

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



Scott Carter
Vestry Nominee



Jessie Caverly Rae
Vestry Nominee



Rita Davis
Vestry Nominee



174th Annual Parish Meeting February 22, 2026

following the 9:30am service in Burns Hall

Vote for our incoming Vestry members,
review the 2026 budget, hear about our plans
for the 175th Anniversary and more.

Join us! Brunch will be served.



Eric Rabe
Vestry Nominee

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 third panel and on the website at www.TheRedeemer.org/Vestry

The Annual Report was forwarded in an email link on Thursday. You can also access it from our website homepage www.TheRedeemer.org. If you would like a hard-copy, let us know and we will make one available for pickup in the Parish Office.

Winners' Concert Here

Sunday, February 22, 1:30 to 4:00pm

The Nelly Berman School of Music presents its 2026 Solo and Concerto Competition Winners' Concert here in the church featuring the NBS Faculty Quartet. Students and faculty will perform concertos by Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart and more. Tickets available at the door: \$25 Adults, \$15 for Children. More information at: nbsmusic.com.

Sunday, February 22

The First Sunday in Lent

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery.....	Rm 208
9:30am	Choral Matins and Communion with music	Church + Livestream
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Burns Hall
10:45am	Church School	Second Floor Classrooms
11:00am	Annual Parish Meeting	Burns Hall
1:30pm	Nelly Berman School of Music Concert.....	Church
4:00pm	RYG	Masterman Hall
8:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Speaker Series

March 8 at 11:00am - Pembroke Rm

Nancy Goldenberg, Executive Director of Laurel Hill Cemetery, will be joining us to talk about the history of the cemetery, current programs, and ecological efforts. This kicks off a series of speakers who will be discussing the role Churchyards and other burial spaces play in the environment and the community.

Art Song Recital Here

Saturday, February 28 at 3:30pm in the Church

The Wynnewood Vocal Studio presents its 2026 Winter Recital featuring adult students from the private voice studio of Paul Spencer Adkins. Five different languages including English will be featured. A suggested donation of \$20 for adults and \$10 for students will be gratefully received.

Beech Tree Succumbs

One of our old American beech trees was removed last week by John B. Ward. In line with the recommendations from our recent tree survey we planned to remove this tree due to Beech Leaf Disease, however, it continued to drop large limbs and pose potential damage to the Churchyard. We began treating our American beech trees last fall with the latest methods and are hopeful this will slow the progress of the disease.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Pop-Up Food Collection

The small but vital Food Pantry at St. Gabriel's Church empties quickly each week food is bagged and distributed to families and individuals in the community. Please consider adding a few extra non-perishable items to your list when shopping for groceries (e.g., canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter, jelly, soups, pastas, canned fruit, instant oatmeal, cereal, deodorants, soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes) and deliver them to the wicker hamper in the parish house before February 27. Redeemer's St. Gabriel's Lunch team will deliver items on Saturday, February 28. Questions? Contact Jan Clarke: janc144@verizon.net.

St. James School Fundraiser

As we move into the Lenten Season, we have a unique opportunity to assist the St. James School reach important goals. There will be a tree in the Parish House Lobby with tags from the school requesting specific gifts to help the school continue its extraordinary work. Please stop at the tree and take a tag to fulfill the requested wish. Make this a part of your Lenten journey, adding prayers for the wonderful students at the school as you fulfill one of their dreams! Thank you in advance for your willingness to assist!

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, as the active Stewardship Campaign ends with the Annual Meeting this Sunday there is a lot of wonderful news to celebrate? Thank you to ALL Redeemer households who contributed to the success of the 2026 campaign. 2026 had an 11% increase in total dollars raised over the previous year with 51% of households generously pledging more than in 2025. 31% renewed their support and 12% decreased. Overall, 6% of the pledges were from new, or lapsed, participants. These statistics show the tremendous support, and commitment, of so many households and shows the strength of The Redeemer. Thank you to all who pledged for making Stewardship 2026 another record-breaking year for our collective church community.

Pledge Stats
300 Pledges
\$1,200,535.32
pledged
11% increase



Pledge



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 47 years.

She spent her early childhood in Clermont Ferrand, France, coming to the U.S. as a young girl, and has had a 45

year career at the Agnes Irwin School, serving for the past 13 years as head of the Language Department.

A teacher of French, 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 vision and mission of 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. Off campus, she has supervised cooking classes at her home and conducted trips to Paris and Nîmes, with the goal of enhancing students' fluency in French and immersion in French culture. Her four children have been engaged in many activities at The Redeemer, singing in the choir, participating in the youth group trips, participating in the pageant, attending Sunday school, and participating in all the gifts of music, and her 3 daughters were brides here. Her children passed through many rites of passage throughout their growth: starting with birth and baptism, from chorister to adult choice, onto celebration of gaining adulthood, and yet need to face internments. 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 Com-

munications 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),
Facebook page (RedeemerBrynMawr),
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, February 23

Polycarp of Smyrna, Bishop & Martyr, 156

7:00pm	Cornerstones Class	Raymond Library
8:00pm	NA	Masterman Hall

Tuesday, February 24

St. Matthias the Apostle

1:00pm	Clergy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:00pm	NEW Committee.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Wednesday, February 25

Emily Malbone Morgan, Lay Leader & Contemplative, 1937

1:00pm	Staff Meeting.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
2:00pm	Liturgy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
5:00pm	Cherub Choir	Rm 215
5:00pm	Choristers Rehearsal	Choir Rm
6:00pm	Wednesday Night Supper (potluck).....	Burns Hall
6:45pm	Redeemer Choir Rehearsal	Choir Rm

Thursday, February 26

Photini, The Samaritan Woman, c. 67

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
6:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Annual Meeting.....	Masterman Hall
7:00pm	Community Support	Pembroke Rm
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Friday, February 27

George Herbert, Priest & Poet, 1633

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
4:30pm	Prysm Strings	Parish House

Saturday, February 28

Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, Educator, 1964

8:45am	St. Gabe's Prep	Kitchen
9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
11:00am	Beverly Spahr Memorial Service	Church
3:30pm	Wynnewood Vocal Ensemble Recital	Church

Sunday, March 1

The Second Sunday in Lent

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
10:45am	Church School	Second Floor Classrooms
4:00pm	RYG	Masterman Hall
5:00pm	Choral Evensong	Church
8:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

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

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:

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

- 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.TheRedeemer.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

Walk for Peace

Church school will meet in Parish House room 215 on Sunday at 10:45. We will explore Peter's efforts to create the early church. We will continue to rehearse and start puppets for our "All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir" project. We look forward to seeing you!

The Redeemer Youth Group

RYG, will not be meeting this Sunday after our long weekend away over President's Day Weekend. We will meet for Bible Breakfast Thursday morning at 7:15 and resume regular meetings next Sunday.

Music at The Redeemer presents Music of Haydn & Mozart



The Redeemer Choir & Choristers
The Redeemer Festival Orchestra

Andrew Senn, Conductor

**Sunday, March 8
5:00pm**

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



**www.TheRedeemer.org/MusicSeries
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