



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

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. Anyone interested in these classes are welcome, even if you don't plan to participate in the May service. Take this opportunity to refresh your knowledge of Anglicanism!

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



Sunday's Readings

The Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17



The Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

Serving: December 21, 2016-January 4, 2017

Sunday, January 8

Baptism of our Lord

Ushers: Jefferson, Mary Helen Carlson, Rick Tyler

Crucifer: Sam Nickerson

Acolyte: Thad Arrington



Lectors: Sally Pugsley (8:00); Chris Austin, Judy Austin (10:30)
 Intercessor Peggy Tucker
 Chalice: Tami McMinn (8:00); Ben Ivins, Judy James, Chrissy deFontenay, Steve France (10:30)
 Greeters: Peter Carlson, Mary Helen Carlson
 Counters: Brooke Anthony, Deborah Babcock-Daley
 Coffee Hour: Chrissy deFontenay, Barbara Alterowitz, Jane Winer, (and you?)
 Altar Guild: Susan Fitzgerald, Marie France, Cathy Baker, Ann Taylor

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).



■ 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, Charlotte Ripa, Tom Rogers, Bill Ryon, Claudia Serrin, Anne Southard, Ann Taylor, Karen Stewart, Rees Evans, Catherine Sands, Phillip Sarsany, Patricia Snowden, Bernie, Edward, Katherine, Jay, Mollie, Quinn, Logan, Hyla, Nico, Jay, and Evan.

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

In thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays: Kim Barrett

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, January 4

- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist, Noon
- AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 5

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

Friday, January 6 - Feast of the Epiphany

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

Saturday, January 7

- Yoga, 9:30 a.m.
- Confirmation Class, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 8 - Baptism of our Lord

- Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
- Adult Forum and Childcare, 9:15 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist and Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
- Redeemer Book Club, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, January 9 - Office closed

- AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- Taize, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10 - Office closed

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

Wednesday, January 11

- Education for Ministry, 9:30 p.m.
- Holy Eucharist, Noon
- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Looking ahead:

Redeemer Book Club, January 8

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

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

P.R.A.Y. Event - Mission Service on MLK Day at Washington Hebrew

Christian Contemplative Group, January 16, 7:30 p.m.

Redeemer Annual Meeting, January 22, 12:15 p.m.

**More News from
Redeemer**

Adult Forum on January 8

Two leaders of **Jewish Voice for Peace**, a national grassroots organization that fights for peace with justice in Israel-Palestine, tell why the rise of anti-Muslim prejudice in the U.S. led JVP to form the activist **Anti-Islamophobia Network**: "Right-wing Christian and Jewish groups dedicated to denying the fundamental rights of Palestinians deliberately fuel fear of Muslims and Arabs (commonly assumed to be Muslims) to push their agenda in the Middle East. (<https://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/islamophobia-united-states-israel/>) The Israeli-Arab conflict, once a distant foreign policy issue, is tearing at our communities as our Muslim neighbors are defamed and discriminated against. Alison Glick and Leah Muskin-Pierret explain what JVP and its allies are doing and why Christian churches are a vital part of the effort. Some friends from the Islamic Community Center of Potomac will join the discussion.

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.

Help Wanted Sundays

Would you 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) or Amma Cricket to volunteer.

Contemplative Mondays Make a Shift

In January, we are shifting Contemplative Mondays by one week because January 2 was 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 everyone is welcome.

Redeemer Annual Meeting - January 22, 2017

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service on January 22nd. We meet to elect three new vestry members, diocesan convention delegates, and hear about the 2017 budget. If you are interested in running for office, please contact Michael Mershon (jenningsmershon@gmail.com) or Amma Cricket (rector@redeemberbethesda.org). **Ministry leaders take note: reports for the written Annual Report are due no later than January 15. Please limit your report to 75 words.**

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 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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