

# 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](#).



**Choral Evensong**  
First Sunday, December 7 at 5:00pm  
Sung by the Chancel Choir

Robert Lehman's *Bryn Mawr Responses*  
*Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in Ab* of Basil Harwood  
Ola Gjeilo's *Hark, a herald voice*

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### 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

The Adult Forum Committee & Redeemer Church School

## 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](http://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 Bück  
Andrew & Karen Bucklee  
Bobbie Cameron  
Sam Chew  
Chris & Kate Chojnacki  
Peter & Kimberly Clement  
Joanne Conrad  
David Copas & Jennifer Vollmer Copas  
Ted & Polly Coxie  
Stephen & Margaret Dana  
Bob & Lisa Davis  
Darrell & Julia DeMoss  
Sue Denious  
Gloria dePasquale  
John & Melissa Donnelly  
Rod & Carol Donnelly  
Rad & Susannah Edmonds  
Joe Elefritz  
Bill & Katharine Eyre, Jr.  
Norma Fabian  
Kitty Farnham  
Philip & Suzanne Fisher  
Gordon & Patricia Fowler  
Ken Garner & Bob Mikrut  
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Al & Sallie Greenough  
Peter Grove & Nancy Greene  
Pam Hamilton  
Peter & Alta Hamilton  
Greg & Lorrie Harper  
Carol Harris  
Bill Hartz & Cynthia Cericola-Hartz  
Joan Harvey

Jane Hastings  
Margaret Helminska  
Christine Henisee  
John Herzog  
Bob & Barbara Hobbs  
James & Mia Holman  
Bessy Hopkins  
Wilson Jeffreys  
David & Joanna Johnson  
Karl & Sheryl Johnson  
Jo Ann Jones  
Jim Jordan & Vanessa Lai  
Gordie & Janice Keen  
Jim Kelleher & Rik Morris  
Cecy Keller  
Eric Keuffel & Meena Thayu  
Hope Knight  
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Brian Kunz & Corinne Wilkinson  
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John & Melanie LeBoeuf  
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Kyle & Marlies Lissack  
Stephen LoCastro & Laurie MacKenzie  
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Jim & Louise McCabe  
Tony & Binney McCague  
James & Kristin McGinley  
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Lisa McLean  
Sandra McLean  
Pamela McMullin  
Charles & Ellen Merwin  
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John Pickering  
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Luísa and Eric Rabe  
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Jay & Gretchen Riley  
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Tad Sperry & Ellen Harvey  
Blair Stambaugh  
George Steele & Kathy High  
Tracy & Kevin Steele  
Steve & Bebe Strawbridge  
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John & Amy Susanin  
Bill & Leslie Susskind  
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Sonya Thomas  
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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 Zafirou & Jessica Harper

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

## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [ecsphilly.org/donate](https://ecsphilly.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.ecsphilly.org/donate/>, <https://eldernet.org/food-pantry/>, <https://www.fpmontco.org/> and <https://www.stmarysardmore.org/Ardmore-Food-Pantry>.



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**Tiffany O'Neill** ★  
**Lisa Raymond** ★  
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**Joe Spadaro**  
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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

## 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 .....	Waverlyf
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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar)  
All Zoom meeting links are there as well.



## IN OUR PRAYERS

- For those who are sick or in need:

Annie  
Steve LoCastro  
Jill Whitney  
John Pantalo  
Jane  
Kristen  
Rhonda  
Jay & Martha

Lisa  
Carol  
Cannie  
Malcolm  
Pam Daley  
Bob Hobbs  
Megan  
Jill

Andreas Pas  
William  
Doris  
Camille Scott  
Tom Gerrity  
Chris McCleary  
Fran Northrup  
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.The-Redeemer.org/pastoral\\_care](http://www.The-Redeemer.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](mailto:gbeamer@theredeemer.org) or 908-432-8016.

### Confirmation Class Hospitality Suite

*staff contact joneill@theredeemer.org*

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.