



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

The trainings for Safe Church will take place this Saturday, August 25th

- 9 AM - Noon at St. John's, Norwood Parish (6701 Wisconsin Ave Chevy Chase, MD 20815)
- 1 - 4 PM at Ascension, Silver Spring (633 Sligo Ave Silver Spring, MD 20910)

This is required every five years for vestry members, staff, teachers, and anyone who has contact with children. [Register Here.](#)

The Collect for the Day:

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday:

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84 or 84:1-6
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

Serving: *not scheduled in the summer*

Note: During the summer, sign up on the board in the narthex. You may sign up to read the week before, and you will get the readings by email, but all other positions are assigned on-the-spot. We encourage people, especially young people, to experiment with positions that they have never done before. We will go back to assignments on September 9th. If you want to be included in the regular scheduling, youth included, send an email to the office - office@redeemberbethesda.org. **The September positions are in the August issue of Redeemer Spirit, available in the church and online.**



■ Prayer Requests

For healing: Rick Abramson, Frank Anderson, Ellen Boyle, Ken Clark, Allison Chow, Michael Curry, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Eileen Hubbard, Olivier Jeanne, Judy James, Peter & Beate Kendall, Clarice Leslie, John Nickum, Evelyn Paparelli, Mary Potter, Marilyn Raisch, Rich Randa,

Meagan Richardson, Charlotte Ripa, Carolyn Ross, Bill Ryon, Claudia Serrin, Anne Southard, Patricia Snowden, Karen Stewart, Ann Taylor, Arnold Thackray, Jimmy Tinto, Hannah Tubbergen, Lois Vuolo, Beth Warner, Edward, Greg, Jerry, Jim, Katie, Leslie, Mollie, Logan, Eileen and Jay.

For the repose of the soul of Christopher Yates, Bob's brother.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Rebecca Tucker, Justin Hess, Claudia Serrin (100), Erik Devereux.

For the anniversaries of: Lou & Kiki Garo, John & Ann Harbeson.

For those preparing for Baptism: Patrick Tucker, Anna McInturff.

For those traveling, especially Jianping Zhou family to China August 16 - 31

The flowers on the altar on Sunday are given for the glory of God. Please sign up to dedicate the flowers to your special intention.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, August 22

Morning Prayer, 9:00am (meet at Redeemer - we'll be joining Claudia Serrin at Sibley Renaissance this week)

AA Meeting, Noon

Holy Eucharist, Noon

Thursday, August 23

"Out of the Office" Office Hours at Sangamore

Balkan Dancers, 7:30pm

Friday, August 24

AA Meditation Meeting, Noon

AA Meeting, 6:30 pm

AA Meeting, 8:30pm

Saturday, August 25

Yoga, 9:30am

Clean up Inside, 1:00pm

Sunday, August 26

Holy Eucharist, 8:00am

Child Care, 9:15am

Holy Eucharist, 10:30am

Monday, August 27, Office closed

AA Meeting, Noon

Tuesday, August 28

Staff Meeting, 1:00pm

AA Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, August 29

Morning Prayer, 9:00am

AA Meeting, Noon

Holy Eucharist, Noon

Looking ahead:

Youth Choir Rehearsal, September 5

Adult Choir Rehearsal, September 6

First FOMAR Concert, September 8

Glen Echo Singers Rehearsal, September 12 at St Dunstons

Education for Ministry, September 12

Welcome Back Sunday, September 16

"Bristol Evensong", September 16 at 5:00pm

P.R.A.Y. Kickoff at St. Dunstan's, September 19

Coming Up at Redeemer

Music at Redeemer - New Format and New Website

Geoffrey's been busy building next season's concert series, and Music at Redeemer tickets are now on-line at musicatredeemer.org and on sale at Eventbrite.

The biggest changes for us all this season are that 1) we won't always have events on Sundays, 2) receptions may be before rather than after, and 3) we are going to charge for tickets rather than have a free-will offering to support the series.

Sharing the underwriting burden with a paying audience, with the net thrown wider by the enormous Eventbrite, makes sense for us. It expands our reach to places we wouldn't normally be able to go. It will help us take our ministry of sharing the best music in this beautiful space to even more people and on a more sure financial footing. The two liturgies on the series will, of course, remain free of charge. You will be receiving emails over the course of the next few weeks, please read them, and do everything you can to encourage your friends and neighbors to attend.

The first concert occurs the weekend after Labor Day, on Saturday (not Sunday), September 8 at 5 p.m. **You can purchase tickets at Coffee Hour on Sunday. Prices are: \$30/general, \$20/seniors, \$10/students.**

Homecoming is September 16th

We need to "neaten up" for our big day! Plan to spend some time at Redeemer on August 25th from 1 to 4 pm to spruce up the parish for company.

Adult Forums will begin again on September 9th. If you have some good ideas, please direct them to the office!

Redeemer Book Group

The book group is now reading *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen. This is a remarkable and brilliant book narrated by a double agent and takes place in the US and

Vietnam. It is a disturbing and fascinating and darkly comical book which starts with the fall of Saigon. The author teaches English and American Studies at the University of Southern California. The book will be discussed September 23 at 3:00 pm at the home of Ron and Sally Pugsley, 8108 Hamilton Spring Road, Bethesda, Md. 20817. For more information, contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com .

The book to be read next is the *Soul of America* by Jon Meecham.

EMBODIED TRUTH: The Moral Teachings of Jesus

A joint offering of Church of the Redeemer and St. Dunstan's Church

Five Tuesday evenings in October, 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Dunstan's, starting 10/2

People are making terrible claims for Christianity these days, suggesting that Jesus hates gays, loves guns, favors America, or wants you to be rich. What did Jesus actually say? We'll examine the Gospel records and discuss Jesus' true moral compass in five discussions.

While lies and selfishness are problems in every era, we face particular assaults on moral values today. Jesus not only speaks truth, he embodies truth in his words, his actions, and his willingness to give himself up even to death. We'll explore together what Jesus' teaching and his behavior tell us about:

- Truth and lies
- Wealth and materialism
- Racial bigotry
- Respect for human life (including abortion, capital punishment, and death with dignity)
- Oppression of human beings (women, gays, poor people, others)
- Poverty
- Sexual ethics
- Nationalism and immigration
- Democracy and authoritarianism
- Economic Exploitation/wage slavery
- Nonviolence and pacifism

I will present a view of Jesus based in scripture, with ample time for discussion and debate. Jesus addresses some issues more clearly than others, and we'll be honest about that. I hope this will be a fulsome discussion involving both our parishes on these pressing issues. - Jeff MacKnight

Discernment in Spiritual Life- What's That?

With a call to form some small groups to build community, might this be a time to revive or re-imagine this practice? We could try virtual meetings to supplement quarterly face-to-face sharing, but ultimately, even the mode will be discerned by the group. Meetings would

preferably not be at the 9:15 hour and would start mid-October.
If you are interested or expressed interest last spring and still want to explore this, please contact Marylin Raisch, raischm@gmail.com or 202-340-6894.

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