

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

DECEMBER 24, 2023

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



Christmas at The Redeemer

Christmas Eve
9:30am Holy Eucharist
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.

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As You Leave the Church on Christmas Eve

As you depart following all the services, be aware of the candlelit churchyard. The Redeemer Youth Group placed the candles to remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

Lessons & Carols Video

The video recording of our Lessons & Carols service is now available on our website at www.TheRedeemer.org/livestreams. Enjoy a listen and share it with your friends.

Merry Meals

Thank you to all who returned bags full of merry meals. Through your generosity, we were able to provide 125 meals those in need.

End of Fiscal Year

The end of the calendar year is the end of our fiscal year. We are very grateful for your generous financial support throughout 2023. If you have an outstanding balance due on your 2023 pledge, it will be most helpful for us if you can satisfy that balance before December 31. You can mail a check or use one of the many options available online at: www.TheRedeemer.org/give. THANK YOU!

Winter Voice of The Redeemer

The winter edition of The Voice was emailed earlier this month and you can read it online from a link at www.TheRedeemer.org/Voice. It includes articles describing the beauty of the numerous intergenerational opportunities the Church has to offer.

Sunday, December 24

The Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with hymns..... Church + via Livestream Please note there is only ONE service in the morning
4:00pm	Christmas Pageant (Doors open 3:30)Church
6:00pm	Christmas Eve Service of Light & Evening Prayer with choir.....Church
10:00pm	Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist music (traditional) begins 9:30.....Church

Parents Group

The Redeemer Parents Group is a relatively new group at The Redeemer that has developed over the last year to address the growing rates of child and adolescent mental health challenges. Designed to be a safe and confidential place for parents to share their experiences, worries and hopes for all of our children. This group welcomes anyone from our greater community and hosts speakers of varying backgrounds including psychiatrists, psychologists, school counselors, survivors, and filmmakers. We always end with extensive Q and A time, and have found that parents need and want a space to explore these weighty topics. Parenting is not a one size fits all endeavor and inherently demands a level of faith that is as demanding as any faith relationship. Our next meeting will be in January and we hope you will join us! Contact Rebecca Northington at rnorthington@theredeemer.org.

2024 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.

Rector's Breakfast

The most effective way for church membership to grow is by means of personal invitation. And yet...one of the hardest things for church members to do is to invite friends to attend a church service or program. We'd like to make it easier. The goal of the RECTOR'S BREAKFAST INITIATIVE is, through an ongoing series of meetings, to find ways to reduce our hesitation to speak about the church and to consider together how inviting others can be a natural and effortless part of conversation. If you'd like to have breakfast at the Cricket Club with Peter and fellow parishioners, please email pvanderveen@theredeemer.org.

Wednesday Suppers

Wednesdays at 6pm

Please join us for food and fellowship on Wednesdays. You can help us by volunteering to offer food through a SignUp Genius link at TheRedeemer.org. There is also a SignUp Genius to let us know you will attend so we know how to prepare. If you'd like to help or for more information, contact Rebecca Winfield at: rebecca.harper@gmail.com.

Getting to Know You

We encourage you to upload individual and family photos to our online Parish Directory. It's a great and the best way for us to get to know one another. Easy and detailed step-by-step instructions can be found on our homepage www.TheRedeemer.org under News Items. You can view directories and/or lookup addresses, phone numbers, emails, update your family, etc. via Member Access. If you have any challenges, please contact Ken Garner at ken@theredeemer.org or ext. 19.

In addition, lots of people have given-up phone landlines. If we do not have your cell number, please enter it in Member Access or email it to fmerritt@theredeemer.org.

Weather Closures

Information for inclement weather closures will be posted on our website at www.TheRedeemer.org/closures and from a link on the homepage. Our policy is to follow the lead of the Lower Merion School District.

Redeemer Choristers

Do you know a child who likes to sing? The Redeemer's Choristers are here for them! Pick-up brochures or a flyer (from the Narthex or Parish House) and share them with your family, neighbors, co-workers and friends. Singing in a choir: builds confidence, builds teamwork and teaches expressions. For more information contact Andrew Senn at asenn@theredeemer.org.

MUSIC AT THE REDEEMER

Warm-up your winter with these unique musical events

Bach by Candlelight



Sunday, January 14 at 5pm

Join Andrew Senn and friends in the candlelight warmth of Burns Hall for a concert of the immortal music of J.S. Bach

Tickets \$40

Register in advance at www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP pay at the door

A Wine Tasting of Operatic Proportions



Saturday, February 10 at 5pm

The staff singers of The Redeemer sing opera arias paired with select wines from around the world. Eric Simonis will be our expert wine guide.

Seating in Burns Hall is limited to 80.

Tickets \$60



Save the Date - January 26 at St. Barnabas Mission

Friday, January 26 11am to 1:30pm

Episcopal Community Services transformed St. Barnabas Mission from a 107-bed emergency shelter to a Community Resource Center. Tour the open choice pantry, the industrial kitchen, the playground, the health center, the community meeting rooms, and hear how St. Barnabas Community Resource Center is becoming a resource for community-centric health and prosperity in West Philadelphia. Then volunteer in Cook-Off, packaging meals to be delivered to residents of local senior centers. Just 6 miles from the The Redeemer. Meet in The Redeemer parking lot at 10:30am if you'd like to join the car pool. Please contact Anna Gerrity at agrunrun@gmail.com for additional information and to let us know you would like to participate!

2024 Stewardship Campaign

Making your pledge known now allows our Vestry to plan and make accurate budgets for 2024. You can view the innumerable ways to give and pledge at www.TheRedeemer.org/give. We are exceedingly grateful to these parishioners who have already made a pledge for 2024. We're still waiting to hear from 91 households that pledged last year.

**Pledge Stats
as of 12-15-23**
256 Pledges
\$956,587
9.1%
overall increase

Maisie Adamson
Paul & Mary Adkins
Richard & Kris Aldridge
Charlie Alexander
James & Julia Alexandre
Walter & Arden Armstrong
Warren & Susan Ayres
Stephen Baker
John & Carolyn Bartholdson
Glenn Beamer
Jeffrey Bell
Tom & Carolyn Bennett
Barbara Billings
Diana Bittel
John & Lisa Black
Charlie & Susan Bloom
Al & Leslie Boris
Fred & Becky Brackett
Priscilla Bradshaw
Joseph & Mary Beth Bright
Marcia Brose
Rick & Phyllis Brown
Bob & Nancy Bruechert
Jim & Lin Buck
Andrew & Karen Bucklee
Christian & Alice Bullitt
Lee Buttz
Bobbie Cameron
Drew & Babs Camerota
Sam Chew
Chris & Kate Chojnacki
Peter & Kimberly Clement
Bill & Joanne Conrad
Dick & Ottilie Conway
Peter & Elisabeth Cooke, Jr.
David Copas & Jennifer Vollmer Copas
Betsey Corkran
Ted & Polly Cox
Jim & Betsy Crowell
Stephen & Margaret Dana
Chris & Betsy D'Angelo
Rick & Rita Davis
Bob & Lisa Davis
Gary Davis
Jack & Judy Dawson
Rod Day
Darrell & Julia DeMoss
Sue Denious
Gloria DePasquale
Michael Diorio & Alan Causing
Sophie Donaghy
John & Melissa Donnelly
Rod & Carol Donnelly
Joe & Elizabeth Dougherty
Rad & Susannah Edmonds
Joe Elefritz
Hentzi Elek & Sara Barton
Michael Erdman
Bill & Katharine Eyre, Jr.
Norma Fabian
Kitty Farnham
John & Evelyn Fell
Philip & Suzanne Fisher
Gordon & Patricia Fowler
Phyllis French
Ken Garner & Bob Mikrut
C. Meade Geisel
Gay Gervin
Stephen Ciottoni & Emily Gibb Ciottoni
Pete & Beth Goodhart
Al & Sallie Greenough
Grant Griffiths & Raffaella Lo Castro
Bill Gross & Jan Clarke
Jim & Barbara Haley
Pam Hamilton
Christopher & Noel Hanley
Greg & Lorrie Harper
Carol Harris
Nancy Harris
Bill Hartz & Cynthia Cericola-Hartz
Joan Harvey
Jane Hastings
Leo & Stacey Helmers
Margaret Helminska
Bob & Barbara Hobbs
James & Mia Holman

Bessy Hopkins
Mary Hopkins
Sandra Hudson
Alex & Tucker Hurtado
Charlie Hutton
Sally Jannetta
Steve & Nadia Jannetta
Wilson Jeffreys
Mimi Johnson
David & Joanna Johnson
Karl & Sheryl Johnson
Jo Ann Jones
Allison Joyce
David & Kathy Justi
Pete Justi
Susan Keith
Cecy Keller
Morris & Anne Kellett
William D. Kelley, Jr.
Eric Keuffel & Meena Thayu
Hope Knight
Cathy Kraft
Elizabeth Kuensell
Brian Kunz & Corinne Wilkinson
Barbara Ladd
Anthony & Judy Lame
Christian & Peggy Lane
Susan Lastowski
Giorgio Lauri
John & Melanie LeBoeuf
Margery P. Lee
Mary Lee
Victoria Leidner
Timothy & Lauren Leithead
Barb Linder
John & Elaine Lisle
Kyle & Marlies Lissack
Stephen LoCastro & Laurie MacKenzie
Marian Lockett-Egan
Charlie & Betsy MacIntosh
Joanie Mackie
Mackie & Charlotte MacLean
Christopher & Caroline Manogue
Charlie & Ann Marshall
Craig & Celia Martin
Sandy & Louise Marx
Andrew & Cheryl Masterman
Josselyn McAdam
Minkie McAdoo
Tony & Binney McCague
Brook & Connie McCann
David & Quincy McCoy
Joe & Suzanne McDewitt
James & Kristin McGinley
Charles McGraw
Ann McIlvain
Rodger & Lauren McKinney
Lisa McLean
Sandra McLean
Elizabeth McLean
Sandy McMullin
Pamela McMullin
Brendan McQuiggan
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Charles & Ellen Merwin
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Sam & Carolyn Morris
Rob & Janie Morris
Perc & Sally Moser
Abraham Munabi & Susan Adeniyi-Jones
Karen Nagel
Robert & Priscilla Nalls
Ted & Carol Neilson
Lathrop & Lorna Nelson
Sean & Mary Ann Nevins
Nancy Nimick
George Noel
Phil & Nancy Nord
Ryan & Rebecca Northington
Francesca Northrup
Lanny & Ann Patten
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John Pickering
Hobie & Pamela Porter
Margot Powell

Laura Powell
Caroline Pozos
Andrew Pozos
Patricia Pruett
Dee Pugh
Alfy & Kathleen Putnam
Luisa and Eric Rabe
David & Jessie Rae
Ernest & Marian Ramirez
Doug & Lisa Raymond
Tom & Josephine Rees
Michael & Elizabeth Reese
Jay & Gretchen Riley
Philip & Sandy Ringo
Gerald & Jennifer Ronon
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Dan & Patty Slack
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Winnie Smith
Mimi Snyder
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Joseph & Cynthia Spadaro
Thorne & Marby Sparkman
David & Michele Spence
Tad Sperry & Ellen Harvey
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Scott & Alexis Stephan
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Steve & Bebe Strawbridge
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Connie Stuckert
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Steven & Erin Tagai
Radcliffe & Maria Thompson
Christopher & Danielle Trucksess
Mike Tyler
Jane Van Pelt
Peter Vanderveen & Trish Bennett
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Jamen Voss & Michael Fradley
John & Karen Wallingford
James & Ellen Wang
Skip Ward
Kathy Warhol
Joan Warren
Joel & Phyllis Wasley
Pat Wesley
Daniel Wesley
Brad & Elaine Whitman
Dixie Wigton
Pam Wilford
Julie Williams
Zachary & Rebecca Winfield
Martha Wintner
Alan Wood & Hilarie
Johnston
Guy Woodruff
David & Ginger Woods
Spike Yoh
Sook Hee Yoo
Chris Zafirou & Jessica
Harper
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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.

Worshiping 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:
website (www.TheRedeemer.org),
Facebook page (RedeemerBrynMawr),
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

THIS WEEK AT THE REDEEMER

Monday, December 25

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

	Office Closed	
10:00am	Holy Eucharist with carols	Church
8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall

Tuesday, December 26

St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr

	Office Closed	
9:00am	Painting Circle.....	Hospitality Suite
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Wednesday, December 27

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

2:00pm	Staff Meeting.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
3:00pm	Liturgy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204

Thursday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

7:30am	Men's Bible Study.....	Rm 125
1:00pm	Formation Meeting	Rm 204
3:00pm	Harriton HS Fundraiser Rehearsals.....	Burns Hall
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Friday, December 29

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury & Martyr, 1170

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
	Office Closed	

Saturday, December 30

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
9:00am	St Gabriel's Mission	Kitchen

Sunday, December 31

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

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

*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

IN OUR PRAYERS

• For those who are sick or in need:

Rob & Jeanne	Ann-Marie	Louise Marx
Barbara McClenahan	Keanen	Gene
Karen Nagel	Malcolm	Chris McCleary
Emily	Virginia Simpson	Fran Northrup
Bobby	Pierce Archer	Joan
Stephanie	Janet Harvey	Monica Hackett
	Meg Curry	

- 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 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, especially Rebecca Clothier Case 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

CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH TAKE A BREAK AND RESUME JANUARY 7

Church School is offered for children ages 3 through 8th grade on most Sundays during the school year following the 9:30am service. The youngest children follow the Godly Play curriculum, which encourages learning through wondering. We recount biblical stories and come to understand them by asking questions together. Our upper elementary classes are more discussion and activity-based. Middle Schoolers meet together in preparation for the rite of Confirmation, offered for students in grade 8 and above. Our middle school curriculum helps students understand their faith in the context of their own lives and the world, weaving lessons together from bible stories, church history, and real-life experience.

Children are also invited to attend Children's Chapel, which takes place on Sunday mornings during the 9:30am service. Children follow the crucifer into the chapel after the Gospel reading and return during the Peace. In Chapel we might discuss the lessons for the day, the liturgical season, or upcoming holidays.

For more information, please contact the Rev. Winnie Smith, wsmith@theredeemer.org

The Redeemer Youth Group, RYG, is a high school youth group comprised of kids from all over the main line, including many Redeemer kids as well as their friends and peers from other churches or no church background at all. RYG is ecumenical and interfaith, and explores important topics including the role of social media in our lives (good and bad), moral and ethical dilemmas, and how to develop good communities and good relationships. We grapple with the big existential questions of who we are, why we are here, how we want to exist in the world, and the role faith plays in all of it. Who is God in our lives is a great starting point for any robust discussion. Much of this work is done through games, service work, discussion, film, and time spent in fellowship. All of this work is done with humor, love and lots of good food. We meet on Sunday evenings from 4-6 pm and have annual "work trips" near and far where we learn about other communities and try to be of use to them while we are with them. We welcome any and all kids to join us for a Sunday meeting or a trip to Kensington to serve at St. Francis Inn where we go each month. Please reach out to Rebecca Northington at rnorthington@theredeemer.org, with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, January 27, 6:30pm RYG Winter Fundraising Ball

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know The Redeemer has held its Christmas Pageant for as long as anyone can remember? Everyone who has ever been a member has a memory of the Pageant, whether they attended, participated in the nativity, had children who took part, helped stage, or sang in a choir during the service. It was a big honor to be asked (years ago by the Rector) to have a role in the Pageant. The Kings were members of the choir, real incense is burned and there has always been a baby to play Jesus. Costumes were sewed by members, in part out of donations to a long-gone Thrift Shop that was in the basement of the old Parish House and recently, our own Bob Mikrut created new costumes to replace the ancient attire. The Pageant is an example of The Redeemer's collective past, our present and our future. When Peter asks for those who participated in past Pageants to stand, look around at the history, and imagine the future.

(Thank you to Elizabeth McLean and Nancy Sharp for your memories of past Pageants)

... Now that's Ministry and your Stewardship makes it happen!