

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

DECEMBER 11, 2022

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 11 at 5:00pm

Plan to be with us this afternoon for our annual Lessons & Carols service presented by all the choirs. This is an excellent time to invite a friend(s). The service will NOT be live-streamed, but will be recorded for later release.

A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday
December 11
at 5:00pm

Accompanied by Alexander Leonardi
Michael Stairs Organ Scholar

Directed by Michael Diorio
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.



Adult Forum - December 11

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

Jessica Todd Harper will give a talk about her new book of photographs, *Here*, and how beauty, spirituality and Renaissance painting inform her work. Images from *Here*, as well as images from Jessica's previous two books, are on view currently in *Kinship* at The National Portrait Gallery at The Smithsonian.

Joyful Giving Christmas 2022



**Joyful
Giving
Program**
Christmas 2022

You'll find brochures in the Narthex and Clothier Room describing this year's organizations addressing food insecurity and benefiting from the program: Church of the Advocate Cafe, Ada Mutch Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Darby Mission Food Ministry and St. Gabriel's Church. You can also give and view the brochure online from a link on www.TheRedeemer.org.

Sunday, December 11




The Third 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	Upper School (Grades 4-7)	Rm 217
10:30am	Lower Elementary	Rm 215
10:30am	Preschool	Rm 221
10:40am	Coffee Hour	Kitchen
10:45am	Confirmation Class	Hospitality Suite
10:45am	Adult Forum	Burns Hall + Livestream
4:00pm	RYG	Youth Cottage
5:00pm	Service of Lessons & Carols with Reception	Church & Burns Hall

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 are available in the Narthex and Parish House 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. **We need a number of volunteers to deliver the meals to a list of clients. (Note more personal deliveries are planned this year.) It's sure to brighten your holidays. Please contact Jen Leith if you can help: jleith@theredeemer.org or ext 23.**



-  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.

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation



2023 Grant Applications

The Outreach Grant application is now posted on www.TheRedeemer.org/grants and publicly accessible to organizations that wish to apply. If there is an organization or outreach program that you believe deserves our attention, please contact Jo Ann Jones at the church office (610-525-2486, ext. 16) for more information.

Christmas Memorials

Please send the names of people you would like to be remembered. There is a suggested \$25 per name. Send your check to the Parish Office, attention Fran Merritt by Monday, December 19. You can also do it online at www.TheRedeemer.org/donate_flowers.

Wednesday Evening Parish Suppers

In order to lighten the load on volunteer cooks, particularly during the holidays, beginning December 14, the meal will be catered. We are asking for a \$5/person and \$20/family (max) to defray the cost. This is a trial and we will reevaluate as we proceed. Parishioner Tiffany O'Neal will cater.

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.

The Playground's In

The playground equipment was installed this week. Take a look. It is now open for use.

Christmas at The Redeemer

Christmas Eve

4pm Pageant

6pm Service of Light and Evening Prayer

10pm Festival Eucharist

Music begins at 9:30pm

Christmas Day

10am Holy Eucharist

Christmas Eve 4pm Pageant and 10pm service will be livestreamed.

2023 Stewardship Campaign

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

Maisie Adamson	Norma Fabian	Margery P. Lee	Patricia Sandiford
Paul & Mary Adkins	Kitty Farnham	Mary Lee	Mort Saunders
Richard & Kris Aldridge	Greg & Jennifer Farwell	Victoria Leidner	Joan Schiller
Alexa Aldridge	John & Evelyn Fell	Timothy & Lauren Leithead	Karl Schoettle
Charlie Alexander	Philip & Suzanne Fisher	Gregory & Anita Lewicki	David & Julie Schroeder
James & Julia Alexandre	Gordon & Patricia Fowler	Barb Linder	Marda Schropp
Warren & Susan Ayres	Phyllis French	John & Elaine Lisle	Sue Schultz
Stephen Baker	Ken Garner & Bob Mikrut	Kyle & Marlies Lissack	Ken & Amanda Schwenke
Judith Bardes	C. Meade Geisel	Stephen LoCastro & Laurie MacKenzie	Presley Schwinn
John & Carolyn Bartholdson	Tom & Anna Gerrity	Marian Lockett-Egan	David & Diane Senior
Glenn Beamer	Gay Gervin	Charlie & Betsy MacIntosh	Win & Connie Shafer
Jeffrey Bell	Emily Gibb Ciottoni & Stephen Ciottoni	Mackie & Charlotte MacLean	Nancy Sharp
Tom & Carolyn Bennett	Bruce & Gale Gillespie	Christopher & Caroline Manogue	Charlie Silio & Emily Snell
Sandra Berwind	Pete & Beth Goodhart	Charlie & Ann Marshall	Kent & Anne Silvers
Barbara Billings	Frank Grebe	Craig & Celia Martin	Lorraine Simonis
Diana Bittel	Al & Sallie Greenough	Andrew & Cheryl Masterman	Dan & Patty Slack
John & Lisa Black	Bill Gross & Jan Clarke	Josselyn McAdam	Jim & Prill Smartt
Charlie & Susan Bloom	Peter Grove & Nancy Greene	Minkie McAdoo	Polk & Nancy Smartt
Al & Leslie Boris	Jim & Barbara Haley	Jim & Louise McCabe	Winnie Smith
Priscilla Bradshaw	Greg & Lorrie Harper	Tony & Binney McCague	Mimi Snyder
Joseph & Mary Beth Bright	Carol Harris	Brook & Connie McCann	Carol Solis
Jamie & Joan Bromley	Nancy Harris	Don & Carolyn McCulloch	David & Michele Spence
Rick & Phyllis Brown	Bill Hartz & Cynthia Cericola-Hartz	Joe & Suzanne McDewitt	Tad Sperry & Ellen Harvey
Bob & Nancy Bruechert	Joan Harvey	James & Kristin McGinley	Bailey Sperry
Jim & Lin Buck	Jane Hastings	Alan & Annie McIlvain	Blair Stambaugh
Andrew & Karen Bucklee	Leo & Stacey Helmers	Rodger & Lauren McKinney	George Steele & Kathy High
Christian & Alice Bullitt	Margaret Helminska	Lisa McLean	Tracy & Kevin Steele
Don & Linda Caldwell	Christine Henisee	Sandra McLean	Scott & Alexis Stephan
Bobbie Cameron	Bob & Barbara Hobbs	Elizabeth McLean	Steve & Bebe Strawbridge
Drew & Babs Camerota	James & Mia Holman	Hunter & Pamela McMullin	Ann Strong
Dick & Lisa Carr	Bessy Hopkins	Charles & Ellen Merwin	Connie Stuckert
Lynne Chapman	Mary Hopkins	Gregg & Mary Miller	John & Amy Susanin
Sam Chew	Sandra Hudson	Harry & Rachel Miller	Bill & Leslie Susskind
Chris & Kate Chojnacki	Alex & Tucker Hurtado	Sam & Carolyn Morris	David Tachna & Catherine Carruthers
Blake & Julie Christoph	Kathy Hutchinson	Rob & Janie Morris	Radclyffe & Maria Thompson
W. Morgan and Sonia Churchman	Tony & Sally Jannetta	Perc & Sally Moser	Christopher & Danielle Trucksess
Peter & Kimberly Clement	Steve & Nadia Jannetta	Jean Murdock	Mike Tyler
Barbara Clothier	Wilson Jeffreys	Lois Muscheck	John & Amanda Ulrich
Thomas & Wendy Coleman	Phil & Meghan Jodz	Karen Nagel	Elizabeth Van Dusen
Ellen Conlan	David & Joanna Johnson	Ted & Carol Neilson	Peter Vanderveen & Trish Bennett
Bill & Joanne Conrad	Karl & Sheryl Johnson	Lathrop & Lorna Nelson	Jacques & Stephanie Vaclair
Peter & Elisabeth Cooke	Jackie Johnson	Nancy Nimick	Jamen Voss & Michael Fradley
David Copas & Jennifer Vollmer Copas	Jo Ann Jones	Phil & Nancy Nord	John & Karen Wallingford
Betsey Corkran	Jim Jordan & Vanessa Lai	Ryan & Rebecca Northington	James & Ellen Wang
Ted & Polly Cox	Allison Joyce	Francesca Northrup	Michael & Kathy Warhol
Jim & Betsy Crowell	Tac & Melinda Justi	Lanny & Ann Patten	Joan Warren
Stephen & Margaret Dana	Betty Justi	Mark Patten	Pat Wesley
Chris & Betsy D'Angelo	David & Kathy Justi	Roz Pendergast	Daniel Wesley
Rick & Rita Davis	Gordie & Janice Keen	John Pickering	Brad & Elaine Whitman
Bob & Lisa Davis	Susan Keith	Margot Powell	Pam Wilford
Gary Davis	Jim Kelleher & Rik Morris	Laura Powell	Julie Williams
Jack & Judy Dawson	Cecy Keller	Dee Pugh	Claude & Martha Wintner
Rod Day	Morris & Anne Kellett	Alfy & Kathleen Putnam	Alan Wood & Hilarie Johnston
Darrell & Julia DeMoss	Barbara Kip	Luisa and Eric Rabe	Guy Woodruff
Sue Denious	Hope Knight	David & Jessie Rae	David & Ginger Woods
Gloria DePasquale	Elizabeth Kuensell	Doug & Lisa Raymond	Sook Hee Yoo
Sophie Donaghy	Brian Kunz & Corinne Wilkinson	Tom & Josephine Rees	Chris Zafiriou & Jessica Harper
John & Melissa Donnelly	Barbara Ladd	Michael & Elizabeth Reese	2 Anonymous
Joe & Elizabeth Dougherty	Anthony & Judy Lame	Karl Richter & Susan Rushing	
Tory Dunkle	Susan Lastowski	Jay & Gretchen Riley	
Hank & Martha Mel Edmunds	Kevin Leahy & Devika Singh	Philip & Sandy Ringo	
Joe Elefritz	John & Melanie LeBoeuf	Herb Rorer	
Bill & Katharine Eyre		Arden Saligman	

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know the majority of pledges for the 2023 Stewardship Campaign are in the \$300 - \$2,500 range? The average gift is \$3,700 and the median gift is \$2,500 with the highest amount being \$31,000. The majority of households who have pledged this year have increased their amount. If you have not participated in Stewardship for the past few years, please consider making a pledge now, which can be paid throughout the year in 2023 and in numerous ways: cash in envelopes, check, online with credit cards, via text, Venmo, PayPal, stock gifts and IRA rollovers (complete details on www.TheRedeemer.org/give). Any amount of support will be welcomed and will help offset rising costs associated with inflation.

... 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 (Re-deemerBrynMawr), 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

Monday December 12 Francis de Sales, Bishop & Jane de Chantal, Vowed Religious

12:00pm	Finance Committee	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:30pm	Cantores	Choir Rm
8:00pm	NA	Masterman Hall

Tuesday December 13 Lucy of Syracuse, Martyr, 304

11:00am	Bishop Gutierrez Dean meeting	Rm 125
12:00pm	Bishop Gutierrez Clergy meeting	Burns Hall
6:30pm	Vestry	Rm 125/Zoom
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Wednesday December 14 John of the Cross, Mystic & Monastic Reformer, 1591

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

Thursday December 15 Nino of Georgia Missionary, c. 332

7:30am	Men's Bible Study	Rm 125
10:00am	Needlepoint Group	Raymond Library
12:00pm	Women Exploring Scripture	Raymond Library + Zoom
1:00pm	Formation Meeting	Rm 204
5:00pm	Community Engagement Task Force	Rm 204
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Friday December 16

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

Saturday December 17 Dorothy L. Sayers, Apologist & Spiritual Writer, 1957

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
10:00am	Christmas Eve choir rehearsal	Church
10:30am	Organ practice	Church
1:00pm	Christmas Eve Pageant Practice	Church
2:00pm	CS Nativity Pageant Rehearsal	Burns Hall

Sunday December 18 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I	Church
9:15am	Nursery	Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with Baptism	Church + Livestream
10:30am	RYG @ St. Francis Inn	Youth Cottage
10:30am	Lower Elementary	Rm 215
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10:30am	Preschool	Rm 221
10:40am	Coffee Hour	Kitchen
10:45am	Confirmation Class	Hospitality Suite
10:45am	Pageant (no Adult Forum)	Burns Hall
4:00pm	RYG	Youth Cottage

IN OUR PRAYERS

- For those who are sick or in need:

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

- 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 Leila Peck 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

Lesson of the Day Geography of Israel

Preschool - Rm 221 (age 3 to Kindergarten)

Today we will learn about the geography of Israel using a globe and puzzle map. Why geography in Church School? Touching and seeing these objects helps children discover that Jesus was a real person who lived at a particular time in a particular place.

Lower Elementary - Rm 215 (grades 1 to 3)

Using a raised surface map of Israel, we will begin to tie the geography of Jesus' life to Scripture. We will begin by identifying the towns of Nazareth and Bethlehem. By pinpointing the actual places in the Christmas story, the children are able to understand that Jesus isn't made up, but rather a real person who lived and breathed in places that exist today.

Upper School - Rm 217 (grades 4 thru 7)

Today the older kids will be learning the Nativity story by rehearsing the Church School Christmas Pageant, to be presented on December 18. There will also be costuming, creation of art work for the program, and other tasks to be organized by the teachers. Everyone – whether able to participate in the pageant or not – has a part!

Confirmation - Hospitality Suite

This week we will learn about some of the major world religions apart from Christianity. We will watch videos and discuss these other faith traditions.

Redeemer Youth Group - Youth Cottage

RYG will not be meeting this Sunday so that everyone can attend the Lessons and Carols service at 5 pm. We will have our white elephant party on 12/18 from 4-6 pm. Please join us!

WAYS TO GIVE



Via Text



Via Venmo



Via PayPal



All Options