



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

### **Momma/Poppa Sheep?**

The Christmas Pageant will be with St. Dunstan's this year. We need a "Momma" and/or "Poppa" sheep to coordinate our side of the event. Could you help the kids find a costume and work with Deacon Sue? The pageant is December 15th at 5pm. A chili supper follows in the St. Dunstan's parish hall.

**Pledge Update:** As of November 27th, we have met 84% of our \$452,000 goal. We received 70 pledges for \$379,834. If you have not sent in your pledge, you can mail it or send it to us online - [click here](#). Thanks to all who have committed themselves to supporting Redeemer.

### **Adult Forum on Sunday - 9:15 am**

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and our organist Chuyoung will be showing us some Advent Music.

### **The Collect for the Day:**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Readings for Sunday:**

- **Jeremiah 33:14-16**
- **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**
- **Luke 21:25-36**
- **Psalms 25:1-9**

## Serving: *Sunday, November 25*

### **8:00 Service:**

Lector: Dean Cinkala  
Chalice: Marie France

### **10:30 Service:**



**Sunday, December 2**

Holy Eucharist, 8:00am  
Child Care, 9:15am  
Adult Forum, 9:15am  
Olive Oil Ministry  
Saint Nicholas visit and Toy Sunday  
Holy Eucharist & Sunday School, 10:30am  
Advent Wreaths after the 10:30am service  
Discernment Group, 12:15pm

**Monday, December 3**, Office closed

AA Meeting, Noon

**Tuesday, December 4**

Staff Meeting, 1:30pm  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm

**Wednesday, December 5**

Morning Prayer, 9:00am  
Education for Ministry, 9:30am  
AA Meeting, Noon  
Holy Eucharist, Noon  
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm  
Glen Echo Singers Rehearsal, 7:30pm

**Looking ahead:**

Olive Oil Ministry, December 2 & 9  
Advent Lessons and Carols by Candlelight, December 9, 5:00pm  
Christmas Pageant, December 15 at St. Dunstan's  
Blue Christmas service, December 24 at noon  
Christmas Eve, Family Service at 5:00pm  
Christmas Eve, Choral Prelude at 10:00pm with Service at 10:30pm

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**Coming Up at Redeemer****PRAY Youth Group Redeemer & St. Dunstan's Youth**

1st and 3rd Wednesday 5th through 12th graders  
December 5 @ Redeemer | December 19 @ St. Dunstan's  
Dinner and Program starts at 6:00pm.



Join us this month for as we look at the birth narratives in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. We'll compare these stories to what the current culture shares about the birth of Jesus.

Simple meal and fellowship offered to all before Youth Groups from St. Dunstan's and Redeemer's joint youth programs meet. Youth Group is for 5th through 12th grades and meets after dinner from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Friends of youth are always welcome at dinner and youth group.

PLEASE sign up by Monday, December 3rd and 17th so that the appropriate amount of food is prepared!

### **Caroling & Secret Santa at the Oasis**

Sunday, December 16

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Cost: Secret Santa gift under \$10

Youth will Christmas Carol for the residents of the Oasis at Sibley Hospital. This memory care unit's residents suffer from dementia and Alzheimer's. Singing familiar carols can be a great gift as music is one of simple ways that memories return.

Parents are asked to drop off at 2:00 p.m. and pick up youth at 4:00 p.m. at the center. An adult leader will be in the entrance way to meet youth.

We'll have a Secret Santa exchange and enjoy some refreshments after we sing. Please keep the cost of these gifts under \$10. Youth are encouraged to wear exciting Christmas attire - hats, sweaters, etc. Sign up so that we can adequately prepare for snacks. Friends are always welcome to join our events.

### **December 2nd at Redeemer**

#### **Advent Wreath Making**

Annual Advent wreath making after the 10:30 service on Dec. 2nd

We supply greens, candles, and holders. You and your family put them together!

Look for the signup sheet in the parish hall.

#### **Adult Forum - 9:15am**

Our Organist Chuyoung Suter will talk about Advent Organ Chorale Preludes by Johann Sebastian Bach: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 645 and *Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659 during the Adult Forum on Sunday, December 2nd. Come and learn how Bach used German Chorale tunes in his organ music.

**Olive Oil Ministry** before and after services on December 2 & 9

#### **St. Nicholas Visit and Toy Sunday**

The good bishop Nicholas of Myra will be at Redeemer at 10:30am on December 2nd.

Children of all ages are invited to hear his story. After the service, Jefferson Arrington will be collecting cash and unwrapped toys for Redeemer's annual Toy Drive.

#### **Discernment Group at Redeemer 12:15pm**

A group has formed to practice deep listening and to share the experience of this practice with one another or just in silence together. A small number of interested parishioners met this fall and agreed to meet on the first Sunday of each month at 12:15pm up in the church in the seating area just in front of the choir room. There is silent reflection and voluntary sharing of the experience of a daily review. No experience of this practice is necessary, and any curiosity about spiritual discernment of one's path in life may be brought to this simple gathering. We meet for about 45 minutes.

A helpful companion is the booklet by Lois Lindbloom called *"Is That You, God? Cultivating Discernment as a Way of Life"* (2007). Marilyn will order several copies to have available. So have a coffee after the 10:30am service and then meet us for a quiet time. Advent and Epiphany are two great seasons of quiet mystery. Join us whenever you can.

In Peace,

## **Coffee Hour**

There is a sign-up sheet on the board and we invite you to take a Sunday. If the cost of hosting is holding you back, please know that there is money in the budget to help reimburse you. Thank you for helping our ministry of hospitality.

**At this time, we need volunteers for December 9th.**

## **Christmas Family Sing Along**

**Saturday, December 15 - 5:00pm at St. Dunstan's**

This fun evening includes a traditional Christmas Pageant, an opportunity to sing carols, visit with Santa Claus, and enjoy a great Chili Supper. Redeemer and St. Dunstan's are combining efforts this year to put on a great evening for all ages. All are welcome to participate in the pageant - we need narrators, lead characters, a bunch of angels, sheep, shepherds, and animals of all kinds, and of course help from adults. Youth are being asked to take the lead as usual as narrators and lead characters. Narrators and lead characters will be asked to arrive at 3:00pm for a rehearsal. Younger participants are asked to arrive by 4:00pm to get into costumes.

There will also be a Chili dinner to end our evening and we encourage entries for the "best chili cook-off" - white, veggie, Texas, etc. - all varieties are accepted.

Watch for various sign-up emails to offer your talents for the pageant or the chili cook-off. Please be in contact with Cricket or Sue if you want to assist with the pageant or dinner.

## **Bethesda Cares - Collecting Warmth**

Bethesda Cares is our local support center for homeless adults in our town. We are asking for donations of new or clean, lightly used clothing for both men and women as follows: Hats, gloves, scarves, socks, jackets, sweatshirts, and blankets are always welcome.

We have a tote beside the piano in the Parish Hall where donations can be dropped off. Church volunteers will take them to the Bethesda Cares center in downtown Bethesda. I need 2 more volunteers to help to deliver these throughout the winter season. Look for THE GIVING TREE as we get closer to Christmas!

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## **Thank you, Redeemer**

On the busy Thanksgiving holiday weekend, you made the time and effort to produce a bounteous meal for the hungry men and women who count on us through our partnership with Bethesda Cares. A heartfelt thanks to the following parishioners. We could not have done it without you!

Barbara Alterowitz, Cinkala Family, Chrissy de Fontenay, Meredith Griggs, Susan Grigsby, Ben Ivins, Judy James, Jennings-Mershon Family, Huda Kraske, Tami McMinn, Nelson Family, Barbara Thackray, Yehl Family, Mary K Young and Bramman Avery, and Helen Zitomer

**The Choir** is still riding high on the success of the Duruflé Requiem service and the incredible standing-room audience. Thank you to everyone who made this service possible. Believe it or not, the season isn't half over yet! Please mark your calendars for Advent Lessons & Carols by Candlelight, December 9th at 5pm. Don't forget to invite your

friends. Word of mouth is the best promotion: it's personal and free! Because it is a liturgy, the lessons and carols service is open to all. A free-will offering will be taken.

Be sure to get a seat for the Music at Redeemer events in February and March:  
Saturday, February 2, at 5pm - EYA: St. Brigid, the Second Patron Saint of Ireland  
Saturday, February 9, at 7pm - The Whiffenpoofs in Concert  
Saturday, March 2, at 7pm - Erik and Chuyoung Suter, Rachmaninoff & Grieg Piano Concertos

Tickets for these concerts are available at Eventbrite, which is accessible through the [musicatredeemer.org](http://musicatredeemer.org) website.

**Episcopal Relief and Development's annual Gifts for Life** catalog is available on their website. Go to [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org) and discover how you can make an impact on a family somewhere in the developing world. You can purchase mosquito nets or flocks of chickens. Or, you can send a child to school or pay for a mother's micro-loan to start a business. **Until December 31st, a matching grant will double your gift.** You can order cards to go with your gift so that the receiver will know how it helps the world.

### Redeemer Book Group

The book we are reading is "*A Gentleman in Moscow*" by Amor Towles. When in 1922, the thirty-year old Count Rostov is deemed unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, he is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. The book will be discussed on January 13 at 3:00pm at the house of Ann Hartman, 107 Hesketh Street, Bethesda, Md. 20815. For questions, contact Huda Kraske at [hqkraske@aol.com](mailto:hqkraske@aol.com).

The books we will be reading afterward are: "*The Killers of the Flower Moon*" by David Grann and "*Pale Blue Ink in a Lady's Hand*" by Franz Werfel. For more information, contact Huda Kraske at [hqkraske@aol.com](mailto:hqkraske@aol.com) or 301-656-2087.

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