Celebrating 175 Years!

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

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WORSHIP NOTES

In this new feature of The News, the Rector will illumine and call to our attention significant features of our worship.

Sacrifice

It's difficult to contemplate Christianity meaningfully without encountering the language of sacrifice. It's a word that's put to many uses — perhaps most of all as that which is necessary to obtain the promise and salvation of God. We begin with God in the deficit position of having to earn our way back to his good favor. And faith is, largely, then, our acceptance of obligations. For if we sacrifice something of ourselves or of our wants now, we'll reap a far greater reward later. Giving up gives back. It's hard to escape this kind of thinking — even when we expressly reject it within the recitation of the liturgy.

Preserved in the Eucharistic Prayer, Rite I, is Thomas Cranmer's statement that the only thing we owe to God is our "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving." It's an explosive line. Our *only* obligation is to be thankful. And the *only* thing we have to sacrifice is our inclination to complaint, as if God owes us something. This line overturns the usual misunderstanding we have of faith and repositions us in the mode of being those who are already and continually being gifted by God. Worship is celebration. Cranmer's singular declaration breaks our reflex of judging everything and everyone by some standard of what is *deserved*. He replaced this demanding obligation by inserting, at the very center of faith, a very different joy.

Our only sacrifice is that of praise and thanksgiving. Repeat this whenever sacrifice is mentioned. Faith is our trust that this is true — which changes everything about Christian life.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Improvements to Burns Hall

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

Limited Parking Available

On Monday, November 9, the film crew from HBO's Task will be using our parking lot for their staging trailers. If you visit the Parish House on Monday, please use the small parking area off Pennswood Road near the kitchen.

Sunday, November 8

The Twenty-fourth 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	Children's Formation	Parish House 2nd Floor Classrooms
3:00pm	Wynnedwood Vocal Studio *(building use)*	Church
4:00pm	RYG	Masterman Hall
8:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Upcoming Adult Forum



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.

Next Morning Musicales Performance

Thursday, November 12, at 11:00am in the Church

The second morning concert features violinist Joshua Brown accompanied on piano by Dina Vainshtein. Joshua Brown has been praised by audiences and critics worldwide for his "richness of sound, elegance of reading…commitment of every moment at the service of the work…" (La Libre). Recipient of a 2025 Avery Fisher Career Grant, Joshua gained international attention after winning the 2nd Prize and both Audience Awards at the 2024 Queen Elisabeth Competition in Brussels. For more information and tickets, please visit www.MorningMusicales.com; tickets @ $20 will also be available at the door.



Church Farm School Exhibition

1001 E. Lincoln Hwy. Exton
Saturdays 11am to 2pm through November 14

Featuring more than 300 original objects, posters, and handbills by one of America's greatest living printmakers, *Amos Paul Kennedy Jr.: Citizen Printer* bursts with color and amplifies voices too often overlooked while asking us to consider the power of words in the public sphere. The exhibition is open to the public. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Guests are invited to give what they wish in support of Church Farm scholarships. More information: gocfs.net/campus-life/public-programs-and-events



Silent Auction Preview and More

Thank you to all who have made generous donations of items for the Christmas Village Silent Auction. You can get an advance view of the items along with other information for the Friday evening party and Saturday events at www.TheRedeemer.org/ChristmasVillage. You should have received your invitations in the mail this week. If you need one, there are extras in the Parish Office. Please return your RSVP reservations soon to ensure your spot for this festive evening.

Crafting In Ernest

Tuesdays 9am to 11am Parish House Room 007 (lower level)
The Redeemer crafters will begin crafting in earnest in preparation for the Redeemer Christmas Village. Are you creative, crafty or handy with a glue gun or ribbon? It doesn't matter if you are…we'd still love your company in the crafting room! All Redeemer parishioners are welcome to join in the fun! If you would like more information or would like to craft at an alternative day/time (should we meet some evenings?), Please contact Caroline Manogue (610-742-9072 or cbmanogue@gmail.com).

Clothing Drive - Last Call

The Redeemer Youth Group and Community Connections are collecting clothing items for the St. Francis Inn store "Marie's Closet" which serves the Kensington community of Philadelphia. Marie's Closet distribution center offers a dignified and respectful shopping experience for guests. They kindly ask that all donated clothing is washed prior to being dropped off to ensure that they are in good condition for guests. Guests can come once a week to pick out an outfit that includes underwear, socks, shirt, and pants. Some items such as shoes, hoodies, sheets, and towels are handed out once a month. Blankets and coats are given seasonally and would be welcome at this time of year. Please place donations in bags under the coat rack in the hallway by the Community Connections grey bin. Please contact Rebecca Northington or Barbara Billings with any questions, rnorthington@theredeemer.org.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that Stewardship 2027 saw a tremendous increase in recorded pledges this past week? Thanks to our email reminders and the thoughtful, personal messages from our Vestry leadership, many Redeemer households responded with an overwhelmingly positive response! Thank you! To date, more than 50% of pledges have increased, with an average increase of 12%. We have already received 5 new or returning pledges for 2027!! These results are truly encouraging and reflect the generosity and commitment of our Redeemer Community.

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 9

Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton & Margery Kempe, Mystics

7:00pm	Christmas Village Committee	Rm 215
7:30pm	Cantores Rehearsal *(building use)*	Burns Hall
8:00pm	NA	Masterman Hall

Tuesday, November 10

Leo of Rome, Bishop, 461

1:00pm	Clergy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
5:15pm	French Tutoring *(building use)*	Rm 217
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Wednesday, November 11

Martin of Tours, Bishop, 397

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 12

Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836

7:15am	Youth Bible Breakfast	Raymond Library
7:30am	Men's Bible Study	Pembroke Rm
10:00am	Formation Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
10:00am	Morning Musicale *(building use)*	Church
12:00pm	Women Exploring Scripture	via Zoom
4:00pm	Community Connections	via Zoom
4:30pm	Choristers Rehearsal	Choir Rm
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Friday, November 13

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
11:00am	Anne Girvin Graveside Service	Churchyard
5:00pm	PRYSM Strings *(building use)*	Parish House

Saturday, November 14

The Consecration of Samuel Seabury, 1784

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
11:00am	Dixie Wigton Funeral & Reception	Church & Parish House
2:00pm	Constance Wallace Funeral, Interment & Recption	Church & Parish House

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

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:

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	
Binney McCague	Malcolm	

• 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

Psalm 150:3–5 (NRSV)
Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

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, and as per Psalm 150 tambourines and cymbals! If you can donate any of these, please be in touch with Glenn Beamer.

Lessons & Carols class
On November 15, Associate Rector Jo Ann Jones will be teaching our children's formation classes about the *Advent Lessons & Carols* service. We look forward to learning about this important Episcopal tradition.

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. On October 25 the youth group went to the Eastern State Penitentiary and experienced the Halloween spectacle that boasts moments of terror *and* education. The Eastern State website reveals that "In 1821 the Pennsylvania legislature approved funding to build Eastern State Penitentiary, a first-of-its-kind prison designed to encourage regret or "penitence" through a strict system of solitary confinement with labor known as the Pennsylvania System. British architect John Haviland's design was selected for this revolutionary project. His radial plan—featuring seven cellblocks connected by a central hub like the spokes of a wheel—promoted, in his words, "watching, convenience, economy and ventilation." The penitentiary's medieval Gothic façade was meant to intimidate, while its church-like interior was intended to instill reverence." The building, and the full moon above it, thoroughly spooked our teenagers and they emerged energized and excited for their Halloween week to come. We were able to connect our theme of hope to the resilience we all find from overcoming terror and will continue to talk about this theme as it relates to music, through the composer and the listeners experience. Bible Breakfast will meet Thursday November 12th to begin the Gospel of Mark.

Confirmation Class
Hospitality Suite 10:45 to 11:30am
Confirmation class will begin to look at the New Testament this Sunday with an overview of its organization and the many links to the Old Testament. We hope to help the kids to look for connections between their own lives and scripture, and to consider why and how the Bible has been so central to our own Episcopal tradition.