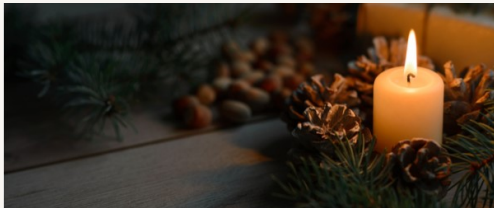




This Week at Redeemer

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Worship



Change in *TheFIVE* beginning December 13 - Advent III

Beginning Sunday, Coffee Hour moves to post-service. You are welcome to check-in and test your connection beginning at 4:30pm. 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.

Nativity Stickers are available!

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

Collect for Sunday:

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.*

Readings for Sunday:

- **Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**
- **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**
- **John 1:6-8,19-28**
- **Psalms 126**

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 13:

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 7, 8, and 9 (approximately 40 pages) for this

Sunday.

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, initially led by Geoffrey and Joey 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.

Pledges - THANK YOU!

43 pledges, totaling \$349,326.51 73% of goal

There are still approximately 50 families who have not sent in a pledge for 2021.

Balance needed to meet goal \$127,173.49

Have you sent in yours? [Pledge Form](#)

Renovation Donations:

Promised: \$45,538.25

Of the promised--amount paid \$32,938.25.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Create a Reverse Advent Food Calendar

Fill an empty box one food item at a time:

box of cereal Progresso or chunky soup can of tuna beef stew or corned beef hash
canned pasta can of corn can of spinach, sauerkraut, or red beets can of mandarin
oranges can of peaches can of applesauce box of mac and cheese ketchup, mustard, or
BBQ sauce olives or pickles jelly or jam flour or sugar cooking oil baking mix
(cake, brownies) snack item shampoo or conditioner deodorant toothpaste box
of tissues tea or hot chocolate juice

At the end of Advent, bring the box to Redeemer and we'll give it to the Manna Food pantry and Bethesda Cares. Or, take it to a pantry near you.

Together, let's spend Advent caring for others, for our families, and for our own spiritual well-beings.

St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus, West Bank, Needs an Ultrasound Machine

Two years ago, Redeemer teamed up with St. John's and other Episcopal churches in the deanery to help purchase an ambulance for this, the only Christian-based, hospital in the West Bank. St. Luke's serves everyone, regardless of the ability to pay. An ultrasound will make it possible to serve the neediest families in Nablus, treat trauma and emergency cases, and grow revenue to subsidize charitable care. Their goal is \$111,300. Donate online at www.afedj.org/give or by check to AFEDJ, 25 Old Kings Hwy, Suite 13, Darien, CT 06820 Memo: St. Luke's Hospital.

Sustainable Villages Honduras

Hurricane Iota made landfall in Honduras—the second major storm to hit the country this month.

- Some families' homes have been completely swept away or greatly damaged. Torrential rainfall, rivers rising, winds, and trees falling on buildings and fences have caused massive damage.
- Getting to and from the communities and delivering supplies is a huge challenge. The bridge to the communities is gone, and mudslides and water have blocked the roads up the mountain. The only way to get to the communities is via boat, mototaxi and horseback.
- Fragile water systems have been destroyed. Clean drinking water is still scarce and may continue to be a long-term issue.

If you are able to **make a donation** to support SVH today, it would be so greatly appreciated. The need in our communities has never been more urgent. Increased global need due to the pandemic make the likelihood of significant international support, like that following Hurricane Mitch in 1998, low. A group of long-time donors have pledged \$15,000 to match donations up to \$15,000 made by December 15. Make Checks Out to *Sustainable Villages Honduras* and Send to:

Sustainable Villages Honduras
P.O. Box 15736
Washington DC 20003

Put your money to work for justice.

Patronize black-owned restaurants and businesses in the DMV.

Black-owned restaurants in Montgomery County

Minority-owned businesses in the DC area

MORE REDEEMER ACTIVITIES

Walk to Bethlehem - Denton, MD

In our first week, we made it to Denton, Maryland, 85 miles from Bethesda. We're visiting the Museum of Rural Life. Did you forget to send Cricket your mileage this weekend? She doesn't need to know how you exercised to get your mileage. She just needs the mileage. 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.

rector@redeemerbethesda.org.

Redeemer/St Dunstan's Blood Drive

Our blood drive is scheduled for December 29th from Noon to 5:00pm at St Dunstan's. 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, 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: Lucy Court, Vicky Bocoock, Susan Cinkala, Jorge Guzman, Ayesha Court, Lily McGurrin

And the anniversary of Sarah Nelson and Evan McGurrin

For the repose of the soul of Chris Avery, brother of Bramman Avery (Mary K Young)

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.

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, December 8

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87083173624?pwd=QnNmRUhiVlIRa2FaSXA3U2RNSVNaQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 8317 3624 Password: 128143

Compline at 8:00pm

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

Wednesday, December 9

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=OWhGSHdsVEd1SVBYdIFPQWV2R2JVQT09>

A discussion based on the readings for the upcoming Sunday

Compline at 8:00pm

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Thursday, December 10

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

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Friday, December 11

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

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Saturday, December 12**Sunday, December 13**

Log onto these Zoom events at www.redeemerbethesda.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 14

Office closed

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

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

Tuesday, December 15

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 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

A discussion based on the readings for the upcoming Sunday

Compline at 8:00pm

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

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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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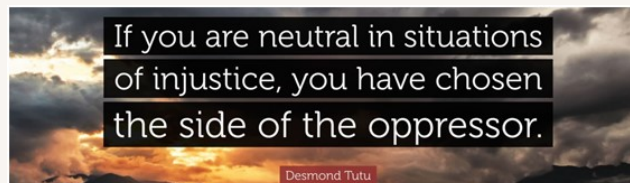
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