

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

DECEMBER 21, 2025

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Church School Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 21 at 10:45am in Burns Hall

Our church school kids are very enthusiastic about their performance and we all hope you will join us.



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

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

Call for Four New Vestry Members

Did you know that we will be electing 4 new members of Vestry at our 175th Annual Meeting next February? We are looking for individuals who are:

- confirmed and pledging members of The Redeemer;
- clear-minded with definite ideas about our Church's mission and history;
- greater community and service-oriented;
- comfortable being both constructive and unifying during discussions;
- at ease with financial discussions and administrative planning

Please contact Tiffany O'Neill at 610.349.3259 (text or call) if you have questions. It's so rewarding and is an excellent time in our Church's history to become involved! We are taking nominations through January 16.

Sunday, December 21

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

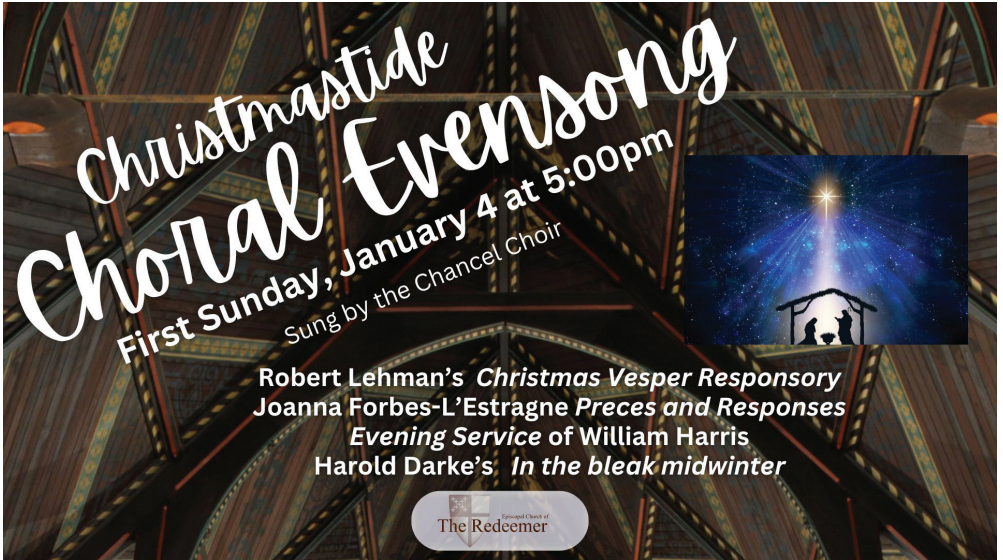
Family Promise Guests Depart		
8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery.....	Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II.....	Church + Livestream
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Burns Hall
10:45am	Church School Pageant	Burns Hall
10:45am	Confirmation Class.....	Hospitality Ste
4:00pm	RYG	Masterman Hall

Outstanding Balances

Remember that our fiscal year is the calendar year. If you have an amount due on your 2025 pledge, it will help us if you can satisfy it by December 31. View all the giving options online at: www.TheRedeemer.org/give. Thank you!

Churchyard Lanterns

Every year the Redeemer Youth Group (RYG) places lanterns on graves throughout the churchyard. It is a precious exercise in remembering the deep and abiding history of our church and community, here and across the world. It also gives us an opportunity to appreciate that even death cannot divide us from God's love or from one another. As we celebrate this Christmas, we do it with all those who came before us; with the hope of reunion and the promise of the resurrection. As you make your way to and from church on Christmas Eve we hope you will pause, as we did, and take in the lights of those who now shine elsewhere.



Christmas Eve Choral Evensong
First Sunday, January 4 at 5:00pm
 Sung by the Chancel Choir

Robert Lehman's Christmas Vesper Responsory
Joanna Forbes-L'Estragne Preces and Responses
Evening Service of William Harris
Harold Darke's *In the bleak midwinter*

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These first and third Sunday Choral Evensongs are becoming increasingly popular. The adult choirs sing on the first and Choristers lead the service on the third. Please join us and invite a friend. And, if you missed the report from our choirs' pilgrimage to Canterbury last summer, visit www.TheRedeemer.org/Canterbury.

RYG Square Dance - SAVE THE DATE

The Redeemer Youth Group is once again hosting a five piece band and caller for our Square Dance on January 24. We hope to raise funds for our trip to DC over President's day weekend to serve the people of our Nations Capital. We will be partnering with many DC organizations that help to combat poverty and food insecurity, and we hope to also explore many iconic National Monuments in and around the city. This fundraiser is a wonderful opportunity for the teenagers of this community to cook for and serve others as a team. It is also a truly magical evening in the deep winter that brings people together of all generations to break bread and dance and be joyful. We hope that you can join us. Please find the invitation from a link on www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Merry Meals

contact tadsperry2@gmail.com

It's time for our annual endeavor to provide Christmas meals. It's not too late for you to return your bags. Bring them on Sunday. We are asking for your assistance to deliver the bags on the morning of Monday, December 22. Please contact Tad Sperry tadsperry2@gmail.com or Joshua Castano jcastano@theredeemer.org if you can give a morning of Christmas cheer. 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.

Family Promise Thanks

Our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make our Family Promise guests welcomed and well-cared-for.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, Redeemer 2026 Stewardship has good news? Thank you to all the households who responded to the call to thoughtfully pledge. A few weeks ago Stewardship 2026 was behind in both dollars and donors from the previous year and now we are slightly ahead! This is wonderful news, and another example of the strength of our collective church community. If you have not yet pledged this year, or for several years, please join the momentum and support The Redeemer's immediate, and long-term, financial health.

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PLEDGED

Paul & Mary Adkins	Bill Hartz & Cynthia Cericola-Hartz	Dee Pugh
Richard & Kris Aldridge	Joan Harvey	Alfy & Kathleen Putnam
Charlie Alexander	Jane Hastings	Luisa and Eric Rabe
James & Julia Alexandre	Leo & Stacey Helmers	Doug & Lisa Raymond
Meredith & Hobie Antik	Margaret Helminska	Tom & Josephine Rees
Walter & Arden Armstrong	Christine Henisee	Michael & Elizabeth Reese
Stephen Baker & Leslie Somers	John Herzog	Paul Reyfman & Christine Chan
John & Carolyn Bartholdson	Bob & Barbara Hobbs	Jay & Gretchen Riley
Peter & Clare Bastian	Brian & Jeanne Holean	Philip & Sandy Ringo
Glenn Beamer	James & Mia Holman	Herb Rorer
Jeffrey Bell	Bessy Hopkins	Arden Saligman
Tom & Carolyn Bennett	Mary Hopkins	Suzanna Saunders
Sandra Berwind	Sandra Hudson	Karl Schoettle
Georgia Biezup	Sally Jannetta	Nancy Schriber
Barbara Billings	Steve & Nadia Jannetta	Sue Schultz
Diana Bittel	Wilson Jeffreys	Ken & Amanda Schwenke
John & Lisa Black	Phil & Meghan Jodz	Presley Schwinn
Charlie & Susan Bloom	David & Joanna Johnson	Jason & Jenni Scoggin
Loretta Blume	Karl & Sheryl Johnson	Zach & Nicky Scott
Fred & Becky Brackett	Jo Ann Jones	Jonathan & Camille Scott
Ronde Bradley	Jim Jordan & Vanessa Lai	David & Diane Senior
Priscilla Bradshaw	Bobby & Katharine Joyce	Andrew & Edward Senn
Jamie & Joan Bromley	David & Kathy Justi	Win & Annie Shafer
Rick & Phyllis Brown	Gordie & Janice Keen	Nancy Sharp
Bob & Nancy Bruechert	Susan Keith	Charlie Silio & Emily Snell
Jim & Lin Buck	Jim Kelleher & Rik Morris	Dan & Patty Slack
Andrew & Karen Bucklee	Cecy Keller	Polk & Nancy Smartt
Christian & Alice Bullitt	Eric Keuffel & Meena Thayu	Hank & June Smith
Lee Buttz & Min Hwa Kupfer	Jenny Kirkpatrick	Steve Snell
Bobbie Cameron	Hope Knight	Karen Snell
Drew & Babs Camerota	Patrick & Libbie Knott	Mimi Snyder
Dick & Lisa Carr	Brian Kunz & Corinne Wilkinson	Carol Soltis
Lynne Chapman	Anthony & Judy Lame	Thorne & Marby Sparkman
Sam Chew	Giorgio Lauri	David & Michele Spence
Chris & Kate Chojnacki	Kevin Leahy & Devika Singh	Tad Sperry & Ellen Harvey
Peter & Kimberly Clement	John & Melanie LeBoeuf	Blair Stambaugh
Joanne Conrad	Steve & Debbie Lee	George Steele & Kathy High
Dick & Otilie Conway	Timothy & Lauren Leithead	Tracy & Kevin Steele
Peter & Elisabeth Cooke, Jr.	Barb Linder	Bonnie Steele
David Copas & Jennifer Vollmer Copas	John & Elaine Lisle	Scott & Alexis Stephan
Ted & Polly Cox	Kyle & Marlies Lissack	Cindy Stephan
Jim & Betsy Crowell	Stephen LoCastro & Laurie MacKenzie	Steve & Bebe Strawbridge
Stephen & Margaret Dana	Joanie Mackie	Ann Strong
Chris & Betsy D'Angelo	Mackie & Charlotte MacLean	Connie Stuckert
Rick & Rita Davis	Michael Malloy & Lauren Wilkinson	John & Amy Susanin
Bob & Lisa Davis	Charlie & Ann Marshall	Bill & Leslie Susskind
Gary Davis	Craig & Celia Martin	David Tachna & Catherine Carruthers
Jack & Judy Dawson	Andrew & Cheryl Masterman	Sonya Thomas
Rod Day	Josselyn McAdam	Radclyffe & Maria Thompson
Darrell & Julia DeMoss	Jim & Louise McCabe	James & Susan Treadway
Sue Denious	Tony & Binney McCague	Christopher & Danielle Trucksess
Gloria dePasquale	Brook & Connie McCann	Mike Tyler
Patrick & Suzie Devine	James & Kristin McGinley	Rick Vance & Rhonda Wilson
Sophie Donaghy	Rodger & Lauren McKinney	Peter Vanderveen & Trish Bennett
John & Melissa Donnelly	Elizabeth McLean	Jacques & Stephanie Vaulain
Rod & Carol Donnelly	Lisa McLean	Jamen Voss & Michael Fradley
Joe & Elizabeth Dougherty	Sandra McLean	John & Karen Wallingford
Rad & Susannah Edmonds	Pamela McMullin	James & Ellen Wang
Hank & Martha Mel Edmunds	Fran Merriitt	Skip Ward
Joe Elefritz	Charles & Ellen Merwin	Cameron & Cathy Warner
Michael Erdman	Harry & Rachel Miller	Joan Warren
Bill & Katharine Eyre, Jr.	Scott & Sarah Miller	Joel & Phyllis Wasley
Norma Fabian	Daniel & Jill Miller	Frank & Margaret Welsh
Kitty Farnham	Sam & Carolyn Morris	Richard & Pat Wesley
John & Evelyn Fell	Rob & Janie Morris	Daniel Wesley
Philip & Suzanne Fisher	Perc & Sally Moser	Brad & Elaine Whitman
Gordon & Patricia Fowler	Rich Myers & Erin Langan	Margie Widmann
Phyllis French	Ted & Carol Neilson	Dixie Wigton
Ken Garner & Bob Mikrut	Lathrop & Lorna Nelson	Pam Wilford
C. Meade Geisel	Ryan & Rebecca Northington	Thomas & Kathleen Wilkinson, Jr
Tom & Anna Gerrity	Francesca Northrup	Lindsey Wilkinson
Gay Gervin	Brian & Tiffany O'Neill	Julie Williams
Stephen Ciottoni & Emily Gibb Ciottoni	Jeremy O'Neill	Zachary & Becky Winfield
Laura Graham	Frank & Mary Ellen Partel	Alan Wood & Hilarie Johnston
Al & Sallie Greenough	Lanny & Ann Patten	David & Ginger Woods
Grant Griffiths & Raffaella Lo Castro	Mark Patten	Sook Hee Yoo
Bill Gross & Jan Clarke	Roz Pendergast	Chris Zafiriou & Jessica Harper
Peter Grove & Nancy Greene	John Pickering	
Jim & Barbara Haley	Sky & Nancy Post	
Pam Hamilton	Margot Powell	
Peter & Alta Hamilton	Laura Powell	
Greg & Lorrie Harper	Caroline Pozos	
Carol Harris	Andrew Pozos	
Nancy Harris	Patricia Pruett	

Pledge Stats
12-18-25
245 Pledges
\$1,065,670.52
8.8% increase

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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 22

St. Thomas the Apostle

7:00am	Merry Meals Deliveries	
4:00pm	Harriton HS Rehearsal.....	Burns Hall
8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall

Tuesday, December 23

9:00am	Brass & Organ Rehearsal	Church
10:30am	Staff Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
1:00pm	Clergy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
4:00pm	Harriton HS Rehearsal.....	Burns Hall
7:00pm	Cornerstones Class	Raymond Library
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Wednesday, December 24

4:00pm	Christmas Pageant	Church
6:00pm	Christmas Eve Evening Prayer	Church
9:30pm	Christmas Eve Music	Church
10:00pm	Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist	Church

Thursday, December 25

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

10:00am	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	Church
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Friday, December 26

St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
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Saturday, December 27

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:45am	St. Gabe's Prep.....	Kitchen
9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church

Sunday, December 28

The First Sunday after Christmas of Advent

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery	Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Church + Livestream
4:00pm	RYG	Masterman Hall

*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

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.

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 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

The Church School Christmas Pageant is upon us!! Following Saturday's dress rehearsal, the children will perform the pageant on Sunday, December 21 in Burns Hall at 10:45am. Church school will not meet on Sunday, December 28. Church school class for pre-k through grades 5 will resume on Sunday, January 4. We look forward to our next semester.

Confirmation Class

staff contact joneill@theredeemer.org

Hospitality Suite

Students from the Redeemer Confirmation Class will be confirmed at Episcopal Academy on January 31st at 10am. We hope you can join us as we celebrate these young people renewing their commitment to Christ and this church.

The Redeemer Youth Group RYG, will have its final meeting of this year Sunday, December 21 from 4-6 pm in the Parish House. It will be an Ugly Christmas Sweater and White Elephant Party. We had our final Bible Breakfast this past Thursday and discussed Luke's version of Christ's birth. We will meet again January 4th for regular meeting, and January 8th for Bible Breakfast, to finish up our study of Paul's letter to the Romans. Please join us or email Rebecca Northington with any questions at rnorthington@theredeemer.org

