



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



### **Your pledge is important - please send it in!**

As of November 15, we have 76 pledges for \$355,068. We had 108 pledges last year, so we haven't heard from many of you. Of those 76, 6 are new and 4 are folks who have returned to pledging after a hiatus. Thank you to those who increased their pledge - nearly half of the pledges received are significant increases. Bless you all!

### **No Adult Forum this week!**

Amma Cricket takes the reins of Adult Forum during Advent to look at the history of the season, the upcoming gospel of Mark, and a bit of humorous reading. December 3rd, join her to hear about the reason for the season. Why do we do blue? Why is it four weeks long? Is it really about Christmas? On December 10th we'll talk about the gospel of Mark. We'll be reading this gospel during the upcoming church year (Year B). Finally, on Rose Sunday - December 17th - relax and enjoy The Christmas Cantata by Mark Schweizer. Pick up a copy at [www.sjmp.com](http://www.sjmp.com), or let Cricket know by December 1st if you'd like her to order one for you. The cost is \$10. Mr. Schweizer is the author of the Liturgical Mystery series set in St. Germain, North Carolina. It's like Cabot Cove with an Episcopal twist. If we ask nice, he'll even autograph the books! Don't miss it!

### **A Visit from St. Nicholas**

***Sunday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.***

St. Nicholas, fourth century Bishop of Myra, will make his annual visitation to The Church of the Redeemer at the very start of the 10:30 Eucharist on Sunday, December 3. Children, be sure your parents get you to church on time!

### **Toy Sunday**

***Sunday, December 3***

Every year, Redeemer collects new, unwrapped toys and/or funds for the purchase of toys for needy children served by Community Family Life Services (CFLS), a long-time Redeemer outreach partner. To contribute, please bring the toys on Sunday, December 3 or, if you wish to contribute funds, please speak with Jefferson or Cathy Arrington

following the 10:30 Eucharist that day. They will do the shopping and deliver the toys.  
Questions? [jefferson7019@aol.com](mailto:jefferson7019@aol.com).

Collect of the Day: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

Readings for Sunday:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

## Serving: November 26, 2017

Ushers - Jefferson Arrington, Ben Ivins, Mary K Young

Acolyte - Helen Zitomer

Crucifer - Thad Arrington

Lector - Marie France (8:00), Cathy Arrington, Clark Downs (10:30)

Intercessor - Karen Stewart

Chalice - Tami McMinn (8:00), Chrissy de Fontenay, Judy James, TBD (10:30)

Counters - Jane Dealy, Brooke Anthony

Altar Guild - Patricia Snowden, Diana Dial, Helen Zitomer, Ann Taylor

Coffee Hour - Susan Grigsby, Chrissy de Fontenay, Leah & Doris Ninde

*The 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! Envelopes for Christmas flowers will be available in Advent.

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God.



### ■ Prayer Requests

For healing:

Rick Abramson, Barbara Alterowitz, Ellen Boyle, Allison Chow, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Jack Hutchings, 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, Carter Taylor, Edward, Greg, Jerry, Jim, Katherine, Katie, Mollie, Quinn, Logan, Jay and the Sewell family.

**In thanksgiving for birthdays:** Katie Nickerson, Ellen Paulsen, Davis O'Brien, Alicia Jennings, Josephine Campa, Caroline Gibson

**For those who are traveling:** Linda Lear & John Nickum

### **Parish Calendar**

Wednesday, November 22

- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- AA Meeting, Noon

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

- Holy Eucharist, 10:00 a.m.
- Balkan Dancers, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 24

- Music Together, 10:00 a.m.
- AA Meditation Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 25

- Yoga, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 26

- Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
- Childcare, 9:15 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, November 27 - Office closed

- AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28

- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29

- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- AA Meeting, Noon
- Holy Eucharist, Noon
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.

Looking ahead:

Advent I, December 3

Lessons & Carols, December 3

Taize, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Pageant, December 17

P.R.A.Y. Caroling, December 17

Christmas Eve - December 24

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**Coming Up at Redeemer**

### **Bethesda Cares Dinner: Sunday, November 26**

Be sure to bring entrees, salad, side dishes, bread, drinks, snacks, and desserts to feed our homeless brothers and sisters on Sunday. Questions? Contact Marie France

(tweedfrance@gmail.com or 301-320-1534).

## **Thanksgiving Day Service**

Come, give thanks to our God from whom all blessings flow. We'll celebrate Holy Eucharist together at 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day.

## **THANKSGIVING:**

For a home, family, friends, fellowship, purpose in life. How do we show our appreciation of these God-given gifts to people in our community who lack some or all of them?

We worship and pray together in a township where BETHESDA CARES for those in need of these blessings that we have. On Sunday, November 26 Redeemer will provide our regular rotation-dinner for BETHESDA CARES. Hot food and take-away snacks bring together the needy community in our area. We also have a donation box for clothes, toiletries and other items to help this work all year. It's in the coat rack area of the parish hall.

December approaches and one specific need is warm adult-sized gloves, hats, and heavy socks. Please help us to decorate a THANKSGIVING TREE with these items. 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).

## **Redeemer Book Group**

The Book Group will be reading "The Alto Wore Tweed" by Mark Schweizer. St. Germaine is a quiet little town in the mountains of North Carolina. Quiet until full-time police detective, part-time Episcopal choirmaster and aspiring whodunit novelist Hayden Konig begins his opus amidst murder and hilarious mayhem at St. Barnabas Church. In addition to discussing this liturgical mystery novel, we will continue delving into the forty rules of love that were listed in the book we have just discussed today. No prior reading of the book is required. The meeting for discussing "The Alto Wore Tweed" and the forty rules of love will be on December 17, 2017 at 3:00 pm the home of Susan Grigsby, 7325 University Avenue in Glen Echo. 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.

## **Advent Greens**

We need tall people to help us decorate the church for the Advent season. We have to hang the Advent Wreath and put up greenery. If you will be here the 2nd December, please let us know! (office@redeemberbethesda.org)

## **Advent Lessons and Carols - Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m.**

Our adult and youth choirs are continuing our annual tradition of scripture and music focusing our hearts and minds on the coming of Christ.

## **Holiday Alternative Gift Sales**

Holiday Alternative Gift Sales will take place on December 3 and 10. Palestinian olive oil products, as well as other handmade items, will be available after each Sunday service in the Parish Hall. If you would like to participate and have a product to sell, please contact Cricket. The proceeds support local ministries in which our parishioners are involved.

**MUSIC AT REDEEMER 2017-2018 SERIES DETAILS ARE NOW ONLINE**

Go to [redeemberbethesda.org/music](http://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](mailto: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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