



This Week at Redeemer

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Worship



Collect for Sunday December 27:

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the

unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Sunday January 3:

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Readings for Sunday December 27:

- **Isaiah 61:10-62:3**
- **Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**
- **John 1:1-18**
- **Psalm 147 or 147:13-21**
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Readings for Sunday January 3:

- **Jeremiah 31:7-14**
- **Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a**
- **Matthew 2:1-12**
- **Psalm 84:1-8**

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**.

Service for December 27 is Christmas Lessons and Carols

The churches of the South Montgomery Deanery have joined together to present this lovely service of music and scripture. Please stream the service at your convenience. There will be no service of *TheFIVE* this week. Thank you to Geoffrey Silver for the

production of the service and to our colleagues across the deanery.

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 any of these positions, please contact Amma Cricket immediately so that we can prepare the Annual Report in due time. The January Redeemer Spirit will be the Annual Report and will be published on January 10, 2021.

REDEEMER ACTIVITIES

Walk to Bethlehem. Pennsylvania.

As of today, we've walked 223 miles, just shy of downtown Manhattan. Well, there may be more as Cricket has not received many weekly updates. Send your mileage to

rector@redeemerbethesda.org.

Redeemer/St Dunstan's Blood Drive - next Tuesday

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**.

Pledge Update

As of today, Margaret has received 62 Pledges, totalling \$361,676.51. We are at 76% of the goal. Balance to goal \$114,823.49.



Please send your pledge for 2021 to Margaret at accounting@redeemberbethesda.org. Thank you to everyone who has made a financial commitment to Redeemer. It is very much appreciated.

■ PRAYER REQUESTS

For healing: Frank Anderson, Grace Beard, Brendan Dealy, Joan Eisenstodt, Mary Fogwell, 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: Lisa MacBain, Amy Yount, Jochen Kraske, Clara Tomlinson, Finley Tomlinson, Nico Judge, Evan Judge, Justin Arrington, Ellen Jimerson, Sam Nickerson, Charles Oliver, Julia Rychlik, Mariana Pennybacker, Max Pennybacker

For the repose of the soul of William J Graham, Susan Fitzgerald's father

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

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 22

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 23

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

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

"Blue Christmas" at 7:00pm

<https://youtu.be/H1eeJ-6W31Y>

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Christmas Service, 10:30pm

Log on through our website: www.redeemerbethesda.org

Friday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Saturday, December 26

Sunday, December 27

Christmas Lessons and Carols - online (see link on our website)

Monday, December 28 - Saturday January 2

Office closed

Tuesday, December 29

Blood Drive at Saint Dunstan's 12:00noon to 5:00pm

by appointment only

Sunday, January 3

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

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

TheFIVE - Holy Eucharist with musical offerings at 5pm.

Monday, January 4

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

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

Tuesday, January 5

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Staff Meeting at 1:30pm

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

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

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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

e-mail addresses:

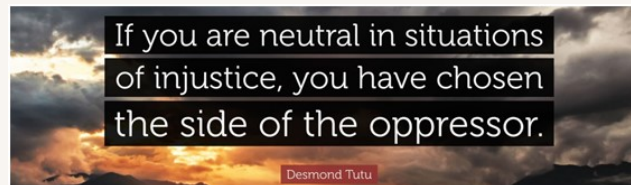
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