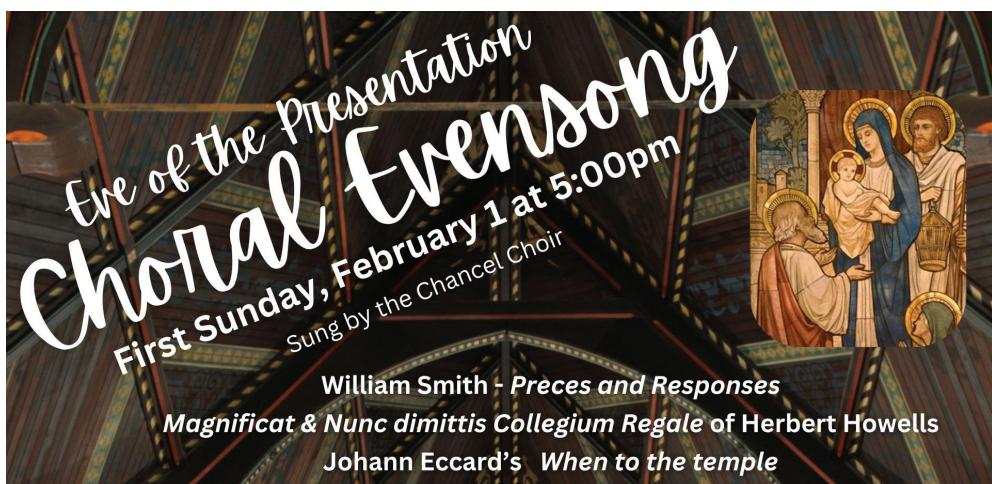


# News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY



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.



February 1 & 8

\$15/qt - \$8/pint

Purchase in the Parish House on Sundays.

Proceeds benefit the choir programs.

Sunday, February 1

*The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery .....	Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with music .....	Church + Livestream
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Burns Hall
10:45am	Church School .....	Second Floor Classrooms
4:00pm	RYG .....	Masterman Hall
5:00pm	Choral Evensong .....	Church
8:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

## Lieder & Libations

**Saturday, February 7 at 5pm**

If you have not yet purchased your tickets for this fun, entertaining and informative event, do it today. Seats are limited to 70. Tickets available from a link at: [www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP).

THE MUSIC STAFF PRESENTS:

# LIEDER & LIBATIONS

An evening of wine and song with  
Eric Simonis and the  
Staff Singers of The Redeemer

Saturday, February 7 at 5pm  
in Burns Hall

Tickets \$75 and available online  
from link at [TheRedeemer.org/RSVP](http://TheRedeemer.org/RSVP)

Seating is limited to 70





## 174th Annual Meeting

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 22 following the 9:30am service. Please join us in Burns Hall for brunch and to vote for incoming Vestry members, review the budgets, hear about our plans for the 175th Anniversary and more. The Vestry approved slate of nominees for the Vestry are: W. Scott Carter, Rita Davis, Jessie Caverly Rae and Eric Rabe. You'll find photos and bios on the next panel and on the website at [www.TheRedeemer.org/Vestry](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/Vestry)

## Silence from the Tower - Update

You have heard our call and soon the tower bells Westminster tolling will be restored. Our sincere thanks to our donors.

## Livestream Operators Needed

Livestreaming has become a significant outreach tool for us and enables us to keep in touch with shut-in parishioners. The system is quite easy to operate and we would love to add to the ranks of operators. The easiest way to train is to shadow someone on a Sunday morning. Please contact Eric Rabe ([eric.rabe@verizon.net](mailto:eric.rabe@verizon.net)) to register your interest and to see who is scheduled in the coming weeks to arrange for training.

## Outstanding Balances

Remember that our fiscal year ended on December 31. If you had an amount due on your 2025 pledge, gifts received in 2026 will first go to pay-down that balance before credit to your 2026 pledge. View all the giving options online at: [www.TheRedeemer.org/give](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/give). Thank you!

## DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, the Stewardship Committee sent out a mailing this week to the Redeemer households who supported Stewardship in 2025, and we hope will commit a pledge for 2026? Collectively this group represents 20% of our total donors and 10% of total dollars. The mailing includes a



thoughtful message, and a pledge card. Every gift counts, and every gift makes an impact for our collective church community. As we approach the Annual Meeting, and the end of the active Stewardship Campaign, please consider submitting your pledge for 2026. Thank you to all who have pledged and to those who will pledge.

[Pledge](#)

Pledge Stats
1-29-26
\$1,150,935.32
287 Pledges
8.97% increase



[Venmo](#)

## VESTRY NOMINEES

### Scott Carter

Scott grew up in the Tampa and Baltimore metro areas, graduating in 2015 from the McDonogh School. He holds a B.A. in history from the University of Michigan where he sang baritone in the Michigan Men's Glee Club. Visiting the Main Line on winter break, he encountered Church of The Redeemer at a Christmas Eve Service and was moved by the beauty of the architecture, liturgy, and music. In 2019, Scott began regularly attending services at The Redeemer and quickly became involved as a volunteer with the Redeemer Youth Group and as a bass in the Redeemer Choir. He has continued to serve in these roles over the past five years, assisting in RYG work trips to the Navajo Lands in Arizona and Utah, and to North Carolina, and Washington D.C. Other Redeemer service includes teaching confirmation classes for the past three years, and Confirmation alongside his class at the Episcopal Cathedral in Philadelphia last Easter. In addition to the Redeemer Choir, Scott sings with the newly formed Camarata, and for the last four years has appeared as Caspar in the Christmas Pageant. In 2025 he taught eighth grade Social Studies at Baldwin School looks forward to continuing work in education. He is an active singer with the Orpheus Club of Philadelphia, enjoys reading and tinkering with his Triumph Bonneville motorcycle.



### Jessie Caverly Rae

Jessie is a senior biomedical scientist with more than 20 years of experience across academia, pharmaceuticals, and public-health-focused agricultural science. She is involved in global professional, academic and regulatory consortia and societies, and currently serves as Senior Director of Investigative Pathology at Incyte, where she helps guide the safe development of new medicines.

Originally from Northeastern Pennsylvania, she holds a BS from Cornell, a VMD from Penn, a PhD and residency from Iowa State, and a postdoctoral fellowship from Penn. Jessie is one of a long line of Episcopalians and the mother of four children aged 25 through 9: Diarmid, CeCe, Cormac, and Anna. She and her husband call Church of The Redeemer her family's chosen and cherished home, and a deeply important element to her family. They have been members for over two decades, with Jessie serving with the Redeemer choir and music committee, and her children involved as acolytes, Sunday School students, choir members and Christmas Pageant participants. The Raes feel blessed to be part of a healthy and diverse congregation that values traditional worship while being open to smart progress. Jessie's looks forward to continuing leadership rooted in integrity and care for others.



### Rita Davis

Rita is a longtime member of Redeemer, where she and her husband have been members for over 45 years. She spent her early childhood in Clermont Ferrand, France, coming to the U.S. as a young girl, and has had a four-decade career at the Agnes Irwin School, serving for the past 13 years as head of the Language Department. A teacher of French, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese, she has served as head of the Cum Laude Committee, the Disciplinary and Diversity Committee and as a member of the initial team for setting the the vision and mission the Center for Advancement of Girls. She was elected vice president of the American Association of the Teachers of French, and has served as a consultant to the College Board, presenting workshops for new and experienced teachers of AP French on the East Coast, Las Vegas, and Switzerland. Other positions include adjunct professor at Goucher College and LaSalle University, membership on the jury for the Diploma in French Studies exam, and trustee of the Agnes Irwin School from 2003 to 2007. Off campus, she has supervised cooking classes at her home and conducted trips to Paris and Nimes, with the goal of enhancing students' fluency in French and immersion in French culture. Having seen all her children baptized and some wed at The Redeemer, Rita is active in many ministries, most notably, the Adult Formation Committee.



### Eric Rabe

For more than 40 years, Eric has been a member of The Redeemer, where he and his wife Luisa were married in 1999, and his three adult children baptized.

In his business life, Eric was a senior vice president at Verizon Communications for some 20 years. Earlier, he worked in television news, both on-air and in newsroom management. After retiring from Verizon, he consulted to various companies in the US and Europe, giving advice on management, organization and communications strategies.

Until last Fall, Eric served the Diocese of Pennsylvania as a member of the Board of Trustees. Prior to that he was vice president of the Diocese Standing Committee, in both roles, focusing on areas of property and finance. He holds degrees from Penn State and the University of Pennsylvania. A resident of Haverford, Eric has two grown daughters who live on the Main Line while a son lives in Brooklyn. At The Redeemer, Eric has served as a Vestry member, and can be seen most Sundays at the 8:00 o'clock service and sometimes in the Livestream booth during other services.

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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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org)),  
Facebook page (RedeemerBrynMawr),  
Instagram ([theredeemerpa](http://theredeemerpa)).

**Submission guidelines and a submission form** for The News can be found at [www.TheRedeemer.org/the\\_news](http://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, February 2

*The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple*

7:30pm	Cantores Rehearsal .....	Burns Hall
8:00pm	NA .....	Masterman Hall

### Tuesday, February 3

*Anskar, Bishop & Missionary, 865*

11:00am	Waverly Eucharist .....	Waverly
1:00pm	Clergy Meeting .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:30pm	Christmas Village Committee .....	Pembroke Rm
9:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

### Wednesday, February 4

*Manche Masemola, Martyr, 1928*

10:00am	Staff Meeting .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
11:00am	Liturgy Meeting .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
5:00pm	Cherub Choir .....	Rm 215
5:00pm	Choristers Rehearsal .....	Choir Rm
6:00pm	Wednesday Supper (potluck) .....	Burns Hall
6:45pm	Redeemer Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Rm

### Thursday, February 5

*Agatha of Sicily, Martyr, c. 251*

7:15am	Youth Bible Breakfast .....	Raymond Library
7:30am	Men's Bible Study .....	Pembroke Rm
10:00am	Formation Meeting .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
12:00pm	Women Exploring Scripture .....	Raymond Library
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous .....	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

### Friday, February 6

*The Martyrs of Japan, 1597*

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday) .....	Church
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### Saturday, February 7

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday) .....	Church
5:00pm	Lieder & Libations .....	Burns Hall

### Sunday, February 8

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8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I .....	Church
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10:45am	Music Committee .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
4:00pm	RYG .....	Masterman Hall
5:00pm	Choral Evensong .....	Church

Up-to-date calendar always available on [www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar](http://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:

Keanen	Jay & Martha	Jill
Lyman Perry	Lisa	Andreas Pas
Annie	Carol	William
Steve LoCastro	Cannie	Doris
Jill Whitney	Malcolm	Camille Scott
Jane	Pam Daley	Tom Gerrity
Kristen	Bob Hobbs	Chris McCleary
Rhonda	Megan	Fran Northrup

- 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](http://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

K-5 church school will meet in the Parish House room 215 at 10:45am following the 9:30 Liturgy. We will continue to focus on God's creation of the earth (and us) but we will move beyond the Genesis stories.

### Confirmation Class

staff contact [joneill@theredeemer.org](mailto:joneill@theredeemer.org)

### Hospitality Suite

Congratulations to: Henry Wright Ingersoll, George Kirkland Ingersoll, Evelyn Hope Ford, Selden Thomas Carruthers, Eloise Proctor Amirault, Spencer Dace Burkhardt, Graham Hudson Burkhardt, William James O'Neill, Bea Wesley, William Chapman Cook, Tommy Burke, Caroline Innisfree DeSilets, on their Confirmation at Episcopal Academy on January 31st!

### The Redeemer Youth Group

This Sunday RYG will be hosting **Lori Kasmen, Psy.D. and Danielle Trucksess, Ph.D.** Clinical psychologists at The Anxiety and Agoraphobia Treatment Center in Bala Cynwyd PA. A discussion around anxiety and adolescents seems Obvious in 2026 but truly we come to it from a spiritual place as well. We have approached our theme of REST as understood through the Sabbath many ways throughout this school year. One great obstacle to rest is the growing anxiety that so many of us experience. We hope this discussion will be an opportunity for our youth to hear from the experts and one another to better understand themselves and the role that Sabbath time can play in all of our lives.

## Music at The Redeemer presents Music of Haydn & Mozart

The Redeemer Choir & Choristers  
The Redeemer Festival Orchestra

Andrew Senn, Conductor

**Sunday, March 7  
5:00pm**

\$30 General Admission  
\$15 Students and under 18s



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