

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Seeking Nomination Suggestions

Have you ever considered serving on Vestry? Or, do you know anyone whom you would recommend for this role? There are many reasons to join: for one, next year marks The Redeemer's 175th Anniversary. If there has ever been a year to try something new and/or to become more involved in the work of The Redeemer (complete with its unparalleled history and vibrance within the Bryn Mawr community), this is without question the year to do it! Learn more from a link on TheRedeemer.org.



Christmas Village Thanks

Sincere thanks to all who helped to make our Christmas Village such a success. Special thanks to the co-chairs: Kate Chojnacki, Caroline Manogue and Mary Ann Nevins. Thanks also to our many sponsors and Friday night ticket holders and silent auction bidders.

Christmas Village Photos

Take a look at the fun pics from the Christmas Village on TheRedeemer.org.

Sunday, November 30

The First Sunday of Advent

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery	Rm 208
9:30am	Choral Matins and Holy Communion	Church + Livestream
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Burns Hall
10:45am	Church School	Upstairs Classrooms
10:45am	Confirmation Class.....	Hospitality Suite
10:45am	Lessons & Carols Discussion	Rm 221
4:00pm	RYG	Masterman Hall

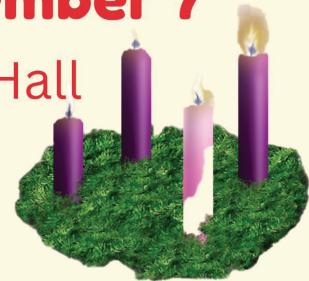
Invite you to an
intergenerational Advent
Wreath making event.

Sunday, December 7

10:45am Burns Hall

Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your
own greenery and holly to give your
wreath a personal touch!

NEW THIS YEAR--LEGO WREATHS!



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 148 households which have already pledged for 2026 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.

Pledge online at: www.TheRedeemer.org/Pledge

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PLEDGED

Paul & Mary Adkins
Charlie Alexander
James & Julia Alexandre
Meredith & Hobie Antik
Walter & Arden Armstrong
Stephen Baker & Leslie Somers
John & Carolyn Bartholdson
Peter & Clare Bastian
Glenn Beamer
Jeffrey Bell
Tom & Carolyn Bennett
Sandra Berwind
Georgia Biezup
Barbara Billings
John & Lisa Black
Charlie & Susan Bloom
Fred & Becky Brackett
Ronde Bradley
Priscilla Bradshaw
Bob & Nancy Bruechert
Jim & Lin Buck
Andrew & Karen Bucklee
Bobbie Cameron
Sam Chew
Chris & Kate Chojnacki
Peter & Kimberly Clement
Joanne Conrad
David Copas & Jennifer Vollmer Copas
Ted & Polly Coxe
Stephen & Margaret Dana
Bob & Lisa Davis
Darrell & Julia DeMoss
Sue Denious
Gloria dePasquale
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Rod & Carol Donnelly
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Philip & Suzanne Fisher
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Pam Hamilton
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Jim Kelleher & Rik Morris
Cecy Keller
Eric Keuffel & Meena Thayu
Hope Knight
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Brian Kunz & Corinne Wilkinson
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Giorgio Lauri
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Timothy & Lauren Leithhead
Barb Linder
Kyle & Marlies Lissack
Stephen LoCastro & Laurie MacKenzie
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Tony & Binney McCague
James & Kristin McGinley
Rodger & Lauren McKinney
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Lisa McLean
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Pamela McMullin
Charles & Ellen Merwin
Daniel & Jill Miller
Perc & Sally Moser
Rich Myers & Erin Langan
Ted & Carol Neilson
Lathrop & Lorna Nelson
Ryan & Rebecca Northington
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Presley Schwinn
David & Diane Senior
Andrew & Edward Senn
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Nancy Sharp
Charlie Silio & Emily Snell
Dan & Patty Slack
Polk & Nancy Smartt
Hank & June Smith
Steve Snell
Karen Snell
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James & Ellen Wang
Cameron & Cathy Warner
Joan Warren
Joel & Phyllis Wasley
Frank & Margaret Welsh
Richard & Pat Wesley
Daniel Wesley
Dixie Wigton
Lindsey Wilkinson
Julie Williams
David & Ginger Woods
Sook Hee Yoo
Chris Zafiriou & Jessica Harper

Pledge Stats

11-25-25
150 Pledges
\$688,571.32
11.25% increase

OPPORTUNITIES

A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday
December 14
at 5:00pm

Andrew Senn
Director of Music

Join the choirs of
The Redeemer as they present
the beloved readings of the
nativity with anthems and
carols to herald the Advent
of our Lord's birth.



Cornerstones Class Continues

Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00pm, Raymond Library

Adult Reception, Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Searching Class

Are you an adult looking to explore your faith and learn more about The Episcopal Church? Are you interested in being received into the Church, Confirm or Reaffirm your Baptismal vows, or just have questions? Jeremy O'Neill will be leading an "Adult Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation and Searching Class" to cover material similar to what is explored by youth when they go through conversation, but drawing upon higher level sources and life experience. All are welcome for these evening discussions. Contact Jeremy at joneill@theredeemer.org to learn more.

Livestream Operators Needed

Livestreaming has become a significant outreach tool for us and enables us to keep in touch with shutin parishioners. The system is quite easy to operate and we would love to add to the ranks of operators. The easiest way to train is to shadow someone on a Sunday morning. Please contact Eric Rabe (eric.rabe@verizon.net) to register your interest and to see who is scheduled in the coming weeks to arrange for training.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

ECS Christmas Drive

It's the season and we are hoping to have another wonderful turnout of gifting for Episcopal Community Services *Out of School Time* children again. This year, ECS has developed gift categories from which we can choose: *Sports Equipment*; *Creative Activities (art & crafts)*; *Family Fun (board & card games)*; *Stuffed Animals*, *Remote-Control Toys*.

You can:

- 1) personally purchase a gift and bring it unwrapped to the Parish Office **by November 30**.
- 2) go to the ECS Amazon wish list and have a gift sent directly <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/14VOH6EXTVF2T>
- 3) give a direct monetary donation to ECS with the notation "OST Christmas gifts" and our parish designation noted as well at ecspgh.org/donate.

Please contribute to making a deserving child happy this Christmas **by December 1!** And thank you!

Addressing Food Insecurity

With the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) only partially restored and delayed due to the government shutdown, The Redeemer is collecting food which will be distributed to local food pantries. Drop your contributions in The Community Connections hamper found in the Parish House. Items of particular need are all non-perishable foodstuffs, canned and jarred fruit, canned meat, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, soups, pasta, cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, and rice. Financial donations can also be made at <https://www.ecspgh.org/donate/>, <https://eldernet.org/food-pantry/>, <https://www.fpmontco.org/> and <https://www.stmarysardmore.org/Ardmore-Food-Pantry>.

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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, December 1

St. Andrew the Apostle

4:00pm	Harriton HS Rehearsal.....	Burns Hall
5:30pm	Vestry Sub-Group - Volunteers.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall

Tuesday, December 2

Channing Moore Williams, Bishop & Missionary, 1910

11:00am	Waverly Eucharist	Waverly
1:00pm	Clergy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
4:00pm	Harriton HS Rehearsal.....	Burns Hall
5:00pm	Choristers Rehearsal	Choir Rm
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Wednesday, December 3

Francis Xavier, Priest & Missionary, 1552

1:00pm	Staff Meeting.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
2:00pm	Liturgy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
5:00pm	Cherub Choir	Rm 215
5:00pm	Choristers Rehearsal	Choir Rm
6:00pm	Wednesday Supper (potluck)	Burns Hall
6:45pm	Redeemer Choir Rehearsal	Choir Rm

Thursday, December 4

John of Damascus, Priest & Theologian, c. 760

7:15am	Youth Bible Breakfast	Raymond Library
7:30am	Men's Bible Study.....	Pembroke Rm
11:00am	Elizabeth Hopkins Funeral.....	Church
12:00pm	Hopkins Reception	Burns Hall
12:00pm	Women Exploring Scripture	Raymond Library
4:00pm	Harriton HS Rehearsal.....	Burns Hall
4:45pm	Finance Committee	via Zoom
6:30pm	Vestry Sub-Group - Diocesan Relations.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Friday, December 5

Clement of Alexandria, Priest & Theologian, c. 210

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
4:30pm	Prysm Strings	Parish House

Saturday, December 6

Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, c. 342

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
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Sunday, December 7

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
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Burns Hall
10:45am	Advent Wreath Making.....	Burns Hall
1:00pm	Robert DePasquale Memorial.....	Church
2:00pm	DePasquale Reception	Burns Hall
4:00pm	RYG	Masterman Hall
5:00pm	Choral Evensong	Church

Up-to-date calendar always available on www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar
All Zoom meeting links are there as well.



IN OUR PRAYERS

- For those who are sick or in need:

Annie	Lisa	Andreas Pas
Steve LoCastro	Carol	William
Jill Whitney	Cannie	Doris
John Pantalo	Malcolm	Camille Scott
Jane	Pam Daley	Tom Gerrity
Kristen	Bob Hobbs	Chris McCleary
Rhonda	Megan	Fran Northrup
Jay & Martha	Jill	Monica Hackett

- 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.TheRedeemer.org/pastoral_care or contact Jo Ann Jones; jjones@theredeemer.org

CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Nursery Care and Preschool - Rm 208 (ages 3 to PreK)

9:15am-11:00am

Church School 10:45am - Second Floor Classrooms

This Sunday, church school will commence the Advent season with lessons that explain the historic and faith foundations from Jesus' time. We will build on these lessons as we progress through Advent. We look forward to seeing your children in the coming weeks.

Preparations are underway for our annual church school Christmas Pageant (not to be confused with the Redeemer Youth Group Pageant on December 24. Please look for emails about casting & rehearsals. The church school kids will present the pageant on Sunday, December 21, following the 9:30AM liturgy. If you are interested in or have questions about the pageant, please contact Glenn Beamer at gbeamer@theredeemer.org or 908-432-8016.

Confirmation Class

staff contact joneill@theredeemer.org

Hospitality Suite

The class will not meet this week.

The Redeemer Youth Group RYG, will resume meetings on Sunday, November 30 and Thursday, December 4th for Bible Breakfast at 7:15 am. November 30 we will discuss the REST found in community and Thanksgiving with special attention to the kind of community Jesus calls us all to build.

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.