



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.*

## Worship at Redeemer

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- **December 21 (Wednesday)** at noon - a service for anyone who finds the holidays difficult or who would like a more simple service.
- **December 24 (Saturday)** at 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. - a family-oriented service in the afternoon and a traditional choral service, beginning with musical prelude at 10 pm, in the evening.
- **December 25 (Sunday)** at 10:00 a.m. **NOTE: Only one service on Christmas and on New Year's Day (January 1).**



### Christmas Day Readings

Isaiah 62:6-12

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2: 8-20

Psalm 97

### New Year's Day Readings

Numbers 6:22-27

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 2:15-21

Psalm 8



### The Collects

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Serving: December 21, 2016-January 4, 2017



### **Saturday, December 24 - 5:00pm**

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Mary Helen Carlson

Crucifer: Claudia Hull

Acolyte: TBD

Lectors: Susan Grigsby, John Judge

Intercessor: TBD

Chalice: Susan Grigsby, Peggy Tucker, Chrissy de Fontenay, TBD

Greeters: Ann Taylor, Denny Shaw

### **Saturday, December 24 - 10:30pm**

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Michael Mershon, Rick Tyler

Crucifer: Cara Price

Acolyte: Kukula Glastris

Lectors: Clark Downs, Bill MacBain

Intercessor: TBD

Chalice: Jenny Nachbar, Justin Hess, Michael Hart, Bill MacBain

Greeters: David Riggs, Catherine Sands

### **Sunday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.**

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Mary K Young

Crucifer: Callum Riggs

Acolyte: Claudia Hull

Lectors: Carolyn Kimberlin, Huda Kraske

Intercessor: TBD

Chalice: Steve France, Nathan Price, Linda Lear, Helen Zitomer

Greeters: TBD

### **Sunday, January 1 - 10:00 a.m.**

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Michael Mershon, Bill MacBain

Crucifer: Thad Arrington

Acolyte: Claudia Hull

Lectors: Jane Winer, Michael Mershon

Intercessor: Bob Yates

Chalice: Michael Hart, Justin Hess, Jenny Nachbar, Tom McNaugher

Greeters: Brooke Anthony, Justin Hess

Counters: Cathy Arrington, Mary K Young

Coffee Hour: Chrissy deFontenay, Barbara Alterowitz, Jane Winer, (and you?)

Altar Guild: TBD

Sign-up sheets for Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Please volunteer for these ministries of hospitality. Thank you!

If you cannot serve, or if you will sub for a TBD above, please notify Bob Yates

([bob@bobyates.net](mailto:bob@bobyates.net)).



### **■ Prayer Requests**

For those in need of healing:

Ralph Alterowitz, Bill Barclay, Jo Barclay-Beard, Scott Barnette, Jeff Bergner, Vicky & Claudia Bocock, Allison Chow, Bill Cooper, Jane Dealy, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Jeff Griffen, Jack Hutchings, Olivier Jeanne, Kurt Kemper, Peter & Beate Kendall, Rosalie Kerr,

Susan Moore, Hal Palmer, Mary Potter, Jack Rabner, Teresa Raj, Charlotte Ripa, Tom Rogers, Bill Ryon, Claudia Serrin, Anne Southard, Ann Taylor, Karen Stewart, Rees Evans, Patricia Snowden, Bernie, Edward, Katherine, Jay, Mollie, Quinn, Logan, Hyla, Nico, Jay, Phillip, and Evan.

**For those who are traveling:** for all who travel for the holidays or work, especially Jianping Zhou & Olivier Jeanne, and Karen Stewart & family.

**In thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays:** Lisa MacBain, Amy Yount, Jochen Kraske, Evan Judge, Nico Judge, Justin Arrington, Charlie Hundley, Lou Garo, Sam Nickerson, Julia Rychlik,

### **Parish Calendar**

#### Wednesday, December 21

- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist, Noon - Blue Christmas Service
- AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, December 22

- Balkan Dancers, 7:30 p.m.

#### Friday, December 23

- AA Meditation Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, December 24

- Family Service, 5:00 p.m.
- Choral Service, 10:30 p.m. (music beginning at 10:00 p.m.)

#### Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

- Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

#### Monday, December 26 - Office closed

- AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, December 27 - Office closed

- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 28 - Office closed

- AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, December 29 - Office closed

- Balkan Dancers, 7:30 p.m.

#### Friday, December 30 - Office closed

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

#### Saturday, December 31

- Yoga, 9:30 a.m.

#### Sunday, January 1

Feast of the Holy Name

· Holy Eucharist, 10:00 a.m.

#### Monday, January 2 - Office closed

· AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

Taize postponed until January 9

#### Tuesday, January 3

· Education for Ministry, 6:30 p.m.

· AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

#### **Looking ahead:**

Christmas Eve, December 24, 5 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, December 25, 10:00 a.m. ONLY

Deadline for Redeemer Spirit, December 26

Feast of the Holy Name, January 1, 2017, 10:00 a.m. ONLY

Feast of the Epiphany, January 6

Redeemer Book Club, January 8

Taize, January 9, 7:30 p.m.

Weston Jennings in Concert, January 15, 5:00 p.m.

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### More News from Redeemer

#### **Pledge Update - Great Job!**

Your Vestry passed a balanced budget on December 14, which included an increase in outreach giving, music, the offering requested by the diocese, and funding for a part-time youth minister (who is working cooperatively with St. Dunstan's and St. Patrick's). Thanks be to God for all of you and your commitment to Christ and this Church that bears his name.

#### **Help Wanted Sundays**

Redeemer is in search of persons who would like a leadership role on Sunday mornings that doesn't involve speaking in public! We need acolytes and crucifers, especially. Please e-mail John Harbeson ([jwharbeson@aol.com](mailto:jwharbeson@aol.com)) or Amma Cricket to volunteer.

#### **Contemplative Mondays Make a Shift**

In January, we are shifting Contemplative Mondays by one week because January 2 is a holiday. The schedule of Mondays is: 1st is Taize on Jan 9, 2nd is Christian Contemplative Group on Jan 16, 3rd is Centering Prayer on Jan 23, and 4th is Welcoming Prayer on Jan 30. All are at 7:30pm in the church, and all are welcome.

#### **Confirmation/Newcomer Classes Scheduled**

Bishop Mariann Budde scheduled the Spring Confirmation Service for May 13 (Saturday) at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral. If you wish to be confirmed (make an adult commitment to the baptismal vows made for you at baptism), received (officially become an Episcopalian from a church in communion with ours), or reaffirm your baptismal vows, please plan to

come to the following classes:

January 7 (The Nicene Creed)

February 4 (Episcopal History)

March 4 (Sacramental Life/Book of Common Prayer)

April 1 (Living in Christian Community)

Please schedule accordingly. You must attend all four classes to be presented for confirmation. If you have questions, please see Amma Cricket.

All meetings are on Saturdays and will start at 11:30 a.m.

### **Leadership Opportunities**

We are seeking one or two parishioners to help form the Nominations Committee for the next Vestry class and for delegates and alternates to the 2018 Diocesan Convention. We elect officers and delegates at the annual meeting on January 22, 2017. Please contact David Riggs, Jenny Nachbar, or Michael Mershon if you are willing to be a part of the committee or if you would like to place yourself in nomination for a leadership position. Nominees will need to submit a picture and short biography for the January newsletter and annual report.

### **Weston Jennings - Music at Redeemer, January 15**

Currently a student at the Yale School of Music, Weston Jennings has been organ scholar at Chelmsford and Canterbury Cathedrals in England, and at the Royal Festival Hall in London. He is quickly establishing himself as a talented and engaging international performer. Free-will offering. Reception to follow.

**Redeemer Book Club** is reading *Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill* by Sonia Purnell. This is an acute and sympathetic biography that brings Clementine Churchill out of the shade into which her illustrious and domineering husband had cast her and shows how key she was to his success. Purnell makes us ask how Clementine endured life with Winston and provides the answers. The meeting to discuss the book will take place on January 8, 2017 at 3 pm at the house of Sally and Ron Pugsley, 8108 Hamilton Spring Road, Bethesda, Md. 20817. All are welcome. For questions, please contact Huda Kraske at [hqkraske@aol.com](mailto:hqkraske@aol.com).

### **Spare Bedroom?**

The diocese has asked us to identify whether or not Redeemer would be willing to provide sleeping space and meals for people traveling here to participate in the Women's March on January 21st. If you are willing to host someone from out of town, please let Cricket know as soon as possible.

### **AMAZON Charitable Donations.**

When you purchase items remember: your purchases at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) can support Church Of The Redeemer. Go to the Smile website, select Redeemer as your charity. Amazon donates a small percentage of your purchase. The little bits add up so sign up today! (This, of course, is a supplement, not a substitute, for your pledge.)

### **Need a name tag?**

Please contact the office by e-mail or sign up on the name tag form in the narthex.

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