



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



New Year's Eve Service

There is only one morning service this Sunday (12/31) at 10:30 a.m. We gather in the church.

The church staff are taking a well-deserved break between Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Office coverage will be inconsistent. Please call 301-229-3770 before coming to the church to be sure someone is here.

Pledge Update: We've received a total of \$411,436. If you have sent in your pledge: Thank you very much. If you have not, please do! It will be used wisely and well and be much appreciated. (See below for tax information.)

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings for Sunday:

- Isaiah 61:10-62:3
- Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
- John 1:1-18
- Psalm 147:13-21

Sunday, December 31 - One Service Only at 10:30 A.M.
Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Michael Mershon, Mary K Young
Crucifer: Thad Arrington
Acolyte: Olivia Tyler
Lectors: Patricia Snowden, Bob Yates
Intercessor Meredith Griggs
Chalice: Chrissy DeFontenay, Ben Ivins, Patricia Snowden
Counters: Jane Dealy, Clark Downs
Coffee Hour: TBD

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 27

· AA Meeting, Noon

Thursday, December 28

· Balkan Dancers, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 29

· AA Meditation Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

· AA Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 30

· Yoga, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 31

· Childcare, 9:15 a.m.

· Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

· No Sunday School

Monday, January 1 - Office closed

· AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 2

· AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 3

· AA Meeting, Noon

Looking ahead:

Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6

Taize Service, January 8

Annual Meeting, January 21

Coming Up at Redeemer

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!

*******Tax Reform and Charitable Giving*******

A Donor-advised fund (DAF) is one of the most beneficial and fastest growing means of charitable giving today, offering immediate tax advantages, simplified record-keeping, and flexibility in choosing beneficiaries and investment options. They function like a Family Foundation, offering opportunities to engage your whole family in philanthropic decisions and to teach your children to live generously. If you are looking to create a lasting legacy, build a culture of generosity within your family, or simply fund the many charities you care about, contact the Episcopal Church Foundation about the flexibility and simplicity of a DAF. Our online tools can help you manage your DAF with just a few clicks to recommend grants, add to your fund, track giving history, and change the way your DAF is invested. For more information, go to <http://www.episcopalfoundation.org/programs/daf>. If you choose to do this in 2017 for 2018, please e-mail Margaret (accounting@redeemberbethesda.org) so that we can re-document your giving.

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

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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