

# News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

## Adult Forum - November 27

**Moves to Burns Hall for Advent - 10:45am & via Livestream**

**Predictability and Hope — The Christian Distinction led by Peter Vanderveen**

It would be uncontroversial to say that a principle characteristic of our age is that we have placed our greatest trust in predictability—our increasing capacity to accurately forecast the future. We spend trillions of dollars annually collecting data, analyzing it, and, thereby, determining what lies before us. By seeing the future, we can manage it.

But is this true? And where does it leave us? Many of the predictions for our near future are irremediable and grim. And hopeless. Advent is a season of hope, characterized by many announcements of unpredictable events. How does this articulation of hope reset our lives, changing even what we take to be inevitable?

## Women's Advent Quiet Morning

**Saturday, December 3, 9-10 am (coffee and conversation at 8:30)**

**The Chapel**

Come join us for this Advent gathering where Redeemer women take an hour out of a busy, busy time in our lives to remember the meaning of it all. In the midst of the hustle and bustle, we will reflect on the extraordinary miracle of the coming of the Baby Jesus, God among us. Let's center ourselves, grounding our unending activity in the Reason for the Season. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Gerrity ([agrunrun@gmail.com](mailto:agrunrun@gmail.com)), or Devika Singh ([devikasingh74@hotmail.com](mailto:devikasingh74@hotmail.com)).

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All women are invited and encouraged to bring a friend.  
Contact Anna Gerrity or Devika Singh with any questions.

*Advent*  
A Season of Hope  
& Expectation

## Lessons & Carols

**Sunday, December 11 at 5:00pm**

Save the date and plan to be with us for our annual Lessons & Carols service presented by all the choirs. This is an excellent time to invite a friend(s).

## Blood Drive

**Wednesday, December 21**

**9am to 2pm**

Burns Hall

Call 800-RED CROSS or visit RedCross-Blood.org and enter TheRedeemer to schedule an appointment.

## Sunday, November 27

*The First Sunday of Advent*

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I .....	Church
9:15am	Nursery .....	Rm 208
9:30am	Choral Matins .....	Church + Livestream
10:30am	Lower Elementary .....	Rm 215
10:30am	Upper School (Grades 4-7) .....	Rm 217
10:30am	Preschool .....	Rm 221
10:40am	Coffee Hour .....	Kitchen
10:45am	Adult Forum .....	Burns + Livestream
10:45am	Confirmation Class .....	Hospitality Suite

## Christmas Village

Our sincere thanks to all the volunteers and supporters who helped to make the Christmas Village such a successful event. Particular thanks to the tireless co-chairs: Kate Chojnacki, Elisabeth Cooke and Caroline Manogue and these wonderful volunteers:

Meghan Jodz, Jim Buck and Drew Camerota  
- Auction Chairs  
Chris Chojnacki - Signs, crafts, booths, set up and tear down  
Carolyn Morris, Sam Morris, John Black, Lisa Black - Auction Night  
Catherine Huffmann - Food Trucks  
Lisa Davis, Bobbie Cameron, Pam McMullin, Leslie Susskind, Bob Mikrut - Trinkets and Treasures  
Ann Strong, Ginger Davis, Sally Moser, Emily Snell, Tiffany O'Neill, Jan Clarke, Kristin McGinley, Danielle Truckess - Tasty Treats  
Sandra Hudson, Pat Wesley - Crafts

Cheryl Masterman - Music and Sound  
Cannie Shafer, Barbara Hobbs, Win Shafer, Sally Greenough, Al Greenough - Children's Activities, set up and tear down  
Maryann Nevins  
Bill Susskind - Managing the cash  
All the Staff and Jim Hornung, the electrician  
Vestry - Check-in  
Our vendors!  
All people who donated directly to Outreach or items for the auction or time for the village day.  
All who came and made the village a great event.

**Lots of photos from the Christmas Village at [www.TheRedeemer.org](http://www.TheRedeemer.org)**

## Second Morning Musicales

**Tuesday, November 29 at 10am in the Church**

The West Philadelphia Women's Committee of the Philadelphia Orchestra present bravura cellist Alex Hersh (recent winner of the prestigious 2022 Pro Musica International Award) and pianist Victor Santiago Ascuncion. Alex previews his program with us the day before his Carnegie Hall Weill Hall concert. Contact Rebecca Clement for more information: [rebeccaclement@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaclement@gmail.com).

## First Sunday of the Month - December 4

Will include **Evensong** at 4:00pm, sung by Chancel Choir and **The Foundation Group** (20s and 30s) will meet at 6:00pm for a discussion of the season of Advent while we decorate gingerbread houses. Channel your inner child and please join for a fun evening of fellowship. RSVP to Winnie to ensure we have adequate supplies!

## Christmas Elves for ECS

**Help make Christmas special for the OST (Out of School Time) children**

This year ECS is purchasing \$50 gift cards for their 388 OST kids. They have asked us, as Santa's helpers on the ground, to make contributions before December 10, 2022.

To participate, here are the ways to donate:




- 1: Send a check, "Gift Cards" and your parish affiliation in the memo line to: Episcopal Community Services, 225 S. Third Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
- 2: Make an online donation via the ECS website here: <https://ecsphilly.org/support/donate/>. Make sure to type "Gift Cards" and the name of your parish in the comments box below your credit card information. Should you have any questions before December 10, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jessica Main, Director of the ECS Fund, at [jessicam@ecsphilly.org](mailto:jessicam@ecsphilly.org).

## Christmas Baskets - NOW Merry Meals

Since we abandoned the baskets several years ago, we're rebranding our Christmas Basket program to be known

hence forth as MERRY MEALS. Bags will begin to be available Sunday, November 27, and we hope you will return them with the items on the list inside by Tuesday, December 20. This is a fun family project and helps us spread Christmas cheer to local households in need and provide them with Merry Meals for the holidays.



-  **Take home a Bag.**
-  **Return it filled (list in bag)**
-  **Return by December 20**

*It's easy and it's fun! Help us spread Christmas cheer to local households in need.*



## 2023 Stewardship Campaign & Volunteers Needed

We are again looking for parishioners to make follow-up phone calls in later this month to those whom we have not heard from. Lists will be provided to you and it is a nice way to have a chat or email conversation with your fellow parishioners. If you can help, please email [ken@theredeemer.org](mailto:ken@theredeemer.org).

### Sincere thanks to these parishioners who have already made a pledge.

Maisie Adamson	Hank & Martha Mel	Timothy & Lauren Leithead	Joan Schiller
Paul & Mary Adkins	Edmunds	Nelly Lincoln	Karl Schoettle
Richard & Kris Aldridge	Joe Elefritz	John & Elaine Lisle	David & Julie Schroeder
Alexa Aldridge	Bill & Katharine Eyre	Stephen LoCastro &	Ken & Amanda Schwenke
Charlie Alexander	Norma Fabian	Laurie MacKenzie	Presley Schwinn
James & Julia Alexandre	Kitty Farnham	Marian Lockett-Egan	David & Diane Senior
Warren & Susan Ayres	Greg & Jennifer Farwell	Charlie & Betsy MacIntosh	Win & Cannie Shafer
Stephen Baker	John & Evelyn Fell	Mackie & Charlotte MacLean	Nancy Sharp
John & Carolyn Bartholdson	Philip & Suzanne Fisher	Christopher & Caroline	Charlie Silio & Emily Snell
Glenn Beamer	Gordon & Patricia Fowler	Manogue	Lorraine Simonis
Tom & Carolyn Bennett	Phyllis French	Charlie & Ann Marshall	Dan & Patty Slack
Barbara Billings	Ken Garner & Bob Mikrut	Craig & Celia Martin	Jim & Prill Smartt
Diana Bittel	C. Meade Geisel	Jim & Louise McCabe	Winnie Smith
John & Lisa Black	Bruce & Gale Gillespie	Tony & Binney McCague	Mimi Snyder
Charlie & Susan Bloom	Frank Grebe	Don & Carolyn McCulloch	Carol Soltis
Al & Leslie Boris	Al & Sallie Greenough	James & Kristin McGinley	David & Michele Spence
Priscilla Bradshaw	Bill Gross & Jan Clarke	Alan & Annie McIlvain	Tad Sperry & Ellen Harvey
Joseph & Mary Beth Bright	Peter Grove & Nancy Greene	Rodger & Lauren McKinney	David Sperry
Jamie & Joan Bromley	Greg & Lorrie Harper	Lisa McLean	Blair Stambaugh
Rick & Phyllis Brown	Carol Harris	Sandra McLean	George Steele & Kathy High
Bob & Nancy Bruechert	Bill Hartz &	Hunter & Pamela McMullin	Tracy & Kevin Steele
Jim & Lin Buck	Cynthia Cericola-Hartz	Charles & Ellen Merwin	Scott & Alexis Stephan
Andrew & Karen Bucklee	Joan Harvey	Gregg & Mary Miller	Steve & Bebe Strawbridge
Christian & Alice Bullitt	Jane Hastings	Harry & Rachel Miller	Ann Strong
Don & Linda Caldwell	Margaret Helminska	Sam & Carolyn Morris	Bill & Leslie Susskind
Bobbie Cameron	Bob & Barbara Hobbs	Rob & Janie Morris	David Tachna & Catherine
Lynne Chapman	James & Mia Holman	Perc & Sally Moser	Carruthers
Sam Chew	Bessy Hopkins	Jean Murdock	Radclyffe & Maria Thompson
Chris & Kate Chojnacki	Sandra Hudson	Karen Nagel	Christopher & Danielle
Barbara Clothier	Kathy Hutchinson	Ted & Carol Neilson	Trucksess
Ellen Conlan	Tony & Sally Jannetta	Lathrop & Lorna Nelson	John & Amanda Ulrich
Bill & Joanne Conrad	Steve & Nadia Jannetta	Nancy Nimick	Elizabeth Van Dusen
Peter & Elisabeth Cooke	Wilson Jeffreys	Phil & Nancy Nord	Peter Vanderveen &
David Copas &	David & Joanna Johnson	Ryan & Rebecca	Trish Bennett
Jennifer Vollmer Copas	Karl & Sheryl Johnson	Northington	Jacques & Stephanie Vauclain
Betsey Corkran	Jackie Johnson	Francesca Northrup	Jamen Voss & Michael Fradley
Ted & Polly Coxie	Jo Ann Jones	Mark Patten	Joan Warren
Jim & Betsy Crowell	Jim Jordan & Vanessa Lai	Roz Pendergast	Pat Wesley
Chris & Betsy D'Angelo	Betty Justi	Margot Powell	Daniel Wesley
Rick & Rita Davis	Gordie & Janice Keen	Laura Powell	Brad & Elaine Whitman
Bob & Lisa Davis	Susan Keith	Dee Pugh	Pam Wilford
Gary Davis	Jim Kelleher & Rik Morris	Alfy & Kathleen Putnam	Julie Williams
Jack & Judy Dawson	Morris & Anne Kellett	Luisa and Eric Rabe	Claude & Martha Wintner
Rod Day	Barbara Kip	Doug & Lisa Raymond	Guy Woodruff
Darrell & Julia DeMoss	Barbara Ladd	Michael & Elizabeth Reese	David & Ginger Woods
Sue Denious	Anthony & Judy Lane	Karl Richter &	Sook Hee Yoo
Gloria DePasquale	Susan Lastowski	Susan Rushing	Chris Zafirou &
John & Melissa Donnelly	John & Melanie LeBoeuf	Jay & Gretchen Riley	Jessica Harper
Joe & Elizabeth Dougherty	Margery P. Lee	Herb Rorer	1 Anonymous
Tory Dunkle	Mary Lee	Arden Saligman	
	Victoria Leidner	Patricia Sandiford	

### DID YOU KNOW

**Did you know** in this season of gratitude, we are grateful to all Redeemer members who support Stewardship? Thank you to all who have participated in Stewardship in the past, the 190 households which have pledged for 2023 and those who plan on pledging over the next few weeks. Past generations supported, and created, our Church community, including its exquisite facilities and robust programs. It is the current members who will be thanked by future generations for their support.

*. . . Now that's Ministry and your Stewardship makes it happen!*

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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.

**Worshipping in the time of COVID-19.**  
Mask wearing is now optional.

**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.

**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 ALL NEW website (www.TheRedeemer.org), Facebook page (RedeemerBrynMawr), Twitter feed (@TheRedeemerPA) and 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 28 Kamehameha & Emma of Hawaii, King & Queen 1864 & 1885

7:30pm	Cantores.....	Choir Rm
8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall

### Tuesday November 29 Clive Staples Lewis, Apologist & Spiritual Writer, 1963

9:30am	Morning Musicals.....	Church
6:00pm	Stewardship Committee.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:00pm	New Committee .....	Rm 204
9:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

### Wednesday November 30 St. Andrew the Apostle

12:00pm	Holy Eucharist .....	Church
1:00pm	Staff Meeting.....	Rm 204
2:00pm	Reserved .....	Raymond Library
2:00pm	Liturgy Meeting .....	Rm 204
5:00pm	Chorister Rehearsal.....	Choir Rm
5:00pm	Cherub Choir Rehearsal .....	Rm 221
6:00pm	Mid-Week Parish Supper.....	Burns Hall
6:45pm	Schola & Redeemer Choir Rehearsal .....	Church

### Thursday December 1 Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637

7:30am	Men's Bible Study.....	Rm 125
12:00pm	Women Exploring Scripture .....	Raymond Library & Zoom
1:00pm	Formation Meeting .....	Rm 204
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous .....	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

### Friday December 2 Channing Moore Williams, Bishop & Missionary, 1910

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
5:30pm	Prysm YA .....	Masterman Hall
5:30pm	Prysm Prep.....	Rm 221
5:30pm	Prysm Rehearsal.....	Burns Hall

### Saturday December 3 Francis Xavier, Priest & Missionary, 1552

8:30am	Advent quiet morning for women .....	Chapel
9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
10:30am	Organ practice.....	Church

### Sunday December 4 The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery.....	Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II.....	Church + Livestream
10:30am	Preschool.....	Rm 221
10:30am	Upper School (Grades 4-7).....	Rm 217
10:30am	Lower Elementary .....	Rm 215
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Kitchen
10:45am	Adult Forum .....	Masterman Hall + Livestream
10:45am	Confirmation Class.....	Hospitality Suite
4:00pm	RYG .....	Cottage
4:00pm	Choral Evensong.....	Church
6:00pm	The Foundation (20s and 30s).....	Library/Lounge

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



## IN OUR PRAYERS

### • For those who are sick or in need:

Lou Russo	Irene	Fran Northrup
Pierce Archer	J. D.	Joan
Morris	Dana	Monica Hackett
Janet Harvey	Barbara	Jeffrey
Meg Curry	Gene	John
Louise Marx	Chris McCleary	Rebecca Clothier Case

- For our brothers and sisters in Malawi affected by HIV/AIDS.
- For those fleeing from devastation in their countries of origin.
- For the victims of violence in this country and throughout the world, especially Ukraine.
- For those who have died, especially John McClanahan 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.TheRedeemer.org/pastoral\\_care](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/pastoral_care) or contact Jo Ann Jones; [jjones@theredeemer.org](mailto:jjones@theredeemer.org)

## CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Note:** Starting next week on Sunday, December 4, Upper School will be preparing for their Christmas pageant to be presented during coffee hour in the Assembly Room on Sunday, December 18. These in class preparations and rehearsals are an important part of making sure everyone is ready to perform on December 18. We want everyone to feel prepared and ready to share the Good News with the congregation!

### Lesson of the Day The Season of Advent

#### **Preschool - Rm 221 (age 3 to Kindergarten)**

On this first Sunday in Advent, children will sing and process into the Atrium, changing the color of the cloth on their prayer table to purple and placing on it items such as a purple candle, statue of the Good Shepherd, and Bible.

#### **Lower Elementary - Rm 215 (grades 1 to 3)**

We begin to explore the significance the season of Advent this week as we anticipate the mystery of Christmas. Through the next four weeks we will move toward Bethlehem and arrive at the birth of Jesus. Building on last's week's Chapel discussion on Christ as King and the Holy Family, we shift our focus to the shock and joy felt by the shepherds.

#### **Upper School - Rm 217 (grades 4 thru 7)**

Gearing up for their Nativity pageant preparation, we will approach the season of Advent as the season of coming and waiting. Just as the Israelites waited anxiously for the coming of the Messiah, we too are waiting for the return of Christ. What does it mean to tell the story of coming while we are still waiting?

#### **Confirmation - Hospitality Suite**

The Confirmation class will not meet this week.

#### **Redeemer Youth Group - Youth Cottage**

RYG, will not meet this week.

## WAYS TO GIVE



Via Text



Via Venmo



Via PayPal



All Options