

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

DECEMBER 5, 2021

Adult Forums

Sunday, December 5 at 10:45am

Dr. Philip Cary, Professor of Philosophy at Eastern University

The core tenets of the Incarnation – the doctrine which underlies the faith of the Church – are already professed by churchgoers on a regular basis. This is because the doctrine of the Incarnation is on full display in the Nicene Creed. Dr. Philip Cary joins us this morning as he unpacks the Incarnation through the lens of the Creed and addresses some of the typical questions that people have about the doctrine and its role in Christian life, faith, and worship. Phil Cary is Professor of Philosophy at Eastern University and Editor-in-chief of *Pro Ecclesia: A Journal of Catholic and Evangelical*.

Note: The Adult Forum will be broadcast via Livestream and can be accessed on our website here: https://www.theredeemer.org/adult_formation

More information on this series of Forums at www.TheRedeemer.org/adult_formation

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 20.

Evensong Today at 4pm

The Chancel Choir will sing Evensong today at 4pm. The service will feature Responses by Gabriel Jackson, the Stanford Evening Service in Bb and Still shining in the light by G. Rudolph.

A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday
December 12
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.



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10:45am	Confirmation Class	Youth Cottage
3:15pm	Choir call for warm-up	Choir Rm
4:00pm	RYG.....	Youth Cottage
4:00pm	Choral Evensong.....	Church
6:00pm	The Foundation (20s/30s Group)....	Parish House Kitchen & Burns Hall

Nominating Committee

The committee is engaged in its work to present candidates for election to the Vestry. You are invited to submit names to the committee members: [Jim Buck](#) (chair), Drew Camerota, Lisa Davis (Vestry), Al Greenough (Vestry), Emily Snell, Mike Thompson, Jacques Vauclain (Vestry), David Woods

We Are Doing Christmas Baskets/Meals (Bags)

Each Christmas season Redeemer families generously contribute bags of food to local needy families and help bring cheer. This program provides food for community groups we work with throughout the year, such as ElderNet and St. Barnabas Mission. Shopping bags are available in the Narthex and Parish House with a recommended list of groceries. (The list is also available on our website at www.TheRedeemer.org/hands_on.) Please shop, fill the bag and return it to the parish house by December 21. Only non-perishable items are needed; the church will provide the turkey or ham and fresh produce. We can use help with deliveries on Dec. 23 at 8am for roughly one hour—it's very rewarding work that time of year. Any volunteers or those with questions should contact Jay Einspanier at jay@theredeemer.org. You can print a shopping list online from www.TheRedeemer.org/hands-on.

Calling All Redeemer Elves for ECS

It's time to get ready for Christmas—let's help ECS provide a little Christmas light to the families they serve! There are 600 children in the enrichment and mentorship programs, in six schools across the city this year: **Six hundred opportunities to make a big difference...in one precious life.** It's as easy as purchasing one \$25 gift card, which will be given to the parent to buy the right gift and have the joy of wrapping and presenting it. Choose one of these options:

Make an online donation via website: www.ecsphilly.org/support/donate/

List "Christmas Gift Cards" in the Comments box below your donation.

- 1) **Send a check to ECS** with "Christmas Gift Cards" in the memo line.
- 2) **Order gift cards directly from Target:** choose the option to have them shipped to ECS.
- 3) **Order gift cards directly from Walmart:** choose the option to have them shipped to ECS.

Episcopal Community Services, 225 S. 3rd Street, Philadelphia PA 19106

Once you've placed your order please email Ken Anderson at ECS (Kennetha@ecsphilly.org) so that they are aware of your gift and can watch for it in the mail. **PLEASE, send donations before December 10!** And, **THANK YOU!**

Help Deliver Christmas Poinsettias

Every year at Christmas, the Redeemer Pastoral Care Committee takes poinsettias to members of the parish in health care facilities or who are homebound, and also to those recently bereaved. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Jo Ann Jones or Libby Van Dusen (e.vandusen@att.net or 610-527-2523).

New Foyer Groups in the New Year?

Whether you're a long-time member or a relative newcomer, Foyer Groups are designed to help you acquire more than a nodding acquaintance with more of your fellow parishioners. The small groups (6-8 people) are formed from all parishioners who sign up. As we begin to emerge from the relative seclusion of COVID, a number of people have asked about resuming Foyers in January 2022. Typically, Foyer Groups of 8-10 people are formed with a designated "first host," with each group setting its own dates for meeting and its own venues (e.g., a pot luck dinner inside or outside a member's home, a local BYO, a spot in the Parish House, a bowling alley). The idea is for us - singles and couples from different spheres and at varying stages of life - to broaden our knowledge and appreciation of one another as members of The Redeemer church family. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Jan Clarke at 610-547-1958 (cell) or janc144@verizon.net.

Episcopal Identity

If you're interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and Adult Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation, a five-week session class will run **Thursdays, January 5 thru February 3 at 8:00pm.** Visit www.TheRedeemer.org/adult_formation for more information.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know the annual Stewardship campaign is an integral component of the planning process for the upcoming 2022 year for every aspect of our Church life? Knowing the collective total of pledges enables the various committees, and the Vestry, to budget for the year ahead. This is why it is SO important to pledge now. Your early, and committed support, helps with every aspect of our church life - buildings, programs, church school, salaries, choirs, outreach and so much more. By letting us know now, you are also giving the gift of letting our dedicated volunteers and staff begin the planning process for the upcoming year. Every pledge makes a difference and if you have not done so this year, pledging now will make a significant difference in planning for 2022. Remember, you have the entire year to pay your pledge.

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



THESE PARISHIONERS HAVE MADE A PLEDGE FOR 2022

Maisie Adamson	Gay Gervin	Jim & Louise McCabe	Presley Schwin
Paul & Mary Adkins	Emily Gibb & Stephen	Tony & Binney McCague	Joe & T. C. Scornavacchi
Richard & Kris Aldridge	Ciottoni	Brook & Connie McCann	Mary Beth Sedwick &
Charlie Alexander	Bruce & Gale Gillespie	Barbara McClenahan	Helen Wortham
James & Julia Alexandre	Frank Grebe	James & Kristin McGinley	David & Diane Senior
Jeffrey Bell	Al & Sallie Greenough	Rodger & Lauren McKinney	Win & Cannie Shafer
Tom & Carolyn Bennett	Grant Griffiths &	Lisa McLean	Nancy Sharp
Sandra Berwind	Raffaella Lo Castro	Sandra McLean	Charlie Silio & Emily Snell
Barbara Billings	Peter Grove &	Elizabeth McLean	Lorraine Simonis
Diana Bittel	Nancy Greene	Sandy McMullin	Dan & Patty Slack
John & Lisa Black	Jim & Barbara Haley	Hunter & Pamela McMullin	Jim & Prill Smartt
Charlie & Susan Bloom	Debbie Hamilton	Charles & Mary Ellen	Mimi Snyder
Al & Leslie Boris	Greg & Lorrie Harper	Merwin	Carol Soltis
Priscilla Bradshaw	Carol Harris	Gregg & Mary Miller	David & Michele Spence
Joseph & Mary Beth Bright	Nancy Harris	Harry & Rachel Miller	Tad Sperry & Ellen Harvey
Jamie & Joan Bromley	Jane Hastings	Rob & Janie Morris	Bailey Sperry
Marcia Brose	Leo & Stacey Helmers	Perc & Sally Moser	Blair Stambaugh
Rick & Phyllis Brown	Margaret Helminska	Abraham Munabi &	George Steele & Kathy High
Jay Brown	Christine Henisee	Susan Adeniyi-Jones	Tracy & Kevin Steele
Jim & Lin Buck	John Herzog	Jean Murdock	Scott & Alexis Stephan
Andrew & Karen Bucklee	Bob & Barbara Hobbs	Lois Muscheck	Cindy Stephan
Don & Linda Caldwell	James & Mia Holman	Karen Nagel	Ann Stewart
Bobbie Cameron	Sandra Hudson	Robert & Priscilla Nalls	Steve & Bebe Strawbridge
Lynne Chapman	Alex & Tucker Hurtado	Ted & Carol Neilson	Ann Strong
Sam Chew	Kathy Hutchinson	Lathrop & Lorna Nelson	Connie Stuckert
Chris & Kate Chojnacki	Tony & Sally Jannetta	Phil & Nancy Nord	Bill & Leslie Susskind
W. Morgan and	Wilson Jeffreys	Ryan & Rebecca	Radcliffe & Maria
Sonia Churchman	Phil & Meghan Jodz	Northington	Thompson
Peter & Kimberly Clement	Mimi Johnson	Francesca Northrup	Christopher & Danielle
Ellen Conlan	David & Joanna Johnson	Chris Nyheim	Trucksess
Bill & Joanne Conrad	Jo Ann Jones	Michael & Theresa	Mike Tyler
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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.

For in church worship, all are requested to wear masks at all times and practice social distancing using only pews that are unmarked.

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 (RedeemerBryn-Mawr), 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 6*Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, c. 342*

6:00 pm	Village People	Room 125, Sun Room and Kitchen
7:00 pm	Naranon.....	Hospitality Suite
8:00 pm	NA	Masterman Hall

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

8:30 am	The Garden Workers	Burns Hall & Kitchen
9:00 pm	Compline Zoom Meeting.....	Passcode 327117

Wednesday, December 8

12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist	Church
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Rm 204
2:00 pm	Liturgy Meeting	Rm 204
5:00 pm	Choristers Rehearsal	Choir Rm
5:00 pm	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Rm 221
6:30 pm	Redeemer Choir & Schola Rehearsal.....	Burns Hall

Thursday, December 9

7:30 am	Men's Bible Study	Rm 217 + Zoom
7:30 am	Jessica Harper's School Pageant Rehearsal.....	Church
12:00 pm	Women Exploring Scripture.....	Zoom Meeting
1:30 pm	Formation Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
3:30 pm	Adult Ed Committee.....	via Zoom
4:00 pm	Outreach Committee	via Zoom
8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous.....	Masterman Hall
9:00 pm	Compline Zoom Meeting.....	Passcode 327117

Friday, December 10

8:00 am	Legacy into Promise Ops Cmte.....	Staff Conf Rm + Zoom
9:00 am	Flower Guild.....	Church

Saturday, December 11

10:00 am	Lessons & Carols Rehearsal	Church
5:00 pm	Jessica Harper'S School Concert.....	Church

Sunday, December 12*The Third Sunday of Advent*

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10:45 am	Lower Elementary	Rm 215
11:30 am	Education Committee.....	Rm 217
4:00 pm	RYG.....	Youth Cottage
5:00 pm	Lessons & Carols	Church
6:30 pm	L & C Reception.....	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:

Karen Nagel	Glenn Beamer	Joan
Susan	Connor Joel McKay	Monica Hackett
Gene	Fran Northrup	Jeffrey
Betsy D'Angelo	Karin Helmers	John
Chris McCleary	Shawn Garner	Stephanie Hancock
Rich Diegle	Linnea	Rebecca Clothier Case

- For our brothers and sisters in Malawi affected by HIV/AIDS.
- For the earthquake victims in Haiti.
- For all those recovering from hurricane Ida.
- For those fleeing from devastation in their countries of origin especially Afghanistan.
- For the victims of violence in this country and throughout the world.
- For those who have died.

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, Michael Palmisano-mpalmisano@theredeemer.org or ext. 13, 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 for 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 Elementary/middle 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 19. 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-Youth Cottage

Our confirmands will spend this week exploring the Episcopal Church's favorite book, The Book of Common Prayer! The students will learn how the words, prayers, and services within the book influence our practices and identities as Episcopalians.

Redeemer Youth Group-Youth Cottage

RYG will be meeting this Sunday at the cottage from 4-6 pm. We will have some outside games and then will move inside to talk about advent and fundraising for our winter work trip. Please join us!

WAYS TO GIVE



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