

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

DECEMBER 3, 2023

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, December 3 10:45am Burns Hall

Please come to Burns Hall after the 9:30 service to create your own Advent wreath! These wreaths are not so much a means to count down to Christmas as they are a way to celebrate the season we are in. We will provide wreath forms, candles, and some greenery, but you are encouraged to BYOG (Bring Your Own Greens!)

Joyful Giving Christmas 2023



**Joyful
Giving
Program**
Christmas 2022

You'll find brochures inside the liturgies today 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.

First Sunday of the Month - December 3

December's first Sunday at 5:00pm Evensong will include: John Stainer's How Beautiful Upon the Mountains, the William Smith 5 part Responses and Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in A of Herbert Sumson.

Evensong

December 3 at 5:00pm

Sung by Chancel Choir

Bryn Mawr Responses by Rob Lehman

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in A by Sumson

How Beautiful Upon the Mountain by Stainer

*Join us and invite a friend for
this beautiful afternoon service*

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Sunday, December 3

The First 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	Advent wreath-making.....	Burns Hall
10:30am	Middle School/Confirmation Class.....	Hospitality Suite and Library
10:30am	Upper Elementary.....	Rm 217
10:30am	Preschool and Lower Elementary.....	Rm 221 & 215
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Burns Hall
4:00pm	RYG.....	Youth Cottage
5:00pm	Choral Evensong.....	Church

A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday
December 17
at 5:00pm

Accompanied by Alexander Leonardi
Assistant Organist
Michael Stairs Organ Scholar

Directed by 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.



Merry Meals

Our annual endeavor providing meals is back. 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 19. 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.

Waverly Holiday Market

Wednesday, December 6, 10am to 1pm
Waverly Auditorium, 1400 Waverly Rd.
All are invited to choose from festive foods, seasonal decorations, lovely crafts, and gifts to give one and all--plus music by talented residents.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 20 8am - 1pm

Red Cross Blood Drive here in Burns Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter TheRedeemer to schedule an appointment.

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 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, 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.

Rector's Breakfast Initiative

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.

Aid for the Middle East

Help Episcopal Relief and Development respond quickly. The citizen death toll in both Israel and Gaza is catastrophic. Thousands have been injured and displaced. Alongside local partners, ERD is stepping in with emergency support for people affected by this war. Make an urgent tax-deductible donation to [Episcopal Relief & Development's Middle East Fund](https://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-resources/responding-to-israel-amas-war/) today.

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ECS Christmas Gift Cards

Please help Episcopal Community Services provide each of their 446 Out of School Time (OST) children with \$35 Gift Cards! This year it could not be any easier to add joy for the families with which ECS works. Please make your much appreciated contributions by December 7, 2023. To participate, you can donate in one of the following ways:

- Send a check with "Gift Cards" and your parish affiliation in the memo line to: Episcopal Community Services, 225 S. Third Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, or,
- Make an online donation via our website by going to <https://www.ecsphilly.org/support/donate/>. Please include "Gift Cards" and the name of your parish in the comments box below your credit card information.

Should you have any questions before December 7, please do not hesitate to reach out to Kyle Evans, ECS Chaplain, at kylee@ecsphilly.org or 215-351-1478.



The Christmas Village is Redeemer's annual fundraising event focused on funding community connection initiatives that target homelessness, hunger and people in need. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make the event a wonderful success and thank you to all who attended and to those who brought friends and neighbors. The committee would like to especially recognize the benefactors of the event. These gifts reflect the generosity of this community and are much appreciated.

North Star (\$2,500 and above)

Barbara Billings
The Chojnacki Family
Ellsabeth and Peter Cooke
The Manogue Family

Gold (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bennett
John & Lisa Black
Susan & Charlie Bloom
Priscilla Bradshaw
Jim & Lin Buck
Andrew & Karen Bucklee
Jan Clarke & William Gross
David Copas & Jennifer Vollmer
Betsy Crowell
Gordon & Patricia Fowler
Peter Hamiton
Andrew & Cheryl Masterman
Kevin Maurer & James Schneider

Carolyn & Sam Morris
Perc & Sally Moser
The Schwenke Family
Tad Sperry & Ellen Harvey
Tracy & Kevin Steele
Maria & Mike Thompson
Peter Vanderveen & Trish Bennett

Frankincense (\$500 - \$999)

Warren & Susan Ayres
John & Carolyn Bartholdson
Ann Young Bloom
Gordon & Janice Keen
Brook & Connie McCann
Chadwick & McKinney
Funeral Home
Elizabeth McLean
Joe & Elizabeth Dougherty
Anna Gerrity
Lorrie & Greg Harper
Eric & Luisa Rabe

Emily Snell & Charlie Sili
Elaine & Brad Whitman
David and Ginger Woods

Myrrh (\$250 - \$499)

Katharine & Bill Eyre
Pamela Hamilton
Carlotta Paxson Hutton
Mrs. Anthony Jannetta
JoAnn Jones
Mary McAdoo
Pam McMullin
Lisa McLean
Fran Northrup
Rosalind Pendergast
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J. Barton Riley
Molly Rouse-Terlevich
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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 4

John of Damascus, Priest & Theologian, c. 760

3:00pm	Harriton HS Fundraiser Rehearsals.....	Burns Hall
7:30pm	Cantores	Choir Rm
8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall

Tuesday, December 5

Clement of Alexandria, Priest & Theologian, c. 210

7:00am	The Garden Club of Philadelphia	Burns Hall & Kitchen
9:00am	Painting Circle.....	Hospitality Suite
4:30pm	Adult Forum Committee	Room 125 + Zoom
5:00pm	Choristers.....	Choir Rm
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Wednesday, December 6

Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, c. 342

2:00pm	Staff Meeting.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
3:00pm	Liturgy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
5:00pm	Choristers Rehearsal.....	Choir Rm
5:00pm	Cherub Choir.....	Rm 221
5:45pm	Wednesday Supper.....	Burns Hall
6:45pm	Schola & Redeemer Choir Rehearsal	Choir Rm & Church

Thursday, December 7

Ambrose of Milan, Bishop & Theologian, 397

7:30am	Men's Bible Study.....	Rm 125
12:00pm	Women Exploring Scripture	via Zoom & Raymond Library
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 8

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
1:30pm	Dunwoody Eucharist.....	Dunwoody
5:30pm	Prysm Rehearsal.....	Burns Hall

Saturday, December 9

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
7:00pm	Christmas Dance	Burns Hall (Harper)

Sunday, December 10

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 & via Livestream
10:30am	Middle School/Confirmation Class	Hospitality Suite & Library
10:30am	Upper Elementary	Rm 217
10:30am	Preschool and Lower Elementary	Rm 221 & 215
10:40am	Coffee Hour	Burns Hall
10:45am	Adult Forum	125 and Livestream
10:45am	Music Committee Meeting.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
11:30am	Nominating Committee	Raymond Library
3:00pm	Parents Group.....	Burns Hall/125
4:00pm	RYG	Youth Cottage

*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:

Barbara McClenahan	Keanen	Chris McCleary
Karen Nagel	Malcolm	Fran Northrup
Emily	Virginia Simpson	Joan
Bobby	Pierce Archer	Monica Hackett
Tim	Janet Harvey	Jeffrey
John Ledlie	Meg Curry	John
Stephanie	Louise Marx	Rebecca Clothier Case
Ann-Marie	Gene	

- 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 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

Preschool/Lower Elementary - Rm 221 (age 3 to grade 3)

3rd grade: if you are in 3rd grade and are interested in a speaking role in the Church School pageant, please meet in Room 217 to begin casting and rehearsing. Younger kids, join your families at Advent Wreath making in Burns Hall!

Upper Elementary - Rm 217 (grades 4 thru 5)

It's Pageant time! Please come to the classroom so we can start working on our performance scheduled for 12/17.

Middle School - Hospitality Suite (grades 6 thru 8)

6th and 7th graders, head to the library for class (which may involve Advent wreaths.) 8th graders, Mrs. Masterman will lead class on Sacraments - we are just weeks away from Confirmation, so please make every effort to be there!

Redeemer Youth Group - Youth Cottage

RYG, will be meeting at the parish house for indoor games and activities. We will move on to a conversation around the source of joy and will also begin to design our formal dinner invitations. The fundraising dinner will be held January 20th!

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, in Germany, a percentage of wages are taxed and then distributed to the religious affiliation of the taxpayer choice—essentially making religion state supported? Chris Zafirou, as Accounting Warden recently shared, on behalf of Stewardship, his story of German house guests who recently attended events at Redeemer and wanted to know more about “how things work” and “do they take the money right from your taxes?” Chris proudly explained how Redeemer is blessed with members who generously, and willingly, give to fund the Church and all that we do. The husband exclaimed, “And this works?” Chris responded since 1851 Redeemer has benefited from the generosity of those who came before us and our current members are ensuring our future vitality.



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