

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

WORSHIP NOTES

In this new feature of The News, the Rector will illumine and call to our attention significant features of our worship.

Worship Consists of Paying Attention

It's hard not to think of baptism as "a moment." For, indeed, everything within the liturgy seems to reach its culmination in the actual act of (more or less) dousing a child with water. And, correspondingly, all those in attendance—parents, godparents, family, and the congregation—wait, whether with anticipation or nervousness, to see what reaction comes from the baptized child. Liturgies are highly scripted and formal exercises. The moment of baptism is a bit of an interruption, when, in the most human of ways, anything can happen.

Far less appreciated, however, is the fact that baptism is intended to be "an initiation." It doesn't so much convey a new status (as if one becomes, thereby, the latest member of the club). Baptism sets the direction for one's life—the whole of it—by defining one's time under the force of a series of verbs. A good life is characterized in the Prayers for the Candidate by the dynamic sweep of these actions: we ask that God "delivers, opens, fills, keeps, teaches, sends, and brings." This is quite a set of graces, meant to be ever ongoing—a process of edification that never ceases, for all of us.

In our service, these prayers that our lives can be so defined, one and all, are sung by the choir, as voices joined "with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven." This signifies the extension of one moment, and our lives, into the span of the eternal.

Welcoming into the Household of God

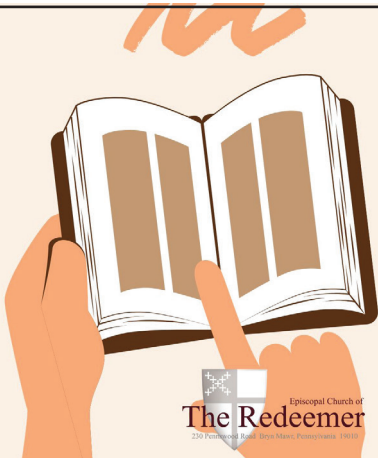
At today's Baptism during the 9:30am service we welcome **Winston Sewell Brown**, son of Caroline Carr Brown and Dylan Michael Brown.

Thursday Bible Studies

Youth Bible Breakfast
7:15am Raymond Library
starts September 17

Men's Bible Study
7:30am Pembroke Room
starts September 10

Women Exploring Scripture
Noon via Zoom
link on Parish Calendar - starts October 1



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220 Federal Road, Boston, MA 02128

Sunday, September 20

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery Opens.....	Rm 206
9:30am	Baptism & Holy Eucharist Rite II with choirs	Church + Livestream
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Parish House
10:45am	Church School	Parish House 2nd Floor Classrooms
4:00pm	RYG	Masterman Hall
8:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Adult Forum: *Finding Your Voice*

Join Andrew Senn and the Staff Singers for an Adult Forum **in the Chancel** following the 9:30am service where we'll talk about learning music together and the tools needed to do so. Experience finding your confidence when you feel supported by both singers and instrument.

Wednesday Suppers Are Back

These regular suppers are taking a slightly different approach this year. The meals will be served beginning at 5:00pm (to allow kids to eat prior to Cherub and Chorister rehearsal at 5:30) and will run through 6:30pm. Use the link at TheRedeemer.org/ RSVP to find more details of the coming week and to register your attendance and tell us what you will bring to share. If you'd like to be placed on the email distribution list, contact Becky Windfield, rebecca.harper@gmail.com.

Music Series Begins

Organ Recital - October 11 at 4pm

Our Michael Stairs Organ Scholar, Ted Babbitt, will present an organ recital featuring music by Louis Vierne, Cesar Frank, Christa Rakich, and JS Bach. Ted has already displayed musicianship beyond his years as player and accompanist. Come and experience this remarkable young talent, and greet him following the recital at a reception in Burns Hall.

Calling Green Thumbs- Gardeners- Plant Whisperers

Our campus can use your expertise. Come and share your talent and passion with us. Please be in touch with Joshua Castano (jcasstano@theredeemer.org) if you are interested in helping to keep our plantings in good order with weeding, pruning, or general plant care.

Foyer Groups Now Forming

Whether you're a long-time member or a relative newcomer, Foyer Groups help you acquire more than a nodding acquaintance with your fellow parishioners. Typically, Foyer Groups of 8-10 individuals are formed with a designated "first host." Each group sets its own dates and venues for casual gatherings – most opt for pot luck dinners inside or outside a group member's home, but some are more innovative (e.g., a local park, BYO restaurant, swim club, bowling alley, the Parish House). The idea is to broaden our knowledge and appreciation of one another as members of The Redeemer church family – particularly newcomers! To sign up, or for more information, please contact Jan Clarke at 610-547-1958 (cell) or janc144@verizon.net.

Morning Musicales Season Begins

Thursday, October 15, at 11:00am in the Church

The first morning concert features Trio Azura, the Young Concert Artists first Ensemble in Residence, and winners of the 2024 National Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition. Come hear the refined color of Maurice Ravel, the contemporary clarity of Jennifer Higdon, and the drama of Felix Mendelssohn. This performance immediately follows the Carnegie Hall debut of Trio Azura, but you can hear them live here! For more information and tickets, please visit www.MorningMusicales.com; tickets @ \$20.00 will also be available at the door.

Acolyte Recruiting

Opportunities to serve as Torch Bears and Crucifers for children ages 10 and up are available in The Redeemer Acolyte Ministry. Servers are needed for the main Sunday service and holiday services. Commitment involves at least one Sunday a month. This is a way for youth to serve and learn about and experience the beauty and meaning of the liturgy close-up. Recruiting will continue throughout September with training in mid-October. Please contact Head Verger, Bob Mikrut, vergerbob@comcast.net, or the Parish Office, 610-525-2486.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, the purpose of this column is to show the importance of Stewardship at The Redeemer? In the fall, the focus is on the present campaign and in the spring, it highlights our beautiful campus, exquisite church, interesting historical information, current preservation as well as highlighting our commitment to community involvement. Past Stewardship support has brought us to the present and we are the stewards of the future. For the 2026 year, an astounding 50% of households increased their pledge and 7% of all pledges were new, or returned, supporters which is tremendous for future growth. In total, the campaign raised 11.5% more than the previous year. Thank you to ALL who made Stewardship 2026 a record year by generously supporting The Redeemer. You'll be hearing from us soon about the 2027 campaign.

Scan to register



Blood Drive

Thursday, September 24 1pm to 6pm

Burns Hall - Parish House

Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter TheRedeemer

Streamline your visit in advance
RedCross.org/RapidPass



Blood supplies are at a critically low level.

Please make your appointment today.

Soliciting Your Talents and Donations

Do you have an item, service, skill, or experience you would like to contribute to the 2026 Christmas Village Silent Auction? If so, please contact Edward Senn at elandinsenn@gmail.com. While not every offering can be included, the Silent Auction Committee is grateful to hear from parishioners as we prepare this special event in November celebrating Redeemer's 175th anniversary.

Family Promise Annual Event at The Redeemer

Thursday, October 1 6pm to 8pm

Parish House Burns Hall

Support families experiencing homelessness and hunger while celebrating the hope and resilience that define the Family Promise mission. Cocktail reception, live auction, fellowship, and more. For more information, tickets and sponsorships go to: <https://www.fpmontco.org/hope-for-homes-2026>

Episcopal Legal Aid (ELA) Celebration

Thursday, October 8, 5-7 pm

Church of St. Asaph, Bala Cynwyd

Enjoy a casual evening to celebrate and hear about the work of ELA, which brings pro bono legal services to low-income residents of Philadelphia and the surrounding counties. Visit <https://www.episcopallegalaid.org/annualcelebration> to order tickets (\$50 for one; \$75 for two), review your options or find out more.

Family Promise Guests Coming

October 11 to 18

We're getting ready to host homeless families from Family Promise October 11 to 18. These are Montgomery County neighbors who have temporarily lost their safety nets and need us (and other churches) to provide food and shelter as they look for housing or jobs or both. They demonstrate amazing resilience and perseverance as they work to get back on their feet. There will be opportunities for parishioners of all ages to provide meals and eat dinner with our guests, interact with the children, stay overnight, set up or take down beds, supply basic groceries, help with laundry or serve as evening coordinators. This is a ministry of hospitality and presence. Please sign up on our Sign-Up Genius on line (www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP) or the easel in the Parish House. Thank you!

ElderNet Thanks

Thank you to the many parishioners who contributed to our very successful ElderNet drive this summer. We delivered over 65 bags of supplies to the ElderNet Pantry that serves hundreds of adults, especially frail older or younger disabled persons with low to moderate incomes residing right here in Lower Merion and Narberth. Special thanks go to Leslie Boris and Bill Gross who took the lead in organizing and delivering our contributions. We received the following note from Michele Raymond, Executive Director, ElderNet: *From the board, staff, volunteers and our participants, we want to send a huge "Thank you" to everyone, at Church of The Redeemer, who donated food, cleaning and personal hygiene items for ElderNet. Your generosity and kindness will make a meaningful difference for older adults in our community. Thank you again!*

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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](https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerBrynMawr)),
Instagram ([theredeemerpa](https://www.instagram.com/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, September 21

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00pm NA.....Masterman Hall

Tuesday, September 22

Philander Chase, Bishop, 1852

1:00pm Clergy Meeting Staff Conf Rm 204

5:15pm French Tutoring (*building use*) Rm 217

9:00pm Compline via Zoom

Wednesday, September 23

Thecla of Iconium, Proto-Martyr Among Women, c. 70

1:00pm Staff Meeting..... Staff Conf Rm 204

2:00pm Liturgy Meeting Staff Conf Rm 204

5:00pm Wednesday Supper..... Burns Hall

5:30pm Choristers Rehearsal..... Choir Rm

5:30pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal Rm 215

6:45pm Redeemer Choir Rehearsal Choir Rm

7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous Masterman Hall

Thursday, September 24

Anna Elliswon Butler Alexander, Deaconess & Teacher

7:15am Youth Bible Breakfast Raymond Library

7:30am Men's Bible Study..... Pembroke Rm

10:00am Formation Meeting Staff Conf Rm 204

1:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (*building use*)..... Burns Hall

4:00pm Finance Committee Staff Conf Rm 204

4:30pm Choristers Rehearsal..... Choir Rm

7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous Masterman Hall

9:00pm Compline via Zoom

Friday, September 25

Sergius of Radonezh, Monastic, 1392

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

5:00pm PRYSM Parents Meeting (*building use*) Church

5:00pm PRYSM Auditions (*building use*) Parish House

Saturday, September 26

Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop, 1626

8:45am St. Gabriel's Prep Kitchen

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

11:00am Conrad Family Baptism Church

Sunday, September 27

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I..... Church

9:15am Nursery Opens..... Rm 206

9:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II with choirs Church + Livestream

10:40am Coffee Hour..... Parish House

10:45am Church School Parish House 2nd Floor Classrooms

4:00pm RYG Masterman Hall

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:

Angel
Amit
Kate Atlas
Tess
Dixon Sperry
Binney McCague

Keanen
Lyman Perry
Annie
Kristen
Jay & Martha
Lisa

Malcolm
Pam Daley
Bob Hobbs
Megan
Tom Gerrity
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 or contact Jo Ann Jones; jjones@theredeemer.org

CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Nursery - Church School - Children's Chapel

These programs return Sunday, September 13.

K-5 Formation

We enjoyed an energetic and full classes for both the Pre-K and K-5 formation classes as we embarked on our SHINE curriculum focusing on God's creation of the earth. We had an excellent craft and the kids enjoyed creating sea glass mosaics of their impressions of the earth before God created the fish and animals.

This Sunday, our Rector Peter Vanderveen will be teaching the K-5 class in room 217. Rector Peter's lesson will focus on the seminal acts Genesis & how the Garden of Eden & Noah's Ark help us understand not just what God created, but how and why he created us in all our complexity and flaws.

Pre-school program

The Pre-K program will meet at 10:45am in parish house room 221. We welcome and encourage parents to participate with us as we learn how to engage our youngest parishioners. Last Sunday, we had a fun & constructive time learning about Genesis and how God created the world and then made mini-mosaics of the early solar system.

A special thank you to our returning and new teachers who made our kick-off Sunday a success. We are grateful to our returning teachers Emily Gibb, Kate Chojnacki, and Nicki Scott and welcome our new teachers Margaret Devlin, Natalia Marandiu, and Jeanmarie Alls. If you are interested in teaching or participating in the children's formation program please be in touch with Glenn Beamer at gbeamer@theredeemer.org or 908-432-8016.

"Some-more S'Mores Please!!" Mark Your Calendars for October 4

Children's formation will be hosting our first "S'Mores after Evensong," on Sunday October 4 following the Evensong service at 5pm. Children and adults of all ages, parents and non-parents alike, are invited as we gather in the courtyard to make S'Mores & enjoy apple cider. There will be a limited number of s'mores rods & pokers & you are welcome to bring your own. Please contact Glenn with any questions at gbeamer@theredeemer.org or 908-432-8016.

The Redeemer Youth Group

RYG will be heading to Kensington to serve at St Francis Inn this Sunday from 10:30am to 2pm. Sunday afternoon RYG will meet at the Parish House from 4-6pm and will consider the role of HOPE in our daily lives. Thursday morning RYG will meet for Bible Breakfast from 7:15-8am.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will be meeting every Sunday from 10:45 to 11:30am in the Hospitality Suite starting next Sunday, September 27. Please email Rebecca Northington if you have an eighth grader who is interested in participating. rnorthington@theredeemer.org.