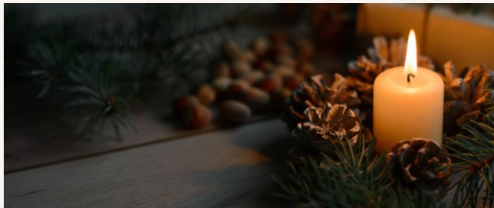




This Week at Redeemer

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Worship



Nativity Stickers are available!

Families who wish to receive Nativity Stickers should contact Amma Cricket (rector@redeemberbethesda.org). She will mail them to you.

Collect for Sunday:

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.*

Readings for Sunday:

- **2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**
- **Romans 16:25-27**
- **Luke 1:26-38**
- **Canticle 15**

Need Reserved Sacrament? Collect yours from **Cricket**.

We are now scheduling readers and intercessors for *TheFIVE*. If you would like to be included, please contact **Bob Yates**.

Adult Forum on December 20:

We are reading Jana Reiss' *Flunking Sainthood: A Year of Breaking the Sabbath, Forgetting to Pray, and Still Loving My Neighbor*. The book is available from the big stores, Kindle, etc. Please read chapters 10, 11, 12 and the epilogue for this Sunday.

Change in *TheFIVE*

Coffee Hour has moved to post-service. It is important to provide a quiet, contemplative time to prepare ourselves for worship. To this end, we'll be muting everyone at 4:45pm and providing a time of music and simple visuals. This will help us be more welcoming to visitors, as well. Those who wish to stay and chat may do so after the service. Thank you for helping us with this transition.

Be ready to come to church! Sign the Covenant Today

Whether we meet outside or inside, we need your covenant to help keep us all safe.

Go to the waiver/covenant by clicking here:

<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5f884aed3443f/web/>

Daily Prayers to Bracket Your Weekdays

Morning Prayers, features the clergy via your regular phone. We invite you to join us at 10am, Monday through Friday, to pray for our world. **Call 508-924-1769.**

The second, Compline, takes place at 8pm, Monday through Friday. Join us to settle yourself for the night. The Compline link is on the Redeemer website and in the calendar below.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Our Annual Meeting is January 17th.

It will be held that morning (TBD) on Zoom. Our current slate of candidates for Vestry is: Geoffrey Platt (Senior Warden)

Toyin Rose

Scott Williams

Many thanks to these three for their willingness to run for the Class of '23!

We need two people to serve as convention delegates for a two-year term. These delegates will attend diocesan convention on behalf of Redeemer in 2022 and 2023.

If you are interested in running for these positions, please contact Amma Cricket by tomorrow so that we can prepare the Annual Report in due time.

REDEEMER ACTIVITIES

Walk to Bethlehem. Pennsylvania.

Okay, it's time to lower our expectations. At the pace we're going, we won't get to the shore, let alone over the Atlantic. So, let's concentrate on a destination closer to home. Remember - every 20 minutes counts. Climbing steps to do the laundry? Walking the dog? Yoga class? Keep track of the time. It all adds up. Send your mileage to rector@redeemberbethesda.org.

Redeemer/St Dunstan's Blood Drive

Our blood drive is scheduled for December 29th from Noon to 5:00pm at St Dunstan's. At this point there are only 4 slots available. We will create a wait list and make adjustments as we get closer to the drive. Send an email to Bob Yates with a time that works for you and he will confirm it right away. You can save a life with one hour of your time!

Redeemer Book Group

We met recently on zoom to discuss *Passage to India*. We had a lively discussion and agreed on our next book, *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchet. At the end of World War II, Cyril Conroy combines luck and a single investment to begin an enormous real estate empire, propelling his family from poverty to wealth. He buys the Dutch House, a lavish estate in the suburbs of Philadelphia, which sets in motion the undoing of everyone he loves. The story is told by Cyril's son, Danny, as he and his sister Maeve are exiled from the house where they grew up by their stepmother. The book will be discussed on Zoom on Sunday January 10 at 3:00 pm. Bob Dresser will send an invitation to the meeting via a zoom link. For more information, please contact Bob Dresser or [Huda Kraske](#).

Thank you for keeping your pledges current!



<https://www.redeemerbethesda.org/stewardshipgiving/online-payments/>

Pledge statements have been mailed. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret at accounting@redeemerbethesda.org.

Pledge forms for 2021 have been mailed. You can also use the pledge page in the December **Redeemer Spirit**.

■ PRAYER REQUESTS

For healing: Frank Anderson, Grace Beard, Brendan Dealy, Joan Eisenstodt, Susan Forsyth, Kiki Garo, Natalie S. Graham, Tom & Margaret Greene, Karen Hansen, Randy Henderson, Judy James, Olivier Jeanne, Peter & Beate Kendall, Kelsie Kimberlin, Huda Kraske, Clarice Leslie, Howard London, Leslie McGlothlin, Laura Naimark, Mary Nelson, Nicholas Platt, Mary Potter, Charles Raisch, Jean & David Riggs, Marilyn Rossie, Catherine Sands, Beth Sauerland, Claudia Serrin, Patricia Snowden, Anne Southard, Bert Spencer, Karen Stewart, Ann Taylor, Kim Turska, Ann Twiggs, Lois Vuolo, Ariana, "T", David, Evie, Jerry, Gretchen & Sharon, Eleanor, Paul & Dora, for Karen Stewart's sister who is ill, and the Knollwood Retirement Community.

Please let us know if you wish to remain on the list, or wish for us to keep the name of a loved one on the list. Thank you.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Lily McGurrin, Charley Gibson, MaryLin Raisch, Mary K Young, Lisa MacBain, Amy Yount

For the repose of the soul of Pat von Rautenkranz, (Archdeacon) Sue's mother

For safety while at work: Sujie Kim, Ryan Fischer, Emily, Amy, Tyler Packard-Winkler, and all medical personnel, first responders, delivery drivers, and grocery store workers.

For safety while away: Laura & Douglas Rose; Brenda, Tilla, & Kailah McAntony; and Noelle Veltze and family

For all who are seeking employment, who are hungry, who are anxious, and who may be in danger at home.

For all who live in retirement centers, assistive living centers, and nursing homes.

For all who work for justice.

Tuesday, December 15

Needlers/Knit-Along on Zoom at 4:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87083173624?pwd=QnNmRUhiVIIRa2FaSXA3U2RNSVNaQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 8317 3624 Password: 128143

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRbB2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

Wednesday, December 16

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Lectionary Bible Study on Zoom at Noon

Meeting ID: 859 1202 8288 Password: 173917

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912028288?pwd=OWhGSHdsVEEd1SVBYdIFPQWV2R2JVQT09>

A discussion based on the readings for the upcoming Sunday

Compline at 8:00pm

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Thursday, December 17

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

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Friday, December 18

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRbB2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

Saturday, December 19

Sunday, December 20

Log onto these Zoom events at www.redeemberbethesda.org.

Adult Forum - at 9am

Morning Worship - Family-Friendly Worship at 10am with Amma Cricket

Sunday School - Intermediate and Middle/High School at 10:30am with Steve Gibson and Mary K Young and others.*

*Sunday School links are sent out by the teachers.

TheFIVE - Holy Eucharist with musical offerings at 5pm.

Monday, December 21

Office closed

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRbB2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

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Tuesday, December 22

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Staff Meeting on Zoom at 1:30pm

Needlers/Knit-Along on Zoom at 4:30pm

Meeting ID: 870 8317 3624 Password: 128143

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRbB2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

Wednesday, December 23

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Lectionary Bible Study on Zoom at Noon

Meeting ID: 859 1202 8288 Password: 173917

A discussion based on the readings for the upcoming Sunday

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRbB2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

E-mail Security

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!

Below are the email addresses used by the staff. Please be sure to check the sender's address if you receive an email that sounds suspicious.

No one from Redeemer will ever e-mail you to ask for gift cards or send money. THIS INCLUDES FELLOW PARISHIONERS. Please be careful and report the scam to the FBI: www.fbi.gov

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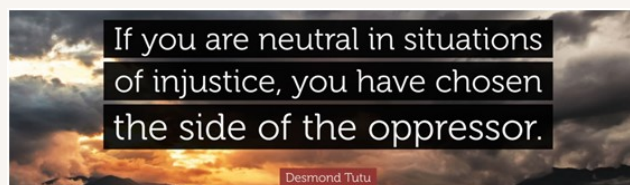
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