



THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

This Week at Redeemer



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICES

There is only one morning service this Sunday (12/24) at 10:30 a.m. We gather in the parish hall for this last Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. is the family service. Carols, Holy Eucharist, and a children-friendly sermon.

Christmas Eve at 10:00 p.m. is our Choral Eucharist. The choir offers a musical prelude and lovely anthems.

Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. is a simple service of Holy Eucharist with music.

Invite a friend to church this Christmas!

Blue Christmas

This annual service is specifically for anyone who may have lost a loved one this year, or who finds the holiday difficult for any reason. Noon, December 20th, in the church.

Collect of the Day:

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday:

- 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
- Romans 16:25-27
- Luke 1:26-38

Serving: December 24 - 25, 2017

Sunday, December 24 - one service only 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Meredith Griggs

Acolyte: Thad Arrington

Lectors: John Harbeson (Old Testament); Dawn Fairbanks (Epistle)

Intercessor: Randolph Court

Chalice: Ben Ivins, Judy James, Chrissy de Fontenay

Counters: Brooke Anthony, Cathy Arrington

Coffee Hour: none

Sunday, December 24 - Family Service 5:00 p.m.

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Ben Ivins, TBD

Acolyte: Olivia Tyler

Crucifer: TBD

Lectors: Judy James (Old Testament); Susan Grigsby (Epistle)

Intercessor: Randolph Court

Chalice: Ben Ivins, Judy James, Chrissy de Fontenay

Counters: Jane Dealy, TBD

Sunday, December 24 - Festival Eucharist 10:00 p.m.

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Rick Tyler, John Smallwood

Acolyte: TBD

Crucifer: Cara Price

Lectors: Tom McNaugher (Old Testament); Lisa MacBain (Epistle)

Intercessor: Dawn Fairbanks

Chalice: Michael Hart, Jenny Nachbar, Justin Hess

Counters: Ben Ivins, Mary K Young

Monday, December 25 - Holy Eucharist with music 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, TBD

Acolyte: Helen Zitomer

Crucifer: TBD

Lectors: Michael Mershon (Old Testament); Nathan Price (Epistle)

Intercessor: Pat Fitzgerald

Chalice: Michael Hart, Judy James

Counters: Brooke Anthony, Cathy Arrington

*The NEW Sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.
Please volunteer in this ministry of hospitality. Thank you!*

Also, see the sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers and add your special intention!

■ Prayer Requests

For healing:



Rick Abramson, Barbara Alterowitz, Ellen Boyle, Allison Chow, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Susan Ingraham, Olivier Jeanne, Peter & Beate Kendall, Rosalie Kerr, Clarice Leslie, Catherine Moore, Hal Palmer, Evelyn Paparelli, Mary Potter, Rich Randa, Charlotte Ripa, Tom Rogers, Bill Ryon, Lynda Shepard, Anne Southard, Karen Stewart, Patricia Snowden, Ann Taylor, Beth Warner, Edward, Greg, Jerry, Jim, Katherine, Katie, Leslie, Mollie, Logan, Jay, and James.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Mary K Young, Lisa MacBain, Amy Yount, Jochen Kraske

For the repose of the soul of Joseph Lorenz, Gary's husband, and the Rev. Elizabeth Lily, a friend of Cricket's.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, December 20

- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- Education for Ministry, 9:30 a.m.
- AA Meeting, Noon
- "Blue Christmas" Eucharist, Noon
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m., Adult Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
- Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 21

- Balkan Dancers, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 22

- AA Meditation Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 23

- Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 24

- Childcare, 9:15 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.
- No Sunday School
- Family Service, 5:00 p.m.
- Festival Eucharist with Extended Choral Prelude, 10:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25 - Office closed

- Holy Eucharist with music, 10:00 a.m.
- AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 26

- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 27

- AA Meeting, Noon

Looking ahead:

Coming Up at Redeemer

Christmas Services

December 20 (Wednesday) at Noon: "Blue Christmas"

This service is for anyone who finds the crowds of Christmas Eve to be oppressive or who has recently lost someone dear. The holidays are difficult and people are feeling 'blue'. Please spread the word about this service to anyone who might benefit.

December 24 (Sunday) at 10:30 a.m.: Advent IV

It's not Christmas until Christmas! The final Sunday of Advent this year is the 24th. We will be worshipping in the parish hall to give the altar guild extra time to finish decorating. Finish Advent! Come to church this morning!

December 24 (Sunday) at 5:00 p.m.:

Family-friendly Eucharist with Christmas music.

December 24 (Sunday) at 10:00 p.m.:

Choral Holy Eucharist beginning with a musical offering by our Adult Choir.

December 25 (Monday) at 10:00 a.m.:

A simple Christmas Eucharist with music.

Bethesda Cares:

December is here and one specific need Bethesda Cares has is warm adult-sized gloves, hats, and heavy socks. Please help us to decorate a tree with these items. (The tree is in the parish hall by the coffee!) As you purchase for yourself or family could you get an extra pair (or 2) to make a colorful tree for those in need in our community? Please contact Barbara Thackray if you have any questions (thackraybm@aol.com).

Epiphany Evensong, the Feast of Lights and Magi-themed party!

Saturday, January 6, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

January 6 is the Feast of the Epiphany, when we commemorate the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus and the coming of the light of Christ into the world. This year we are introducing a new event to mark this special day in our lives as Christians. Our choirs will lead us in an Evensong service, which will include a special liturgy of the Feast of Lights, followed by a party in the parish hall.

You are all invited to help decorate the parish hall for the party by bringing your own nativity/manger scene from home to join in a display of many nativities. In honor of the Magi we will serve special Persian-themed food, in addition to our usual wonderful reception refreshments. Bring Persian food savory or sweet!

Upcoming P.R.A.Y. Events (Potomac River Anglican/Awesome Youth)

Here are some of the upcoming events for youth at Redeemer. I sure hope that your students will participate in these events and activities. All events are designed for those in 5th grade and up. If the event is a Redeemer only event then we are a bit flexible with the ages. For PRAY events we do try to keep to 5th grade or higher.

December Youth Night: Wednesday, December 20

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Program 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The program this evening will focus on the Christmas story, including traditions and myths.

Epiphany Celebration - A Redeemer Parish Event

Saturday, January 6, Beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The evening will begin with Evensong and an Epiphany Liturgy of Lights lead by the youth. The celebration will continue with a Persian feast of food and fun in the parish hall.

January PRAY Event: MLK Day of Service

Monday, January 15 - Time to be Determined

An interfaith day of serving the least among us in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. We will gather at National Hebrew Congregation on Massachusetts Avenue for a few hours of giving back.

January Youth Night -Wednesday, January 17

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Program 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Program to be determined.

SNACKS NEEDED

The youth room is always in need of snacks and any contributions are welcome. Sweet or salty - healthy or unhealthy. Packaged in individual sized containers is helpful. Cricket and Sue have been keeping this stocked - either of us is happy to shop if you want to contribute funds rather than shop yourself.

Redeemer Book Group

Any questions? Contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com.

The book to be read after that is "The Book of Joy" by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu deals with attaining happiness in a changing world. This book affirms many of the 40 rules of love mentioned above. More on this later.

MUSIC AT REDEEMER 2017-2018 SERIES DETAILS ARE NOW ONLINE

Go to redeemberbethesda.org/music for more information.

New choir members always welcome - adults and youth

If you or someone you know would like to be in our choirs, contact Chris Betts at music@redeemberbethesda.org. New members are always welcome. Right now we are particularly looking for youth choristers (any grade school age), tenors, and basses, but we'll welcome sopranos and altos too!

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