News from Episcopal Church of Redeemer

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Adult Forums

February 25, 10:45am - Pembroke Room (125) Peter Vanderveen



When someone says "Repent" what immediately comes to mind? Is it something like what is pictured here? Repentance is a word that easily floats off the tongue in the church. For the writer of the Gospel of Mark, repentance is the word and act that begins the New Testament. And this is echoed each year in the season of Lent. But for as much as it's talked about, it's rarely done and, probably, deeply misunderstood. Today's forum will be an exercise of repenting about repentance so that we can draw it more in line with what it truly means.

First Sunday Evensongs

March 3 – 5pm Choral Evensong

Invite your neighbors and friends to experience this beautiful service and time of day. The service will include: Vernon Williams - *Preces and Responses*, Orlando Gibbons - *Short Service* and Nick Lombardelli - *Spem in Alium*.

The Creed As A Love Song

Thursday Nights 7-8:00pm

Pembroke Room (formerly known as Rm 125)

We've just passed Valentine's Day—the one day of the year when we are urged to force our loves into the same monolithic forms: red hearts, chocolates, and saccharine sentiments. Love as Creed. For the rest of the year, love is expressed in wild variation and complications: highs, lows, struggles, victories, jealousies and exhilarations. This is the stuff of countless ballads, many of which never grow old. And no one stamps their foot to say that love must conform to its Valentine's Day dictates. No one wants love to be this restrained and rigid.

So why do we ask this of religion and faith? Why do we impose such a lifeless sense of facticity and staid dogma on the statement that is meant to express the heart of our belief and being? The Creed is really a song—a dramatic telling of undying love. We need to learn to hear it this way and to sing along with it. Peter Vanderveen leads this discussion.

Sunday, February 25 The Second Sunday in Len		
8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I	Church
9:15am	Nursery	Rm 208
9:30am	Choral Matins	Church & via Livestream
10:30am	Preschool and Lower Elementary	Rm 221 & 215
10:30am	Upper Elementary	Rm 217
10:30am	Middle School/Confirmation Class	Hospitality Suite
10:40am	Coffee Hour	Burns Hall
10:45am	Adult Forum	Pembroke Room + Livestream
4:00pm	RYG	Youth Cottage

OPPORTUNITIES

The Flower Guild Needs You

Still looking for an enjoyable and very gratifying activity in 2024? The Flower Guild may be the perfect opportunity for you! No previous flower arranging experience is required—our weekly teams provide on-the-job training. The time commitment is minimal (generally 2 hours on a Friday or Saturday and/or helping with floral installations at Easter and Christmas) and the rewards are great. Please contact Jan Clarke (janc144@ verizon.net, 610-547-1958) if you are interested in joining a weekly team or if you'd like more information.

Wednesday Night Suppers

Wednesday Night suppers continue. Please come to Burns Hall at 6pm for food, fellowship, and fun. Attendees are welcome to bring adult refreshments if desired, and all are asked to RSVP at www. TheRedeemer.org/RSVP. We hope to see many of you there!

2023 Annual Report

Visit www.TheRedeemer.org/annual_reports to view or download your copy of the Annual Report. If you'd like a printed copy, please email finerritt@theredeemer. org.The minutes from the meeting are now accessible from that webpage as well.

Livestream Operators Needed

As you know, a new livestreaming system was recently installed in the church. This new system is much easier to operate than the previous one. We would love to add to the ranks of operators and to get our former operators trained on the new system. The easiest way to train is to shadow someone on a Sunday morning. Please contact Caroline Manogue to register your interest and to see who is scheduled in the coming weeks to arrange for training.

Compline Via Zoom

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:00pm

Begun during the pandemic lock-down, this beautiful close-of-the-day service continues with a very devoted group of parishioners. All are welcome to join anytime and it may be a nice Lenten activity. You'll find the Zoom link along with a PDF of the liturgy currently being used in the online parish calendar at www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

We're Getting Ready

Families from Family Promise of the Main Line will be back with us March 17–24. We now have new beds, thanks to Mary Hopkins. We have new food storage containers, thanks to Julie Schroeder. We have gently used linens, thanks to Jim and Lin Buck, and we have an organized storage room, thanks to Emily Snell, Barbara Hobbs and Barbara Billings. We do need more bath towels, wash cloths and pillow cases. If you have any extras, please drop them off at the Community Connections hamper under the coat rack in the Parish House hall. Many thanks!

Give a Bag, Take a Bag

The Give a Bag, Take a Bag program aims to ease the transition to the new plastic bag ordinance by providing free reusable bags. At host locations Township residents are encouraged to donate their clean, unneeded reusable bags or grab a reusable bag for shopping! Current locations include ElderNet, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr (behind Ludington Library).



Annual Have A Heart Campaign

You should have received a recent mailing soliciting your support of our African Children's Mission's work in Malawi. This annual Valentines Day appeal helps this ministry make a difference in the lives of those affected by major cyclone damage. Return the contribution envelope to the parish office.

OPPORTUNITIES

Save the Date

Sunday, March 10 at 5pm

The English Anthem-ORCHESTRATED

The combined choirs of The Redeemer along with a full orchestra will present many of the famous and well-loved anthems of the English cathedrals some of which orchestrated for the first time by Director of Music, Andrew Senn. Tickets \$20 www.TheRedeemer. org/RSVP



The Program Includes:

Parry - I was glad Elgar - The spirit of the Lord Stanford - Te Deum in Bb Colridge-Taylor - By the waters of Babylon Bainton - And I saw a new Heaven Mendelssohn - Verleih uns frieden Jessica French - Tantum ergo Parry - Dear Lord and Father

RYG Worktrip to DC

Members of RYG spent the President's Day weekend in Washington, DC helping to sort through warehouses of donated housewares, organizing diapers that will be donated to families living in poverty (did you know 3 in 5 American workers miss days of work each month because they can't afford the diapers required to leave their child in daycare?), serving breakfast to unhoused people, worshiping at a downtown DC church. Much more information and photos to come.







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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

Monda	ay, February 26	Photini, The Samaritan Woman, c. 67
7:30pm	Cantores	Choir Rm
8:00pm		
Tuesday, February 27 George Herbert, Priest & Poet, 1633		
9:00am	Painting Circle	Hospitality Suite
5:00pm		Choir Rm
9:00pm	•	via Zoom
Wedne	esday, February 28	Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, Educator, 1964
10:00am	Spring Voice Content Mtg	Staff Conf Rm 204
2:00pm		Staff Conf Rm 204
3:00pm	Liturgy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
5:00pm		Rm 221
5:00pm		Choir Rm
5:45pm		Burns Hall
6:45pm		
Thurso	day, February 29	
7:30am	Men's Bible Study	Pembroke Rm
12:00pm		Pembroke Room
12:00pm	Women Exploring Scripture	via Zoom & Raymond Library
1:00pm	Formation Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:00pm	The Creed as Lovesong	Pembroke Room
7:00pm	•	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom
Friday,	March 1	David of Wales, Bishop, C. 544
9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
5:30pm	Prysm Rehearsal	Parish House
Saturday, March 2 Chad of Lichfield, Bishop, 672		
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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.



5:00pm



Via Venmo





Via PayPal

All Options

IN OUR PRAYERS

• For those who are sick or in need:

Wilma Emily Janet Harvey
Biz Bobby Louise Marx
Viola Bradshaw Stephanie Chris McCleary
Tom Gerrity Ann-Marie Fran Northrup

Carlie Keanen Joan Nell Malcolm Monica Hackett

Barbara McClenahan Virginia Simpson Karen Nagel Pierce Archer

• 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 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

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

We'll talk more about Sunday's Gospel lesson and what it means when Jesus tells us to take up our cross. We will also continue our new practice of a Lenten prayer book, so please be thinking about people and things you'd like to pray for and we will add them to our book!

Upper School - Rm 217 (grades 4 - 5)

Our class will focus on praying alone and in silence. Have you ever just sat in the quiet as a way of talking to God? We will think about how this practice might make us feel closer to God, and will also update our class prayer book with additional people and things we'd like to pray for over the coming week.

Middle School - Hospitality Suite

We will continue to focus on the theme of Faith in Action, this time looking at power. Who has it? How do we use it? Is power good, bad, or both?

Redeemer Youth Group - Youth Cottage

RYG will be meeting this Sunday in the cottage to play some games, reflect on our work trip and to begin to plan for our spring. Please join us!

Getting to Know You

We encourage you to upload individual and family photos to our online Parish Directory. It's a great and the 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, update your family, 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 finerritt@theredeemer.org.

Do We Have Your Email Address?

Use the QR code to complete the online form and send it to us.

