



News from The Redeemer

Celebrating 175 Years!

Episcopal Church of

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WORSHIP NOTES

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

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

You've probably seen this countless times, often on television. A minister with a floppy Bible calls your attention to an obscure verse somewhere in the Old Testament and declares that this singular statement represents "the eternal will of God." After all, the Bible is the Word of the Lord (so we say, too). But all of us should be aware of the unlimited mischief that can come from this habit. Hearing every verse as a command is dangerous and a frightful distortion of the text itself. Yet so many persist, with an air of supreme authority. Too easily we can weaponize the Bible.

Our responsibility, as those who wait upon God's Word and want to truly hear ourselves being addressed, starts with creating and maintaining an essential distance between the Biblical text and God's speaking to us. The text itself is not God's Word, once spoken and forever to be enforced. The text is, more appropriately, a means by which we as a community of faith can clear the noise that swirls all around us to hear, more assuredly, the voice that is God's. Biblical texts focus us. Often they restrain us from imagining that God's word is our own, that God simply affirms our own way of thinking.

Speech, by nature, is unpredictable. It can interrupt by announcing that the one who is speaking is present in an unexpected way—whether for good or for ill. And the point of gathering as the church is to listen, together, for this active Word of the Lord that makes God present in this very moment, in such a way that we can realize that God is addressing us anew.

So when we acknowledge "The Word of the Lord" after a Biblical text is read, our affirmation is not meant to refer back to the text itself but toward the Word that is yet to come, towards which the text points us. And the thanks we declare announces our hope that God's voice and presence will be made manifest in the worship that follows.

Welcoming New Junior Vergers

At the 9:30am service we will commission four new Junior Vergers who have risen through the ranks of Torch Bearers, Crucifers and now to leadership roles as Vergers. Please welcome: Liam Ravenscroft, Evie Silio, Caroline Stephan and Catherine Zafiriou. We thank them for their service and dedication and attention to our liturgies.

Acolyte Recruiting

Opportunities to serve as Torch Bearers 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 continues throughout September with training in mid-October. Please contact Head Verger, Bob Mikrut, vergerbob@comcast.net, or the Parish Office, 610-525-2486.

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

Women Exploring Scripture

Begins Thursday, October 1 at Noon

Our women's Bible study, will resume on Thursday, October 1, at Noon on Zoom. We'll be discussing the Gospel According to John, beginning with Chapter 15. Zoom information will be available on the church calendar or by contacting Barbara Billings, bandsbil@verizon.net. Remember there are two additional Thursday Bible Studies: Youth Bible Breakfast at 7:15am and Men's Bible Study at 7:30am.

Blessing of the Animals and Evensong

Sunday, October 4 at 11:30am in the Church

Bring your furry and feathered friends for a St. Francis Day blessing. We love acknowledging these animal friends who fill our lives with joy.

Sunday, October 4 at 5:00pm in the Church

Join us for the first Choral Evensong of the season and then stay for S'mores & More.

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 (jcastano@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.

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.

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.

The Philadelphia Chamber Ensemble Concert

Friday, October 9 at 7pm Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 11 at 2pm Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church

Parishioner Gloria DePasquale performs with the ensemble in a concert of Mozart, Arauco, Conahan and Dvořák. \$30 tickets are available at the door and more information at: www.pceconcerts.org.

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!

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE NEWS



Soliciting Your Talents and Donations

The items already offered for the Christmas Village's Silent Auction are wonderful, and we are grateful for the generosity from members and friends of The Redeemer! As we continue to build the auction, we especially welcome tickets to concerts, theater performances, sporting events, or other experiences. Gift cards for dinner or another outing could also be paired with tickets to create a special night out. If you have something to contribute or would like to sponsor an experience, please be in touch with Edward Senn at elandinsenn@gmail.com.

Crafting In Earnest

Tuesdays beginning September 29

9am to 11am Parish House Room 007 (lower level)

The Redeemer crafters will begin crafting in earnest in preparation for the Redeemer Christmas Village. Are you creative, crafty or handy with a glue gun or ribbon? It doesn't matter if you are...we'd still love your company in the crafting room! All Redeemer parishioners are welcome to join in the fun! If you would like more information or would like to craft at an alternative day/time (should we meet some evenings?), Please contact Caroline Manogue (610-742-9072 or cbmanogue@gmail.com).

Additionally, we are in desperate need of Christmas ornaments of any shape, size or quality! Our \$ tree was picked clean last year! Do you have any ornaments that no longer bring you or your family joy? Please consider donating them to Redeemer! There is a box in the Parish House hallway for donations.

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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 handicapped 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 28

Paula & Eustochium of Rome, Monastice & Scholars

7:30pm	Cantores (<i>building use</i>)	Burns Hall
8:00pm	NA	Masterman Hall

Tuesday, September 29

St. Michael & All Angels

1:00pm	Clergy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
5:15pm	French Tutoring (<i>building use</i>)	Rm 217
7:00pm	NEW Committee	Staff Conf Rm 204
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Wednesday, September 30

Jerome, Priest & Scholar, 420

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, October 1

Therese of Lisieux, Monastic, 1897

7:15am	Youth Bible Breakfast	Raymond Library
7:30am	Men's Bible Study	Pembroke Rm
10:00am	Formation Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
4:00pm	Finance Committee	Staff Conf Rm 204
4:30pm	Choristers Rehearsal	Choir Rm
6:00pm	FPML Hope for Homes Reception (<i>building use</i>)	Burns Hall
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Friday, October 2

Remigius of Rheims, Bishop, c. 530

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
5:00pm	PRYSM Strings (<i>building use</i>)	Parish House

Saturday, October 3

John Raleigh Mott, Ecumenist & Missionary, 1955

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
6:00pm	Anglers' Club Oktoberfest (<i>building use</i>)	Burns Hall

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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	Keanen	Malcolm
Amit	Lyman Perry	Pam Daley
Kate Atlas	Annie	Bob Hobbs
Tess	Kristen	Megan
Dixon Sperry	Jay & Martha	Tom Gerrity
Binney McCague	Lisa	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

K-5 Formation News for September 25 & 27, 2026

We learned much from and engaged with the Rector's lesson on Genesis and how we present ourselves to God and how hiding from God is sometimes akin to wearing a Halloween costume.

This Sunday, we will meet in Parish House Room 215 at 10:45am. We will focus on God's creation and read the 104th Psalm. Weather permitting, we will go outside to the church yard to continue our "Autumn's progression" project, We will be bringing home our God's Creates Sky, Sea, and Land mosaics.

Pre-school program

The Pre-K program will meet at 10:45am in Parish House Room 221. This week we will focus on God's creation, play "Creation Hopskotch," and discuss how we perceive God's creation in each other and in our families and how we can express our gratitude for creation in its many forms.

"Some-more S'Mores Please!!" Fall Fellowship after Evensong on October 4

Children's formation will host "S'Mores after Evensong" following the Evensong. We will convene at 6pm on the Parish House Terrace. Please dress appropriately if it is cool. Children, adults of all ages, parents and non-parents alike are invited as we gather in to enjoy Redeemer's community, S'Mores & apple cider. There will be s'mores rods & pokers & you are welcome to bring your own. Please contact Glenn with any questions.

The Redeemer Youth Group

RYG plans to meet at 2:45pm this week to caravan to Chanticleer gardens. We will be at Chanticleer from 3-5pm, exploring our theme of the year HOPE as it is found in nature. Please email Rebecca Northington if you need a ride at rnorthington@theredeemer.org.

Confirmation Class meets this Sunday after the 9:30am service in the Hospitality Suite of the Parish House. We will introduce ourselves and the curriculum and begin to consider what confirmation is all about. Please email Rebecca Northington if you have an 8th grader interested in participating at rnorthington@theredeemer.org. Class will go until 11:30am.