

# News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

### Adult Forum - Today

**Sunday, February 8 at 11:00am**

#### Pembroke Room

On this Super Bowl Sunday, Jeremy O'Neill will lead an adult forum exploring the depictions of faith and its relationship to football in American Culture. From fight songs to flyovers and the influence of Tim Tebow, we will discuss how the Christian faith has made its way onto the playing field.

### Abundant Thanks

Thank you to all who helped during our Family Promise hosting. We deeply appreciate the generosity and kindness you demonstrated in a variety of ways. Our next host week is March 22 to 29. Save the dates. We'll let you know when the Sign-Up Genius is on line.

### Evensong Update

The third Sunday of the month February 15 Choral Evensong, usually sung by our Choristers, will not take place this month. Too many of them will be away over the long weekend.

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

HOSTED BY  
THE VESTRY

Tuesday, February 17

5:30 to 7:00pm

Join us in celebration of the final feast before Lent.  
Burns Hall - Parish House

\$5/person \$15 max/family



### Sunday, February 8

*The Fifth 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
10:45am	Music Committee .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
11:00am	Adult Forum .....	Pembroke Rm
4:00pm	RYG .....	Masterman Hall

## Speaker Series Returns

### February 15 at 11:00am - Pembroke Rm

**Redeemer parishioner Tad Sperry**, whose work appears throughout the Parish House, will have a conversation with Jeremy O'Neill about his career as an artist, his work that hangs in the Parish House, and current projects he is working on.

### 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.



## 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.

### DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, the 2026 Annual Meeting is a few weeks later this year and therefore the active Stewardship Campaign is also longer? The good news is there are two more weeks to submit a pledge to Stewardship 2026. The down side is the Stewardship Committee, volunteers and staff are still diligently working to connect with the 49

Pledge Stats
2-5-26
292 Pledges
\$1,163,685.32
9% increase

households who pledged a total of \$108,000 last year with hopes of securing their pledges for 2026. We are almost at the finish line of knowing the collective generosity which will determine budgets, opportunities and financial health of the coming year. Thank you, as always, to those who have already pledged, and to those who intend to pledge.



Pledge



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## 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](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 9

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

### Tuesday, February 10

*Scholastica, Monastic, 543*

1:00pm	Clergy Meeting .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
6:30pm	Executive Committee .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
9:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

### Wednesday, February 11

*Consecration of Barbara Harris, First Woman Bishop, 1989*

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 Supper (potluck) .....	Burns Hall
6:45pm	Redeemer Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Rm

### Thursday, February 12

*Theodora, Empress, c. 867*

RYG Departs for Worktrip to Washington, DC

7:30am	Men's Bible Study .....	Pembroke Rm
9:00am	Pinemar .....	Burns Hall
10:00am	Formation Meeting .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
10:15am	Pastoral Care Committee .....	Pembroke Rm
12:00pm	Women Exploring Scripture .....	Raymond Library
4:00pm	Community Connection .....	via Zoom
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous .....	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

### Friday, February 13

*Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818*

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

### Saturday, February 14

*Cyril & Methodius, Missionaries, 869 & 885*

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday) .....	Church
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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:

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](http://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

Our SHINE church school curriculum focuses on Peace in God's Creation this year. We're going to take a detour this Sunday and learn about the Buddhist Monks' *Walk For Peace* that has been taking place since October. We will learn about our Christian call to peace, Jesus' journeys for peace, and how we can contribute to Peace in our communities. We will make Church of the Redeemer friendship and peace.

Glenn Beamer will travel to Washington, DC on Monday, February 9. Glenn will give the monks our peace bracelets, coconut macaroons, and COTR mementos. If you would like to add a card of your own, please feel free to leave them in Glenn's mail box in the parish office or give them to him at 9:30 liturgy.

### The Redeemer Youth Group

RYG will be at the St Francis Inn Sunday morning serving the community of Kensington. Sunday afternoon we will have an abbreviated meeting from 4-5:30 pm which will include some Super Bowl activities. We will not meet this Thursday morning for Bible Breakfast, but will be leaving Thursday afternoon for our worktrip to DC!

# 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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