



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

### **Christmas Eve Worship Times**

Noon - "Blue Christmas" A service for those who find the holidays difficult due to loss, grief, or hardship.

4:00pm - "Family Service" featuring our young people in our Christmas Pageant

10:30pm - "Festive Choral Service" featuring the adult choir.

Caroling prelude at 10:00pm.

All services include Holy Eucharist. Christmas Day services are available at St. Dunstan's at 10:00am and the Washington National Cathedral at 11:15am.

### **December 29/Christmas I - One Service Only at 10:30am**

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

#### **Readings for Sunday:**

- Isaiah 7:10-16
- Romans 1:1-7
- Matthew 1:18-25
- Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

## Serving on Sunday

### **Worship Assistants**

**December 22, 2019**

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

Lector: Dean Cinkala

Chalice: Susan Grigsby

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

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Bill MacBain, Mary K Young

Acolyte: Thad Arrington  
Lectors: Karen Stewart, Cathy Arrington  
Intercessor: Judy James  
Chalice: Helen Zitomer, Ben Ivins, Justin Hess  
Counters: Mary K Young, Melinda Nelson  
Coffee Hour: Jo Barclay-Beard

### **December 24 at noon**

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington  
Acolyte: Thad Arrington  
Lectors: Bob Yates  
Intercessor: Bob Yates  
Chalice: TBD

### **December 24 at 4:00pm**

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Mary Helen Carlson  
Acolyte: Thad Arrington  
Lectors: Michael Mershon,  
Intercessor: Randolph Court  
Chalice: Chrissy de Fontenay, Peggy Tucker, Bill MacBain

### **December 24 at 10:30pm**

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Bill MacBain  
Acolyte: Helen Zitomer  
Lectors: Jenny Nachbar,  
Intercessor: John Nelson  
Chalice: Chrissy de Fontenay, Jenny Nachbar, Judy James

**Sunday's attendance: 105**  
**(previous Sunday 225, includes Lessons & Carols)**

## **■PRAYER REQUESTS**



**For healing:** Frank Anderson, Joanne Biggar, Brendan Dealy, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Tom & Margaret Greene, Eileen & Robert Hubbard, Dana Hurley, Olivier Jeanne, Judy James, Peter & Beate Kendall, Alison Levine, Gary Lorenz, Clarice Leslie, Susan Moore, Laura Naimark, Mary Nelson, Marie Pessolano, Mary Potter, Charles

Raisch, Teresa Raj, Marilyn Rossie, Catherine Sands, Beth Sauerland, Claudia Serrin, Anne Southard, Patricia Snowden, Bert Spencer, Mimi Stibinger, Karen Stewart, Ann Taylor, Jimmy Tinto, Michele Underwood, Lois Vuolo, Matthew Yard, Jerry, Eileen, David and Gus

**In thanksgiving for birthdays:** Charley Gibson, Marylin Raisch, Mary K Young, Lisa MacBain, Amy Yount, Jochen Kraske, Clara Tomlinson, Finley Tomlinson

**For safety while away:** Laura & Douglas Rose; Brenda, Tilla, & Kailah McAntony;

**Altar Flowers:** Offerings for Christmas flowers are welcome during Advent. The 2020 Flower Calendar is on the Sign-Up bulletin board. Suggested amount for weekly flowers is \$75. Please sign up in the parish hall or e-mail [office@redeemberbethesda.org](mailto:office@redeemberbethesda.org).

## **Parish Calendar**

### **Wednesday, December 18**

AA Meeting, Noon  
Holy Eucharist, CANCELLED  
Youth Choir Practice, 4:30pm

### **Thursday, December 19**

Collar & Coffee Office Hours at Sangamore, 10:00am  
Balkan Dancers, 7:30pm  
Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm

### **Friday, December 20**

AA Meditation Meeting, Noon  
AA Meeting, 6:30 pm  
AA Meeting, 8:30pm

### **Saturday, December 21**

Yoga, 9:30am

### **Sunday, December 22**

Holy Eucharist, 8:00am  
Adult Forum, 9:15am  
Child Care, 9:15pm  
Holy Eucharist, 10:30am

### **Monday, December 23, Office closed**

AA Meeting, Noon

### **Tuesday, December 24**

Staff Meeting, 1:30pm  
Holy Eucharist, Noon  
Holy Eucharist, 4:00pm  
Choir begins, 10:00pm  
Holy Eucharist, 10:30pm

### **Wednesday, December 25**

NO Services  
AA Meeting, Noon

## **Adult Forum on December 22nd**

Surrounded by cookies, thanks to Jo & Brian Barclay-Beard, we will continue our conversation regarding a vision for Redeemer in 2020. Please bring with you the seven values/virtues you wish to see the parish develop in the next five years.

## **Eve 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 4:00pm on Sunday, January 5th for food, fellowship, and prayer. We had a meeting on Sunday and have a good handle on the food. There are still lots of opportunities to be included, either with the food or other possibilities. If you want to be involved, see Bob Yates. See the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you will be at the event!



### **Annual Meeting - ONE Service on January 12th**

In order that everyone is available to vote on the revised bylaws, we will have only one service this morning at 10:30am. Please mark your calendar so that you remember. The vote will be taken after Amma Cricket opens the meeting, delivers her address, and calls for the motion to approve the bylaws. After the bylaws vote, the meeting will go into recess until after the service is finished. Thank you for your cooperation and attendance.

### **Foyer Dinners Are Back!**

Huda Kraske and Mary Helen Carlson have agreed to revive the Foyer dinner gatherings. Foyer dinners are groups of 6-8 people who meet at a member's house to get to know each other and have a good time. The host family provides the main meal (could be pizza!) and others bring appetizers, veggies, salads, desserts, and/or drinks. The same group meets no more than three times over 4-5 months. Then, these groups dissolve and new ones form. Keep the evening simple and fun. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please sign up by January 12, 2020. For more information, contact [Huda Kraske](#) or [Mary Helen Carlson](#).

### **Redeemer Book Group**

After such a serious book as *Just Mercy*, we will be reading a light book: *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. If you are in the mood to laugh and cry and cheer, read this book, events of which take place in the aftermath of the Civil War. This is a stunning story of an old man, Captain Kidd, and a lost young girl who had been kidnapped by an Indian tribe. Captain Kidd is returning her to her relatives who lived outside San Antonio, Texas. The book will be discussed at 3:00 pm on January 26, 2020 (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE) at the home of Huda and Jochen Kraske, 4550 North Park Avenue, Apt. 410, Chevy Chase, Md. 20815. All are welcome.

Our next book will be *The Hours* by Michael Cunningham

### **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@redeemerbethesda.org](mailto:rector@redeemerbethesda.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 are being collected now. Space is limited to 45 travelers. Not limited to Redeemer parishioners! Tell your friends!

### **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

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