



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

### **Pledge Drive Update:**

*Thank you to all who have made a pledge. To date we have **77 Pledges** for **\$389,899**, which is **84%** of our budget goal. The balance remaining to reach the goal is \$75,521.*

*Thank you to all, especially our new pledgers and the families who have increased their pledge. Please bring pledge cards to church as soon as possible, if you haven't already made your pledge. Alternatively, you can mail your pledge card into the office, or fill out a pledge card on-line. All pledges are important - please make your commitment to Redeemer and our ministries today.*

*NOTE: In order to finish the year within our budget, it is important that everyone's pledge is fulfilled. If you need to know how much is left on your pledge, please send Margaret an e-mail: [accounting@redeemberbethesda.org](mailto:accounting@redeemberbethesda.org). Thank you!*

### **God within the Body: Paradox & Incarnation**

*December 14, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

*St. Luke's Chapel space*

This gathering will be a quiet morning of silence and reflection centered on Benedictine spirituality as explored by spiritual teacher Esther de Waal in *Living with Contradiction* (Morehouse, Harrisburg PA1987; reissued with new preface 1997/1998). It is not necessary to read the book to participate.

The suggested donation for the morning is \$10.00. Participants may bring a bag lunch to eat together at noon in the parish hall (yoga will be over by then) and a simple soup will be served.

There are still a couple of spaces left but please email Marylin Raisch at [raischm@gmail.com](mailto:raischm@gmail.com) by the morning of this Friday, December 13th to RSVP attending at this point.

Let's pause and be peaceful.

### **Collect for Sunday (Advent III):**

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.

### **Christmas Communion for those who are homebound.**

If you, or a family member, is unable to come to church due to illness or frailty, please let [Amma Cricket](#) know. She is happy to bring communion to you.



A Charlie Brown Family (Jazz) Christmas  
**Movie Screening & The Eric Byrd Trio**

Sat. Dec. 14, 3:30pm—6:30pm



**Readings for Sunday:**

- Isaiah 35:1-10
- James 5:7-10
- Matthew 11:2-11
- Psalm 146:4-9 or Canticle 15

## Serving on Sunday

### Worship Assistants

December 15, 2019

8:00 Service:

Lector: Rachel King

Chalice: Tami McMinn

10:30 Service:



**Saturday, December 14**

Advent Quiet Morning, 9:00am

Yoga, 9:30am

Charlie Brown &amp; Eric Byrd Trio, 3:30pm

**Sunday, December 15**

Holy Eucharist, 8:00am

Adult Forum - Parish Discernment, 9:15am

Child Care, 9:15am

Holy Eucharist, 10:30am

P.R.A.Y. Group at the Oasis, 2pm

**Monday, December 16, Office closed**

AA Meeting, Noon

**Tuesday, December 17**

Staff Meeting, 1:30pm

AA Meeting, 7:30pm

**Wednesday, December 18**

AA Meeting, Noon

Holy Eucharist, Noon

Youth Choir Practice, 4:30pm

Vestry, 6:30pm

**A Charlie Brown Family Christmas -****Saturday, December 14, 3:30pm**

Enjoy the classic Snoopy movie on the big screen with movie food - followed by the Eric Byrd Trio's own take on the music from the show in a live jazz set. Suitable for all ages. Kids go free.

Get tickets [here](#).

**Youth Events**

Redeemer's Youth meet on **Wednesday, December 11, at 6:00pm**. This month we're going caroling followed by dinner. Please RSVP to [rector@redeemberbethesda.org](mailto:rector@redeemberbethesda.org).

Our next outing will be on **Sunday, December 15th**. We will be Caroling at the Oasis, a dementia community, in the Grand Oaks Assisted Living community. The community is located in Sibley Hospital, 5901 MacArthur Blvd NW Washington, DC 20016. We will meet at 2:45 pm at the entrance on the ground floor. As always there will be snacks provided! Keeping with the Christmas spirit the youths will have the opportunity to participate in a white elephant gift exchange. Please, no gifts over five dollars. This will be a fun way to kick off the Christmas season! Parents are encouraged to stay and participate in the fun. You can sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Umkqt6ZaeBkVu4W79>. Feel free to contact Yaa if you have any questions about this outing.

**2020 Summer Pilgrimage in England**

Amma Cricket invites you to join her on a Cathedral Tour of northern England from June 17 to June 26. To receive an itinerary, please e-mail her at [rector@redeemberbethesda.org](mailto:rector@redeemberbethesda.org). Land package costs are between \$1700 and \$2000 depending on how many sign up. Includes admissions to cathedrals, breakfasts most days and one farewell dinner. Upcharge for a single



room. Air travel is not included. Deposits of \$100 will be due by the end of December. Space is limited to 45 travelers. Not limited to Redeemer parishioners! Tell your friends!

## **Feast of the Epiphany and a visit from our Muslim friends at ICCP in Potomac!**

We have been there for Iftar and other occasions and it is our turn to host them. We have invited them to come to Redeemer at 5:00pm on Sunday, January 5th for fellowship, discussion of Epiphany, a meal and prayer.

Plans are just getting started and we can use some volunteers to pull this together. If you want to be involved, see Bob Yates.

### **Outreach Ministries:**

#### **Manna Food Pantry**

welcomes your donations of protein-based foods, canned goods, and cereal. These items should be placed in the baskets in the Narthex.

#### **Bethesda Cares**

requests toiletry items, especially disposable razors, and thermos-type containers. These items should be placed in the box in the Parish Hall marked Bethesda Cares.

#### **MUSIC AT REDEEMER 2019-2020**

Go to [www.MusicAtRedeemer.org](http://www.MusicAtRedeemer.org) for more information and tickets.

### **e-mail issues**

Many parishes including Redeemer have experienced parish leaders and parishioners receiving emails from a personal email account created by a scammer who is impersonating the rector or a leader at the parish. DO NOT respond to them. Please be careful and delete it if you are the one getting them!

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