



## This Week at Redeemer

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### Adult Formation January 24 to February 14

#### Ancient Texts – Current Crises: Hebrew Scriptures Sounded NEW for NOW

*What insights for addressing racism, nationalism, and pandemic can be gleaned from a close reading of Biblical texts written long ago for circumstances that seem far removed?*

With the help of two brief essays and one short book by Walter Brueggeman, *Virus as a Summons to Faith*, we will take up that question during the Sunday morning Adult Forum over the four weeks.

A schedule of topics, readings, and discussion prompt questions are available on the website.

The discussion will be convened by David Schlafer.

January 31: *Pandemic—The Place of Plagues in Hebrew Scripture*  
Reading: *Virus as a Summons to Faith*, Chapters 1 & 2 (pp. ix-27)

February 7: *Pandemic—Faith as HOPING, PRAYING, TURNING and IMAGINING*  
Reading: *Virus as a Summons to Faith*, Chapters 3-6 (pp. 28-60)

### Worship



#### Collect for Sunday January 31:

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### Readings for Sunday January 31:

- **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**
- **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**
- **Mark 1:21-28**
- **Psalms 111**

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

**Sign up to write a Lenten meditation.** Parishioners are invited to submit a two- or three-paragraph reflection on the scriptures of one of the days of Lent. There are 40 days of Lent, so there are lots of opportunities. Please email Cricket ([rector@redeemerbethesda.org](mailto:rector@redeemerbethesda.org)) if you would like a day or two. These were well-received in Advent and helped us stay in touch with each other.

**Be ready to come to church! Sign**

February 14: *Pandemic and Nationalism—GROANING, GLORYING, and GRAPPLING*  
Reading: *Virus as a Summons to Faith*, Chapter 7 (pp. 61-70)  
“An Unwelcomed Read to History”

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**Thank you**  
**Bethesda Cares - January 24**  
Hi Redeemer Family!

Many thanks to those who put together dinner on Sunday, January 24 for the hungry and homeless through our partnership with Bethesda Cares: Maria and Steve France, Brian and Jo Beard, Ann Taylor, Christine de Fontenay, Jefferson and Cathy Arrington, Huda Kraske, Marilyn Raisch, Mary K Young, Silvia Maza, Melinda Nelson, Helen Zitomer, Mary Helen Carlson, Judy James and the Penn's. Redeemer will provide dinner again on Sunday, March 28. Please consider participating in this Redeemer Outreach Program.  
Thank you,  
Anne de Fontenay & Kim Penn

Youth Group - Amma Cricket has an activity planned for February 13th. More information will be in the February *Redeemer Spirit*.

**Speaking of...*Spirit*...articles are due to Bob Yates TODAY!**

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### **Pledge Update**

As of today, Margaret has received 75 Pledges, totaling \$412, 802. We are at 87% of the goal.

### **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..  
**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**

### **Manna Food Pantry**

Blessings to all who filled the pantry box over the Christmas holiday. Chrissy deFontenay and Ben Ivins will take those to Manna this week. That means there's lots more room in the box! There are many hungry folks in our county - even in Bethesda! Please consider purchasing a couple of items for the pantry box when you go to the store this week.

### **Nourishing Bethesda**

Speaking of hungry people here, this coalition of churches and private businesses is feeding 270-300 families each week. You can contribute financially by clicking **here**. Select Nourishing Bethesda from the dropdown menu. You can feed a family for a week for \$25. To volunteer go to **NourishingBethesda**. There is a need for transportation help on Fridays.

Balance to goal \$63,700.

We've also \$55,793 in pledged contributions for the renovations, \$51,193 of which has been paid.

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



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## ■ PRAYER REQUESTS

For healing: 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, Lois Vuolo, Ariana, "T", David, Evie, Jerry, Gretchen & Sharon, Eleanor, Paul & Dora, and for Karen Stewart's sister who is ill.

**In thanksgiving for birthdays:** Geoffrey Silver, Bryant Raisch, Annie Mershon, Mary Potter

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

**For safety while away:** Laura & Douglas Rose; 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.

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## Parish Calendar

### **Tuesday, January 26**

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, January 27**

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Informal Study of next Sunday's scriptures is CANCELLED today in order that we may

all watch the Inauguration and pray for our country.

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRb2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

### **Thursday, January 28**

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRb2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

### **Friday, January 29**

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRb2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

### **Saturday, January 30**

### **Sunday, January 31**

Log onto these Zoom events at [www.redeemerbethesda.org](http://www.redeemerbethesda.org).

Redeemer Annual Meeting, 9:00am

*TheFIVE* - Holy Eucharist with musical offerings at 5pm.

### **Monday, February 1**

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRb2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

### **Tuesday, February 2 - Candlemas/Feast of the Presentation & Ground Hog Day!**

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=QnNmRUhiVlIRa2FaSXA3U2RNSVNaQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 8317 3624 Password: 128143

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRb2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

### **Wednesday, February 3**

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Informal Study of next Sunday's scriptures at Noon

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912028288?pwd=OWhGSHdsVEd1SVBYdlFPQWV2R2JVQT09>

Compline at 8:00pm

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

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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](http://www.fbi.gov)**

### e-mail addresses:

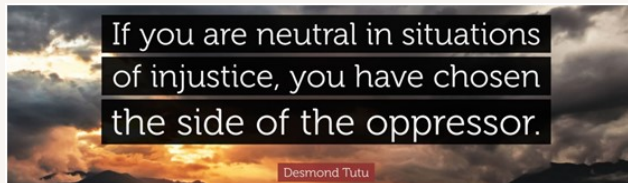
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