News from The Redeemer

Celebrating 175 Years!

Episcopal Church of

NOVEMBER 29, 2026

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, next week, the Stewardship 2027 campaign will begin mailing letters to households that have not yet submitted a pledge? This will be followed by personalized outreach from Redeemer volunteers. Submitting your pledge now helps us be good stewards of our resources by saving staff time, mailing expenses, and valuable volunteer time. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who has already submitted a pledge! If you haven't yet pledged, please help us save time and resources by making your pledge online today. www.theredeemer/pledge. *Pledge online here* We will begin to share the list of 2027 pledgers next week.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Meet Brad Daugherty



If you missed the announcement in church or via email, we will have a new Associate Rector soon. Brad Daugherty will begin his ministry with us on January 3, 2027. Brad and his family come to us from Nashville, TN. You will find more information in a copy of the email announcement on www.TheRedeemer.org.

Improvements to Burns Hall



Installation of acoustic panels in Burns Hall are complete. These improvements will increase our ability to comfortably hold meetings and gatherings in this beautiful space. Please spread the word to your community organizations looking for a meeting space.

Recording of All Saints Choral Evensong

While the live broadcast of the November 15 Evensong had some sound problems, there is a good recording of it available now on the homepage of the website.

Sunday, November 29

The First Sunday of Advent

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I	Church
9:15am	Nursery Opens	Rm 206
9:30am	Choral Matins and Holy Communion	Church + Livestream
10:40am	Coffee Hour	Parish House
10:45am	Children's Formation	Parish House 2nd Floor Classrooms
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.

Ernest Willoughby's Legacy



Approximately 90 years ago, on an ordinary Sunday morning, The Redeemer's Director of Music, Ernest Willoughby, invited Elizabeth McLean, who was then six years old, to join him at the organ bench as he played the closing hymn. She remembers this to this day — with great affection. It was Willoughby's invitation to her to marvel at and appreciate more fully what so many parishioners take for granted. It was also his recognition of her as a valued member of the community when so many children come to church services merely trailing behind their parents.

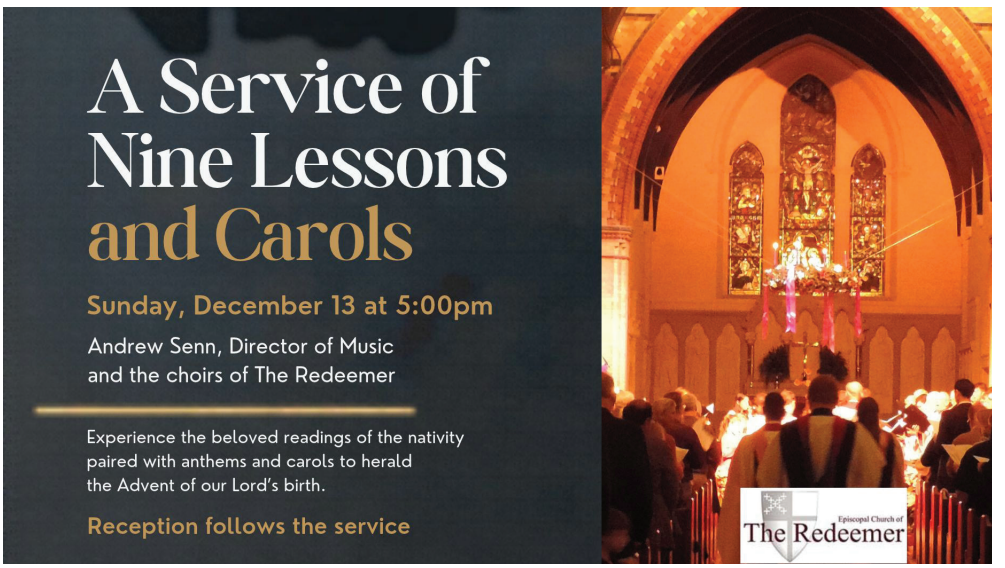
Our dedication to our children and youth is centered on offering them as many ways as possible to grow into an understanding of faith and worship by providing opportunities for them to participate in our liturgies — whether in choirs or as acolytes and vergers or as lectors or as ushers. Much traditional church formation separates children and youth from the actual practice of worship, teaching them stories and lessons that are never connected with the greater context of faith's expression in the prayer and praise of the intergenerational community that gathers for worship as the central exercise and discipline of Christian believing. We include children and youth in our services so that week by week and year by year they can see how faith is the gift and work of a lifetime, graced by the skills of people of all ages and varied skills. If they experience this when they are young, they can better carry forward the habits of worship deep into their lives.

And with this in mind, we will be offering one child each week the opportunity to join our Director of Music, Andrew Senn, at the organ bench for the closing hymn and postlude. It is meant to be an honoring of Ernest Willoughby's legacy at The Redeemer, and an expansion of the ways we invite our children and youth to be fascinated by all that we do to make worship compelling, beautiful, and edifying.

Merry Meals

It's time for our annual endeavor to provide Christmas meals. We are asking for your assistance to deliver the bags on the morning of Tuesday, December 22. Please contact Tad Sperry tadsperry2@gmail.com or Joshua Castano jcastano@theredeemer.org if you can give a morning of Christmas cheer. Bags are now available in the Narthex and Parish House and we hope you will return them with the items on the list inside by **Sunday, December 20**. You can also find the shopping list online at: www.TheRedeemer.org/hands-on. 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.

SAVE THE DATE



CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
BRYN MAWR, PENNSYLVANIA
175TH ANNIVERSARY
CHRISTMAS VILLAGE & SHOPS

Sincere Thanks

Our deepest gratitude to all who contributed to making our Christmas Village events happen and creating a joyous and successful two days. Special thanks to the co-chairs Jim Kelleher and Rik Morris. Here's a complete list of the committee members so you can personally thank each and every one of them.
Barbara Billings, John Black, Lisa Black, Susan Bloom, Barbara Cameron, Kate Chojnacki, Roseann Christian, Jan Clarke, Rita Davis, Sallie Greenough, Pam Hamilton, Barbara Hobbs, Jo Ann Jones, Jim Kelleher, Caroline Manogue, Cheryl Masterman, Kevin Maurer, Pam McMullin, Rik Morris, Sally Moser, Tiffany O'Neill, Jim Schneider, Edward Landin Senn, Cannie Shafer, Win Shafer, Cynthia Spadaro, Ann Strong, Bill Susskind, Leslie Susskind, Danielle Trucksess, Margaret Welsh.
And though not volunteers, a large shout-out goes out to Paulo Reyes and his team, Mariana Peña & Luisa Alao, for words cannot convey all that was done by them.

Episcopal Community Services Christmas Gift Drive



Every holiday season, ECS Philly brings joy to over 650 children in their Out of School Time (OST) and in other agency programs. Church of the Redeemer can help make this year's Christmas brighter for these children by supporting their effort. There is a tree in the Parish House Gathering Space, decorated with tags. Please take one! Gifts purchased independently should be wrapped and tagged with the gift type and intended recipient's gender, and placed under the tree **by December 6!**
There are additional ways to participate and there are easy one-click links included in the weekly email and from a link on www.TheRedeemer.org.

Shop the Amazon Wishlist
Skip the store and shop online!
Use the 2026 ECS OST Christmas Gift Amazon Wish List
Your gift ships directly to ECS.

Give a Gift Card
SUPPORT A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT
Give a $25 Amazon gift card and let one of the 115 middle school OST students choose something they'll love this holiday season.
Use the Amazon 2026 ECS OST Christmas Gift Cards listing.

Make a Donation
Monetary gifts help us buy gifts where needed.
Donate online at www.ecsphilly.org/donate Add "OST Christmas gifts" + your parish in the comments
By check: Payable to ECS with "holiday gifts" in the memo
Mail to: 6006 W. Girard Ave., Philadelphia, PA 1915
Your support ensures that every child experiences the joy, excitement, and love of the season.

All gifts must be received at ECS or ordered online by Monday, December 7. Please contact Anna Gerrity, ECS liaison for Community Connections, with any questions: 610-659-2021

Gifts for Life

Discover new ways to empower people worldwide through Episcopal Relief and Development's *Gifts for Life*. "Gifts" such as clean water, a flock of chickens, a goat, beehives or a garden connect families with sustainable sources of food and income, nurture children, and empower women. Put your faith into action, and your tax-deductible gift will support ERD's mission to facilitate healthier more fulfilling lives in communities struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease. Visit episcopalrelief.org/gifts to browse the catalog, purchase and learn more.

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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 30
St. Andrew the Apostle

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

Tuesday, December 1
Charles de Foucauld, Monastic & Martyr, 1916

11:00am Waverly Eucharist ..... Waverly
1:00pm Clergy Meeting ..... Staff Conf Rm 204
5:15pm French Tutoring *(building use)* ..... Rm 217
5:30pm Stewardship Committee ..... Staff Conf Rm 204
9:00pm Compline ..... via Zoom

Wednesday, December 2
Channing Moore Williams, Bishopm & Missionary, 1910

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

Thursday, December 3
Francis Xavier, Priest & Missionary,. 1552

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, December 4
John of Damascus, Priest & Theologian, c. 760

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

Saturday, December 5
Clement of Alexandria, Priest & Theologian, c. 210

9:00am Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday) ..... Church
11:00am Youth Formation Luncheon ..... Burns Hall
7:00pm Classic Movie Meet-Up *(building use)* ..... Hospitality Ste.

Sunday, December 6
The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I ..... Church
9:15am Nursery Opens ..... Rm 206
9:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II ..... Church + Livestream
10:40am Coffee Hour ..... Parish House
10:45am Children's Formation ..... Parish House 2nd Floor Classrooms
4:00pm RYG ..... Masterman Hall
5:00pm Choral Evensong ..... Church
7:00pm Classic Movie Meet-Up *(building use)* ..... Hospitality Ste.
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	Binney McCague	Malcolm
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	

• 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

Children's Formation
The Pageant Is Here!!!
On Sunday, November 29 we will commence our casting and first reading for the Children's Christmas Pageant. We will have rehearsals at 10:45 on Sunday, December 6 and Sunday, December 13. We will have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 19. The curtain goes up and the performance takes place on Sunday, December 20. Pageant participation is open to all parish families with children between 3 and 11 years old. If your child would like to participate, please be in touch with Glenn at gbeamer@theredeemer.org.

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 at gbeamer@theredeemer.org.

The Redeemer Youth Group
RYG will be going to St. Francis Inn in Kensington Sunday morning to serve the community there. RYG will not be meeting Sunday night and will resume Bible Breakfast Thursday December 3rd.

Confirmation Class
Confirmation class has had a wonderful couple of weeks diving into the New Testament! We will not be meeting this Sunday but will resume class December 6th and will finish up our discussion of the Book of Revelation.