

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Adult Formation Opportunities

Sunday, September 21 at 10:45am

Report from Canterbury Choir Pilgrimage

After finally arriving in Canterbury (that's a nightmare story all to its own) the choir enjoyed a highly successful and spirit-filled week of leading Choral Evensongs and Worship at Canterbury Cathedral. Please join us as we share a photo and video report along with personal experiences. A webpage, that's coming soon, will include direct links to the recorded livestreams of the daily services. If you can't wait, visit YouTube and search Choral Evensong Canterbury Cathedral, August 12 thru 17. (See the end panel for a lovely letter from the cathedral music administrator.)

Sunday, September 28 at 10:45am

NEW Speaker Series Begins - *Faith Under Fire: the Art of Defiance*

John Hougen, Coordinator, The Art of Interfaith Understanding

Next week we will kick off our series of outside speakers focusing on the relationship between Art and Faith. John Hougen will present to us an exhibit he recently showcased at the Philadelphia Museum of Art entitled: *The Art of Defiance*. John is ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is Coordinator of The Art of Interfaith Understanding, an annual series of programs sponsored by Interfaith Philadelphia and the Office of Community Engagement at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Adult Reception, Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Searching Class

Are you an adult looking to explore your faith and learn more about The Episcopal Church? Are you interested in being received into the Church, Confirm or Reaffirm your Baptismal vows, or just have questions? Jeremy O'Neill will be leading an "Adult Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation and Searching Class" to cover material similar to what is explored by youth when they go through conversation, but drawing upon higher level sources and life experience. All are welcome for these evening discussions. Contact Jeremy.joneill@theredeemer.org to learn more and for scheduling.

Last Sunday of the Month 9:30am Worship

Change of liturgy.

It has been our habit to schedule Choral Matins on the last Sunday of each month. We have done this in order not to lose important expressions of the Christian faith that are included only in the Daily Office. We are making a few substantial changes to this service. We are significantly shortening the usual Morning Prayer service, which will then be a preface to Holy Communion. This is a response to comments we have received. We will still be able to include canticles and sung prayers in our common worship life. Holy Communion will be part of every Sunday morning service. And the movement that is part of liturgy will be helpful for families. The service should be no longer than one hour.

Sunday, September 21

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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	Upstairs Classrooms
10:45am	Canterbury Pilgrimage Report.....	Burns Hall
12:00pm	Vestry Meeting	Pembroke Room
3:30pm	Eagle Scout Ceremony	Church
4:00pm	RYG	MastermanHall

Foyer Groups Forming

Whether you're a long-time member or a relative newcomer, Foyer Groups help you acquire more than a nodding acquaintance with more of 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 potluck 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.

Organ Concert

Sunday, October 12 at 5pm

Daniel Colaner

Michael Stairs Organ Scholar

Performing works of:
Durufle, Elgar, and Holst

Free will offering

Church of the Redeemer Music Series

More information www.TheRedeemer.org/music_series




Wednesday Night Dinners

6:00pm September 24: Pizza

- Dinner served at 6, but feel free to come early for fellowship time. Cleanup starts at 6:45 and is completed by 7

- Each week is potluck with the exception of pizza nights which are ticketed \$10 Adults, \$8 Kids, payable upon arrival or by Venmo @TheRedeemer



- RSVP Required by Monday the week of Pizza night
- Activities for kids (games, stories, and discussions) 6:15-6:45 led by Glenn Beamer and Rebecca Northington
- RSVP your attendance and what you can bring for each week using this code.

Initiatives to Fill Our Sacred Spaces

Tuesday, September 23, 7-9pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 22 E. Chestnut Hill Ave., Philadelphia

Kory Caudill - One Night Only in the City of Brotherly Love

Trying a new way to answer the question, "how do we fill cathedral halls with incredible music and with an audience who maybe has never before come inside?" Join in a fiery Appalachian soul, dazzling piano wizardry, and a warm, spirited night of music with pianist/Nashville keys ace Kory Caudill. Move information and tickets available here: <https://bit.ly/KCinPhilly>

Using The Redeemer as an Anchor Institution

From Cradles to Crayons

The community support has been outstanding and is the best that we've seen from any bin placement. Pick-ups from the mailbox are required twice a week, as it fills every 5 days or so. Each time it's about 3 carts full of high-quality donations, which means we're able to distribute a higher percentage of what is donated to children. Someone even dropped off 60 pairs of brand-new shoes recently!

September 8, 2025

Red Cross Blood Drive stats:

- Lifesaving blood collected – 34 pints
- Goal – 29 pints
- % of goal – 117 pints
- Above & beyond –
5 donations above goal – Awesome!
- First Time Donors – 4
- Power Red Donors – 8
- Type O Donors – 20

Canterbury Cathedral

Tuesday 19th August 2025

Andrew Senn
Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr

Dear Andrew

On behalf of the Dean and Chapter, I am writing to thank you all once again for coming to Canterbury and leading our worship last week. I am really sorry that your journey was so long and difficult, but I am really grateful that you persisted until you were finally able to get on a plane!

Even though you had a delayed start to your residency, I was most impressed by the way the choir came in and sang with such confidence and excellent ensemble from the very first service.

I always enjoy getting to know new music from our visiting choirs, as well as hearing some more familiar repertoire and that wonderful variety of music that visiting choirs bring always enriches our worship. I heard so many positive comments from both visitors and our regular congregation throughout the week but everyone who heard the Thomas La Voy anthem at your final service was really moved by it. I also know that I am not the only person who, thanks to YouTube, has listened to it again

Please pass on our special thanks to everyone in the choir, and to all those who made the trip possible, but especially to your excellent soloists and to Simon and Daniel. Their accompaniment of the choir was impeccable and they also gave us some memorable organ voluntaries to end the services.

Please remember that we would be delighted to welcome you back to Canterbury again in a few years when you are next planning a trip to the UK although I do realise there are some other quite nice Cathedrals here, too!

Best wishes for the start of your new year.

Yours sincerely



Ian Roberts

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Episcopal Legal Aid Celebration

Thursday, October 9, 5-7 pm, Church of St. Asaph, Bala Cynwyd

Celebrate another year of accomplishments with ELA. Enjoy drinks, hors d'oeuvres and decadent desserts. Ticket prices remain at \$50. Bring a friend and save \$25. Consider becoming a patron. Tickets available here: <https://www.episcopallegalaid.org/annualcelebration>.

GAIA's Global Health 25th Anniversary

Although we have discontinued our African Children's Mission, we are very much a part of GAIA'S GLOBAL HEALTH. Many parishioners have traveled to Malawi, with their own money, with two, Prill Bradshaw and the late Stephen Billings, visiting three times. For over ten years, ACM supported many of GAIA's projects. Twenty-five years ago, The Rev. William Rankin and Dr. Charlie Wilson founded GAIA, during the height of the AIDS epidemic. At that time 340,000 Americans were infected with HIV/AIDS but there were 17 million in Malawi. Through 25 years of work and supporters like The Redeemer's ACM, the AIDS Epidemic has decreased with education, guidance and finances. This year the U. S. government USAID stopped all donations to Malawi and other deserving countries. If you are interested in continuing financial support of GAIA and celebrating its 25th anniversary, please contact Prill Bradshaw at Prillbrad@verizon.net.

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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, September 22

St. Maatthew Apostle and Evangelist

7:30pm	Christmas Village Committee.....	Pembroke Rm
8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall

Tuesday, September 23

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

10:00am	Christmas Village Crafting	Rm 001
1:00pm	Clergy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
5:00pm	Choristers Rehearsal	Choir Rm
6:00pm	Stewardship Committee.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:00pm	NEW Committee.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Wednesday, September 24

Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, Deaconess & Teacher 1947

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 (pizza).....	Burns Hall
6:45pm	Schola & Redeemer Choir Rehearsal	Choir Rm

Thursday, September 25

Sergius of Radoneczh, Monastice, 1392

7:15am	Youth Bible Study	Raymond Library
7:30am	Men's Bible Study	Pembroke Rm
12:00pm	Women Exploring Scripture	Raymond Library
1:00pm	Formation Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
3:00pm	Set-Up Begins for OGCPV Flower Show.....	Burns Hall
5:00pm	Finance Committee.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Friday, September 26

Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop, 1626

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
All day	Set-Up for OGCPV Flower Show	Burns Hall
4:30pm	Prysm Strings	Church & 2nd Floor Parish House

Saturday, September 27

Euphrosyne/Smaragdus of Alexandria, Monastic 5th century

8:45am	St. Gabe's Prep.....	Kitchen
9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
All day	OGCPV Flower Show.....	Parish House
11:00am	Margery Lee Memorial Service	Church

Sunday, September 28

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery	Rm 208
9:30am	Choral Matins with Holy Communion.....	Church + Livestream
10:40am	Coffee Hour	Burns Hall
10:45am	Church School	Upstairs Classrooms
10:45am	Speaker Series.....	Pembroke Room
4:00pm	RYG	Masterman Hall

*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

IN OUR PRAYERS

- For those who are sick or in need:

Jill Whitney	Cannie	William
John Pantalo	Malcolm	Doris
Jane	Pam Daley	Camille Scott
Kristen	Bob Hobbs	Tom Gerrity
Rhonda	Megan	Chris McCleary
Jay & Martha	Jill	Fran Northrup
Lisa	Sandy	Monica Hackett
Carol	Andreas Pas	

- 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 Care and Preschool - Rm 208 (ages 3 to PreK)

9:15am-11:00am

Church School 10:45am - Second Floor Classrooms

Church school is up and running. Along with Children's Chapel, we are focusing on our peace with and stewardship of God's creation. This Sunday, we are beginning a school-wide project, The Redeemer Mosaic, in which the children will be creating a tile mosaic of Church of the Redeemer circa 1881. This project is designed to engage creativity, encourage cooperation among the children, and foster an understanding of The Redeemer's history and stewardship in our community. All children ages 3 to 11 are invited. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Glenn Beamer at gbeamer@theredeemer.org

Youth Confirmation Class Confirmation, the ceremony of affirming the vows said on one's behalf at Baptism, is available to all those interested. Traditionally done in the 7th or 8th Grade year, please contact Jeremy O'Neill if you or your child is interested. The class meets weekly starting in October.

The Redeemer Youth Group RYG, is going to Blue Mountain Sunday from 12-5 for a ropes course and zip lining adventure. These trips contribute to team building and faith in God's ever watchful eye, supporting us through life's chosen and unchosen challenges. We also develop a sense of confidence in our own abilities when facing a fear of heights or loss of control. We will continue our discussion of Paul at Bible Breakfast this Thursday at 7:15 am.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, as we approach the new Stewardship season, there is a lot to celebrate from Stewardship 2025? 331 Redeemer households supported the campaign. 26 of those donors were new, or returned, pledges. The dollars increased by 11% over the previous year. 50% of the households increased their pledges. One of the goals for Stewardship 2026 will be to ask the 34% of participants who did not change their support to consider an increase, if possible. The Redeemer will celebrate its 175th Anniversary in the fall of 2026 and we are reminded that past Stewardship support has enabled all we do as a church community today, and we are stewards of Redeemer's future.