



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



Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 17

The 10:30 a.m. service will feature the annual Christmas Pageant as the Service of the Word. Cara Price and Sam Nickerson are the pageant producers this year. Come and let the little children lead us to the manger.

Adult Forum this week!

This week, Rose Sunday - December 17th - relax and enjoy The Christmas Cantata by Mark Schweizer. Pick up a copy at www.sjmp.com. The cost is \$10. Mr. Schweizer is the author of the Liturgical Mystery series set in St. Germaine, North Carolina. It's like Cabot Cove with an Episcopal twist.

Collect of the Day:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday:

- ○ Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- John 1:6-8, 19-28
- Psalm 126

Ushers - Jefferson Arrington, Rick Tyler, Mary K Young

Acolyte - Thad Arrington

Crucifer - Sam Nickerson

Lector - Dean Cinkala (8:00), Jo Barclay-Beard, Judy Austin (10:30)

Intercessor - Cathy Arrington

Chalice - Marie France (8:00), Peggy Tucker, Helen Zitomer, TBD (10:30)

Counters - Melinda Nelson, Mary K Young

Altar Guild - Diana Dial, Cathy Baker, Ann Taylor

Coffee Hour - Jo Barclay-Beard, Barbara Alterowitz, Toni Strother, Chrissy de Fontenay

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.



■ 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, Edward, Greg, Jerry, Jim, Katherine, Katie, Mollie, Logan, Jay, and James.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Susan Cinkala, Jorge Guzman, Ayesha Court, Charley Gibson, MaryLin Raisch, Mary K Young

For the repose of the soul of Joseph Lorenz, Gary's husband.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, December 13

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

Thursday, December 14

- Balkan Dancers, 7:30 p.m.
- Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 15

- Music Together, 10:00 a.m.

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

Saturday, December 16

- Yoga, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 17

- Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
- Childcare, 9:15 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.
with Christmas Pageant
- Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
- P.R.A.Y. Caroling

Monday, December 18 - Office closed

- AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19

- Education for Ministry, 6:30 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20

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

Looking ahead:

Advent IV, December 24

Christmas Eve, December 24

Christmas Day, December 25

Annual Meeting, January 21

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 worshiping in the parish hall to give the altar guild extra time to finish decorating. Finish Advent by coming 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 approaches and one specific need Bethesda Cares has is warm adult-sized gloves, hats, and heavy socks. Please help us to decorate a THANKSGIVING 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).

Redeemer Book Group

The Book Group is 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 THIS SUNDAY, 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.

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 PRAY Event: Caroling at the Oasis & Secret Santa

Sunday, December 17 1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We will sing for the residents of the Oasis, a unit specializing in care for those with dementia and Alzheimer's. The group will gather for snacks and a gift exchange when we take a break in our singing time. Gifts should be under \$10. There is no other cost for the event.

Meet at the entrance for check-in at 1:45. We will begin singing at 2:00 p.m.

Friends are welcome. Dress in your "best" Christmas attire!

All those participating on the day should sign up no later than Wednesday, December 13 in the parish hall or online.

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.

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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