 6

William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944

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

Saturday, November 7

Willibrord, Bishop & Missionary

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
7:00pm	Classic Movie Meet-Up *(building use)*	Hospitality Ste.

Sunday, November 8

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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
3:00pm	Wynnedwood Vocal Studio *(building use)*	Church
4:00pm	RYG	Masterman Hall
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:

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

• 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 AND YOUTH FORMATION

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.

Children's Formation
Classes will meet in Parish House rooms 215 & 221 at 10:45am following 9:30 liturgy. We will focus on Genesis 12 and the story of Abram and Sarai as we begin our second lesson set to learn more about the people God created and Jesus' lineage.

We enjoyed an energetic brunch on Sunday, October 25. Thanks to all who contributed and attended. A similar event will take place in the spring. Please share any creative, fun ideas you may have with Glenn.

Our annual Children's Formation Christmas Pageant will begin organizing in November and rehearse in December.

The Redeemer Youth Group
RYG will not be meeting Sunday, but members are encouraged to attend the All Saints service at 5pm. Additionally, they will be going to St Francis Inn Sunday morning from 10:30am to 2pm and will continue Bible breakfast on Thursday mornings at 7:15am.

Confirmation Class
Hospitality Suite 10:45 to 11:30am
Confirmation class will be meeting in the hospitality suite following the 9:30am service. We will continue to review the Old Testament and start to move into All Saints and All Souls.

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.