

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

DECEMBER 4, 2022

Adult Forum - December 4

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

Is Elon Musk a prophet?

It's now an open question whether Twitter has a future. Or whether Twitter will shape the future. But many people think of Elon Musk as someone who has a unique capacity to predict what will or what must happen in the future. Does this make him a prophet? Does he represent what prophecy is in our times? Are such influencers 21st century prophets? Join Peter Vanderveen as he continues on aspects of last week's forum on Advent and hope, the discussion for today's forum will focus on the unique role of prophecy and its relation to foretelling, prediction, and the seductions of power.

First Sunday of the Month - December 4

Will include **Evensong** at 4:00pm, sung by Chancel Choir and **The Foundation Group** (20s and 30s) will meet at 6:00pm for a discussion of the season of Advent over gingerbread house decorating. Light refreshments will be provided. Friends are always welcome!

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 11 at 5:00pm

Plan to be with us next Sunday for our annual Lessons & Carols service presented by all the choirs. This is an excellent time to invite a friend(s).

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.

Episcopal Church of
The Redeemer

Sunday, November 27

The First Sunday of Advent

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I	Church
9:15am	Nursery.....	Rm 208
9:30am	Choral Matins.....	Church + Livestream
10:30am	Lower Elementary.....	Rm 215
10:30am	Upper School (Grades 4-7).....	Rm 217
10:30am	Preschool	Rm 221
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Kitchen
10:45am	Adult Forum.....	Burns + Livestream
10:45am	Confirmation Class.....	Hospitality Suite

Christmas Village

Our sincere thanks to all the volunteers and supporters who helped to make the Christmas Village such a successful event. Particular thanks to the tireless co-chairs: Kate Chojnacki, Elisabeth Cooke and Caroline Manogue and these wonderful volunteers:

Meghan Jodz, Jim Buck and Drew Camerota - **Auction Chairs**

Chris Chojnacki, Sally Moser - **Signs, crafts, booths, set up and tear down**

Carolyn Morris, Sam Morris, John Black, Lisa Black - **Auction Night**

Catherine Huffmann - **Food Trucks**

Lisa Davis, Bobbie Cameron, Pam McMullin, Leslie Susskind, Bob Mikrut - **Trinkets and Treasures**

Ann Strong, Ginger Woods, Trish Bennett, Liz Nicholas, Sally Moser, Emily Snell, Tiffany O'Neill, Jan Clarke, Kristin McGinley, Danielle Trucksess, Maryann Nevins, Lisa Black - **Tasty Treats**

Sandra Hudson, Pat Wesley, Patricia Fowler - **Crafts**

Cheryl Masterman - **Music and Sound**

Cannie Shafer, Barbara Hobbs, Win Shafer, Sally Greenough, Al Greenough - **Children's Activities**, set up and tear down Maryann Nevins

Bill Susskind - **Managing the Treasury**

All the Staff and Jim Hornung, the electrician Vestry - **Check-in**

Our vendors!

All people who donated directly to Outreach or items for the auction or time for the village day.

All who came and made the village a great event.

Lots of photos from the Christmas Village at www.TheRedeemer.org

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.

Christmas Elves for ECS

Help make Christmas special for the OST (Out of School Time) children

This year ECS is purchasing \$50 gift cards for their 388 OST kids. They have asked us, as Santa's helpers on the ground, to make contributions before December 10, 2022.

To participate, here are the ways to donate:

1: Send a check, "Gift Cards" and your parish affiliation in the memo line to:

Episcopal Community Services, 225 S. Third Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

2: Make an online donation via the ECS website here: <https://ecsphilly.org/support/donate/>. Make sure to type "Gift Cards" and the name of your parish in the comments box below your credit card information. Should you have any questions before December 10, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jessica Main, Director of the ECS Fund, at jessicam@ecsphilly.org.

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 will be fully functional on Monday, December 5. The concrete needs to fully set.

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.



-  **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
and Expectation



Joyful Giving Christmas 2022



**Joyful
Giving
Program**
Christmas 2022

You'll find a brochure stuffed inside your service sheets 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 online from a link on [www. TheRedeemer.org](http://www.TheRedeemer.org).

2023 Stewardship Campaign

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

Maisie Adamson	Bill & Katharine Eyre	Margery P. Lee	Herb Rorer
Paul & Mary Adkins	Norma Fabian	Mary Lee	Arden Saligman
Richard & Kris Aldridge	Kitty Farnham	Victoria Leidner	Patricia Sandiford
Alexa Aldridge	Greg & Jennifer Farwell	Timothy & Lauren Leithead	Joan Schiller
Charlie Alexander	John & Evelyn Fell	Gregory & Anita Lewicki	Karl Schoettle
James & Julia Alexandre	Philip & Suzanne Fisher	Nelly Lincoln	David & Julie Schroeder
Warren & Susan Ayres	Gordon & Patricia Fowler	Barb Linder	Sue Schultz
Stephen Baker	Phyllis French	John & Elaine Lisle	Ken & Amanda Schwenke
John & Carolyn Bartholdson	Ken Garner & Bob Mikrut	Stephen LoCastro &	Presley Schwin
Glenn Beamer	C. Meade Geisel	Laurie MacKenzie	David & Diane Senior
Tom & Carolyn Bennett	Tom & Anna Gerrity	Marian Lockett-Egan	Win & Annie Shafer
Sandra Berwind	Gay Gervin	Charlie & Betsy MacIntosh	Nancy Sharp
Barbara Billings	Emily Gibb Ciottoni &	Mackie & Charlotte MacLean	Charlie Silio & Emily Snell
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Al & Leslie Boris	Frank Grebe	Craig & Celia Martin	Polk & Nancy Smartt
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Rick & Phyllis Brown	Greg & Lorrie Harper	Tony & Binney McCague	David & Michele Spence
Bob & Nancy Bruechert	Carol Harris	Don & Carolyn McCulloch	Tad Sperry & Ellen Harvey
Jim & Lin Buck	Nancy Harris	James & Kristin McGinley	Bailey Sperry
Andrew & Karen Bucklee	Bill Hartz &	Alan & Annie McIlvain	Blair Stambaugh
Christian & Alice Bullitt	Cynthia Cericola-Hartz	Rodger & Lauren McKinney	George Steele & Kathy High
Don & Linda Caldwell	Joan Harvey	Lisa McLean	Tracy & Kevin Steele
Bobbie Cameron	Jane Hastings	Sandra McLean	Scott & Alexis Stephan
Drew & Babs Camerota	Leo & Stacey Helmers	Hunter & Pamela McMullin	Steve & Bebe Strawbridge
Dick & Lisa Carr	Margaret Helminska	Charles & Ellen Merwin	Ann Strong
Lynne Chapman	Bob & Barbara Hobbs	Gregg & Mary Miller	John & Amy Susanin
Sam Chew	James & Mia Holman	Harry & Rachel Miller	Bill & Leslie Susskind
Chris & Kate Chojnacki	Bessy Hopkins	Sam & Carolyn Morris	David Tachna &
Blake & Julie Christoph	Sandra Hudson	Rob & Janie Morris	Catherine Carruthers
Peter & Kimberly Clement	Alex & Tucker Hurtado	Perc & Sally Moser	Radclyffe & Maria Thompson
Barbara Clothier	Kathy Hutchinson	Jean Murdock	Christopher & Danielle
Ellen Conlan	Tony & Sally Jannetta	Lois Muscheck	Trucksees
Bill & Joanne Conrad	Steve & Nadia Jannetta	Karen Nagel	Mike Tyler
Peter & Elisabeth Cooke	Wilson Jeffreys	Ted & Carol Neilson	John & Amanda Ulrich
David Copas &	David & Joanna Johnson	Lathrop & Lorna Nelson	Elizabeth Van Dusen
Jennifer Vollmer Copas	Karl & Sheryl Johnson	Nancy Nimick	Peter Vanderveen &
Betsy Corkran	Jackie Johnson	Phil & Nancy Nord	Trish Bennett
Ted & Polly Cox	Jo Ann Jones	Ryan & Rebecca Northington	Jacques & Stephanie Vaclair
Jim & Betsy Crowell	Jim Jordan & Vanessa Lai	Francesca Northrup	Jamen Voss & Michael Fradley
Stephen & Margaret Dana	Betty Justi	Lanny & Ann Patten	John & Karen Wallingford
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Rick & Rita Davis	Gordie & Janice Keen	Roz Pendergast	Michael & Kathy Warhol
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Gary Davis	Jim Kelleher & Rik Morris	Margot Powell	Pat Wesley
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Rod Day	Barbara Kip	Dee Pugh	Brad & Elaine Whitman
Darrell & Julia DeMoss	Hope Knight	Alfy & Kathleen Putnam	Pam Wilford
Sue DePas	Elizabeth Kuensell	Luisa and Eric Rabe	Julie Williams
Gloria DePasquale	Brian Kunz &	David & Jessie Rae	Claude & Martha Wintner
Sophie Donaghy	Corinne Wilkinson	Doug & Lisa Raymond	Guy Woodruff
John & Melissa Donnelly	Barbara Ladd	Tom & Josephine Rees	David & Ginger Woods
Joe & Elizabeth Dougherty	Anthony & Judy Lane	Michael & Elizabeth Reese	Soek Hee Yoo
Tory Dunkle	Susan Lastowski	Karl Richter & Susan Rushing	Chris Zafriou & Jessica Harper
Hank & Martha Mel Edmunds	Kevin Leahy & Devika Singh	Jay & Gretchen Riley	2 Anonymous
Joe Elefritz	John & Melanie LeBoeuf	Philip & Sandy Ringo	

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know 217 (and counting) households have already pledged to Stewardship 2023? The wonderful news is the total amount pledged increased by almost 8% which is a tremendous help to offset the rising costs associated with inflation and the decrease in the endowment. 57% of pledges increased, 35% renewed last year's pledge, 2% are new or returned pledges and 6% decreased. The majority of the pledges who increased support were from those who give in the average (\$3,500), median (\$2,500) or below the median range of gifts. Thank you to all 217 (and counting) who committed to the future of The Redeemer.

... 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 5*Clement of Alexandria, Priest & Theologian, c. 210*

7:00pm	Christmas Village DeBrief.....	Rm 125
8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall

Tuesday December 6*Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, c. 341*

7:00am	The Garden Club of Philadelphia (Christmas Greens)	Burns Hall & Kitchen
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Wednesday December 7*Ambrose of Milan, Bishop & Theologian, 397*

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 8

7:00am	MLCA rehearsal	Church
7:30am	Men's Bible Study.....	Rm 125
10:15am	Pastoral Care Meeting.....	Rm. 125
12:00pm	Women Exploring Scripture	Raymond Library & Zoom Meeting
1:00pm	Formation Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
4:00pm	Outreach Community Services	via Zoom
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Friday December 9

8:00am	Operating Committee	Staff Conf Rm 204
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 10.....

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
10:00am	Lessons & Carols Rehearsal.....	Church
10:30am	Organ practice.....	Church
5:00pm	MLCA Winter Concert	Church

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

*Up-to-date calendar always available on www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar
All Zoom meeting links are there as well.*

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 The Adoration of the Shepherds

Preschool - Rm 221 (age 3 to Kindergarten)

In preparation for Christmas, we explore the Nativity story through several lenses to ensure the children internalize the narrative. Today we will hear the story through the vantage point of the shepherds. This angle of the story introduces children to the mystery of the Incarnation as something small leading to greatness and reinforces the events of Christ's birth and life as historical events that took place in time and space.

Lower Elementary - Rm 215 (grades 1 to 3)

We continue to explore the significance the season of Advent as we anticipate the mystery of Christmas. Through the next several weeks we will move toward Bethlehem and arrive at the birth of Jesus. Building on last week's focus on the work of the Prophets in proclaiming the coming of Christ as King, we shift our focus to the shock and joy felt by the shepherds.

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

In class Sunday, we will begin discussing the Book of Common Prayer. This book is our guide to worship on Sundays and holidays, but also has tons of valuable prayers and other resources for our daily lives as Christians.

Redeemer Youth Group - Youth Cottage

RYG will be meeting this Sunday at the cottage from 4-6 pm. We will begin discussions around advent and the world that Jesus was coming to save. We will consider how different that world is from our world today.

WAYS TO GIVE



Via Text



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All Options