News from The Redeemer

Celebrating 175 Years!

Episcopal Church of

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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Adult Forum Today





Sunday, November 15

The Twenty-fifth 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	Adult Forum Jeff Groff	Burns Hall
10:45am	Children's Formation	Parish House 2nd Floor Classrooms
4:00pm	RYG	Masterman Hall
5:00pm	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 Creed

"Creed" is such an inert word. It suggests something staid and unchanging — a weight that keeps things pinned down. And often this stolidness is reflected in the way people recite the creed. It's perceived as a mandatory exercise that's met with toleration rather than excitement.

But the Creed is what we say we *believe*, and belief should be an enthusiastic and driving expression. It's a way of saying, "I bet my life on this." So how did the creed become so encrusted with boredom?

I was once at a service at Saint Thomas Church in New York City — the church was packed — and as the rector, John Andrews, was winding into the finish of his sermon, he suddenly spun around on his heels, facing the front reredos, and *launched* into the Creed. The effect was that, for all of us sitting in the pews, we were *pulled up* as we tried to catch up with his words. And in this action the Creed almost bounced into life; each of the lines had verve. The vast church was filled with the sound of affirmation, people stating with conviction "This is the God in whom we believe. This is what God has done and is doing… for us." It was thrilling.

The Creed is, properly speaking, the highlight of the Liturgy of the Word. And part of the function of the sermon is to invite all of us to realize again and again the extraordinary richness that belief in these things provides. The Creed says, "This is the heart of the matter. Love has been accomplished in this way." Why would we tire of this, then?

OPPORTUNITIES



Improvements to Burns Hall



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

Recording of All Saints Choral Evensong

While the live broadcast of last Sunday's Evensong had some sound problems, there is a good recording of it available now on the homepage of the website.



It's Christmas Village Week!

Details for the coming Christmas Village week:

1. Deadline for the Friday Dinner reservations is Wednesday, November 18. However, if you arrive Friday evening, you will be most welcome.
2. Silent Action Preview – copies of the booklet will be available on Sunday in the back of the church and in the Parish House. You can also access it from a direct link on www.TheRedeemer.org.
3. Please pick-up a Christmas Plants, Wreaths and Centerpieces flyer along with an advance order form on Sunday as well.
4. Details for Saturday:
    a. Many new shops / offering this year
    b. The RYG is adding boxed lunches to their luncheon offerings
    c. Musical entertainment by The Choristers, Orpheus, and The Notables
    d. Fun children's activities at Cannie's Christmas Corner
    e. Lots of holiday cookies and soups to take home and enjoy

Clothing Drive - Abundant Thanks

Thank you to all who made donations to Marie's Closet, the Thrift Store in Kensington which is affiliated with St. Francis Inn, where members of RYG volunteer. We are particularly grateful to our youth for doing the heavy lifting - transporting our bags of clothing to Marie's Closet - and especially to their leader Rebecca Northington, who made sure everything ran smoothly. who provided thoughtful oversight.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that your Stewardship support helps maintain the physical campus of The Redeemer? Caring for our buildings and staying ahead of necessary repairs is an important way we preserve our property and ensure that our church remains a welcoming place for future generations. In the coming year, our key priority will be addressing moisture that is seeping through the parapet wall (the uppermost wall of the bell tower) and major leaks currently causing water to enter the church's narthex. By addressing these issues proactively, we can prevent further damage and avoid more costly repairs in the future. Your generous Stewardship support makes this important work possible. Together, we can care for the buildings and grounds entrusted to us, protect our church's legacy, and ensure that The Redeemer remains a beautiful and welcoming place of worship for generations to come.

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 16
Margaret of Scoland, Queen, 1093

7:00pm Christmas Village Committee ..... Rm 215
8:00pm NA ..... Masterman Hall

Tuesday, November 17
Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop, 1200

1:00pm Clergy Meeting ..... Staff Conf Rm 204
5:15pm French Tutoring *(building use)* ..... Rm 217
6:00pm DioPA Deputation to General Convention *(building use)* ..... Pembroke Rm
6:30pm Executive Committee ..... Staff Conf Rm 204
9:00pm Compline ..... via Zoom

Wednesday, November 18
Hilda of Whitby, Abbess, 680

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 19
Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess, 1231

7:15am Youth Bible Breakfast ..... Raymond Library
7:30am Men's Bible Study ..... Pembroke Rm
9:00am Christmas Village Set-up Begins ..... Parish House
10:00am Formation Meeting ..... Staff Conf Rm 204
12:00pm Women Exploring Scripture ..... via Zoom
3:00pm Organ Committee ..... Staff Conf Rm 204
4:30pm Choristers Rehearsal ..... Choir Rm
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous ..... Masterman Hall
9:00pm Compline ..... via Zoom

Friday, November 20
Edmund, King, 870

9:00am Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday) ..... Church
9:00am Christmas Village Set-up ..... Parish House
6:00pm Christmas Village Dinner & Silent Auction ..... Parish House

Saturday, November 21
Mechthild of Hackeborn & Gertrude the Great

9:00am Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday) ..... Church
10am-2pm Christmas Village & Shops ..... Parish House

Sunday, November 22
The Last Sunday after Pentecost - Christ the King

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
11:45am Vestry Meeting ..... Pembroke Rm
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:

Hentzi Elek
Bob Denious
Angel
Amit
Kate Atlas
Tess
Dixon Sperry
Binney McCague
Keanen
Lyman Perry
Annie
Kristen
Jay & Martha
Lisa
Malcolm
Pam Daley
Bob Hobbs
Megan
Tom Gerrity
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 AND YOUTH FORMATION

Formation classes will meet in parish house room 221 following the 9:30 Sunday liturgy. The class will continue the lessons about Abraham and Sara and the earliest beginnings of our faith.
On Sunday, November 22, Associate Rector Jo Ann Jones will lead our classes so we can learn about Church of the Redeemer's annual Lessons and Carols service during Advent. We look forward to this opportunity to learn about the scriptures and music that are a part of this special liturgy.

Call for Instruments
This year the Pre K thru 6th Grade formation class have added songs and music to our curriculum. If anyone has simple instruments that are going unused, we would very much appreciate if you could consider donating them to the Redeemer's Formation program. Instruments we are seeking include claves, maracas, recorders, triangles, xylophones, bongo or snare drums, tambourines and cymbals! If you can donate any of these, please be in touch with Glenn Beamer at gbeamer@theredeemer.org.

Children's Christmas Pageant
We will begin casting and rehearsing our annual Children's Christmas Pageant following Thanksgiving. Participation in the pageant is open to all children, ages 2 to 12, who participate in formation, music, or worship activities at The Redeemer. If your child would like to take part, please be in touch with Glenn. Details will be forthcoming.

The Redeemer Youth Group
RYG will meet Sunday from 4-6 pm in Masterman Hall and will continue our conversation around our theme of HOPE as presented and expressed in the arts.

Confirmation Class
Hospitality Suite 10:45 to 11:30am
Confirmation class will meet after the 9:30am Sunday morning liturgy until 11:30 am. We will continue to work through the New Testament and consider its role in our own lives today.