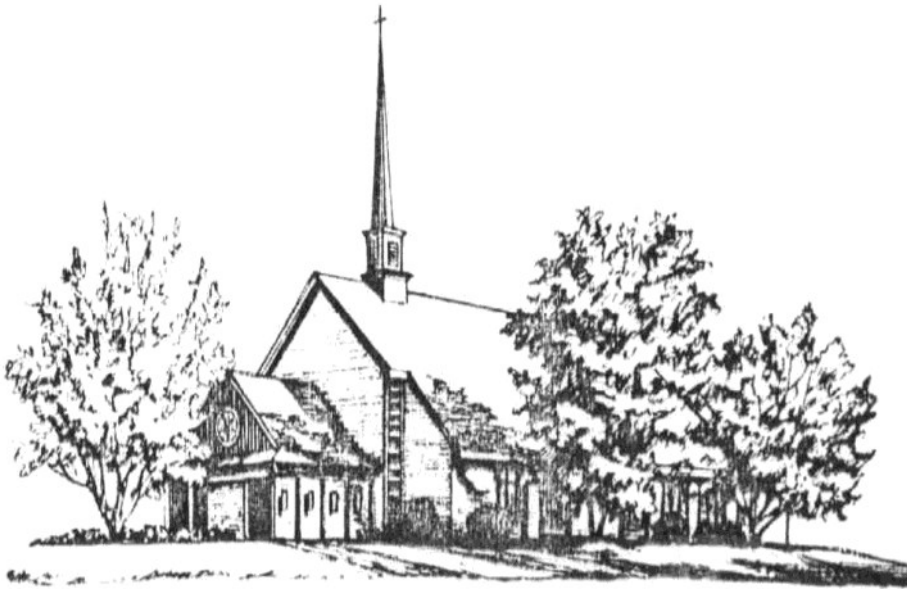


The Church of the Redeemer



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 23, 2018

**“Drawing near to God to make and equip disciples
and to live as faithful followers of Christ.”**

An Episcopal Parish in The Diocese of Upper South Carolina
The Right Rev. Andrew Waldo, Bishop
The Rev. Mark Moline, Interim Priest

120 Mauldin Road, Greenville, SC 29605
Office Telephone 864-277-4562
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Organ: *Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying* Johann Gottfried Walther

Please stand (as you are able)

Processional Hymn No. 66: STUTTGART

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Prepare the Way of the Lord. Make his path straight.

People: *And all mankind shall see the Salvation of God.*

Collect of Purity BCP 355

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: *Amen.*

Trisagion S102: Alexander Archangelsky



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

People: *Amen.*

Please be seated

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

by Flower Guild Members

Speaker: Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent Wreath -- the candles of HOPE, PEACE and JOY.



Now we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the candle of LOVE. Jesus demonstrated self-giving love in his ministry as the Good Shepherd. Advent is a time for kindness, thinking of others, and sharing with others. It is a time to love as God loved us by giving us his most precious gift. As God is love, let us be love also.

In the Book of Deuteronomy we find these words:

"For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." Deut10:17-19a

From the Gospel of John we hear:

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
John 13:34-35

ALL: Teach us to love, O Lord. May we always remember to put you first as we follow Christ's footsteps, that we may know your love and show it in our lives. As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus' birth, also fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know your love and the one whom you have sent, your son, our Savior.

People: *Amen*

Prayer Before Scripture The Gallery Choir ANCIENT CHANT

Write these words in our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

First Lesson:

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 15 *The Song of Mary Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my / Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly / servant.
From this day all generations will call me / blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his /
Name.
He has mercy on those who / fear him *
in every gener/ation.
He has shown the strength of his / arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their con/ceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their / thrones, *
and has lifted up the / lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good / things, *
and the rich he has sent away / empty.
He has come to the help of his servant / Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of / mercy,
The promise he made to our f/ athers, *
to Abraham and his children for / ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the / Son, *
and to the Holy / Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for / ever. *
A/men.

Second Lesson:

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand

Sequence Hymn No. 268:(Stanzas 1 & 2).....JULION
Ye Who Claim the Faith Of Jesus

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 1:39-45

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Luke.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sequence Hymn No. 268:(Stanzas 3 & 4).....JULION
Ye Who Claim the Faith Of Jesus

Please be seated.

Please stand and say together.

The Nicene Creed.....BCP 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: *Form III*.....BCP 387

Please kneel (as you are able).

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the
glory of your Name. Amen.*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

Please stand

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you.
The people are invited to greet those around them with words of peace such as
“God’s peace” or “Peace be with you.”*

Please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

The Presentation of the Elements

Offertory Anthem: *Every Valley*.....John Ness Beck

The Gallery Choir

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low; and the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Please stand

The Offertory Doxology.....OLD HUNDREDTH

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C.....BCP 369

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People: By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.*

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S130:Franz P. Schubert

Please kneel (as you are able).

Prayer of Consecration BCP 371

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People: We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon

only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All: AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray,

The Lord’s PrayerBCP 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei S-164

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
If you do not wish to receive Communion, we encourage you to receive a blessing
by coming to the altar rail and folding your arms across your chest.*

Communion Hymn No. 60:.....CONDITOR ALME IDERUM
Creator Of the Stars Of Nigh

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing

The Chiming Of The Trinity

Please stand

Closing Hymn No. 56:(Stanzas 1, 2, 4, & 7) VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Organ: *The Advent Of Our God*..... George Brandon



WELCOME VISITORS!

PLEASE STOP BY THE VISITOR TABLE

on your way out to sign the Guest Book and take a Welcome Bag as our gift to you.

Prayer for our New Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Church of the Redeemer has a faithful and strong prayer ministry. If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please fill out a form in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or contact the parish office. Please let the parish office know when a name can be removed from our prayers.

Thank you for your help in keeping our prayer list up to date!

Please Pray for:

Clifford Bledsoe	Jim Cannon	Bev Hardin	Hank Johnson	Charles Owings	Clyde Taylor
Kathy Bledsoe	Melody Daniel	Brian Hatcher	Neil Massey	Ivy Reed	Marguerite Watson
Mary Beth Bledsoe	Judy Dominick	Bob Heppe	Evan Mill	Ed Roberts	Bob Weinstein
Iris Campbell	Frank Garrison	Hans Paul Himmel	Jack Ohmsen	Erna Samuel	Shirley Williams
Ray Campbell	Emily Green	Frank Horger	Jean Ohmsen	Kathy Shugart	Bob Ziuderveen
Richard Caney	Joshua Gregory	Mary Horger	Tom Oliver	Jackie Smith	James
Claire Cannon	Rick Hankinson	Jack Jackson	Lyn Owen	Steven Stillwell	Susan

For the Homebound: Mona Ferguson, Marge Howard, Lynne Massengill, Neil Massey, Earlene Nall

For the Repose of the Soul of: Clara Ford (Mother of Trinity Music Director)

For Our Missionary in the Ukraine: Gary Powell

For the Church: For Wisdom, Guidance, and Discernment

For Our Food For the Poor Representative: Rev. Holly Ostlund

For Our Church: For growth both spiritually and physically

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Nativity, Union;
Church of the Incarnation, Gaffney

For the Men and Women serving in our Military, especially:

Fred Aldrich	Nick Henderson	Chris Mc Dowell
Elijah Johnson	Andrew Lupo	Christopher Tyminiski



For those Studying in Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in College:

Elizabeth Bannio	Amy Broderick	Jacob Hayes	Matthew Howard	Kaitlyn Massengill
Savanna Bannio	Matthew Derrick	Bennett Helm	Thomas Jennings	Carolyn McCullough

If you know anyone in the hospital, please call Betty Lupo (home: (864) 277- 7588, mobile: 901-2776, e-mail: bettylupo@gmail.com) or the Church Office: 277-4562.

VESTRY

<i>Sr. Warden</i>	Wallace Lightsey(2018)	<i>Communications</i>	Debbie Bauer(2020)	<i>Membership</i>	Wallace Lightsey(2018)
<i>Jr. Warden</i>	Stephany Austell (2018)	<i>Communications</i>	Wallace Lightsey(2018)	<i>Stewardship</i>	Debbie Bauer(2020)
<i>Building & Grounds</i>	Jason Houston(2020)	<i>Fellowship</i>	Betty Lupo(2018)	<i>Outreach</i>	Stephany Austell(2018)
<i>Christian Ed</i>	Joe Butchko(2019)	<i>Fellowship</i>	Janet Poleski(2019)	<i>Pastoral Care</i>	Meg Coffey(2018)
<i>Finance</i>	Jack Blackburn(2019)			<i>Worship</i>	Judy Planck(2020)

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Announcements for December 23, 2018

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER!

December 23 to December 29, 2018

Sunday	9:30AM 10:45AM	Worship with Holy Eucharist Sunday School
Monday	5:30 PM 10:00 PM	Church Office Closed Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday		Merry Christmas!! Church Office Closed
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Church Office Closed AA Meeting
Thursday		Church Office Closed
Friday		Church Office Closed
Saturday	11:00 AM 5:00 PM	AA/ALANON Hispanic Services

Readings for Sunday, December 30, 2018

First: Isaiah 61:10-62:3
 Psalm: Psalm 147:13-21
 Second: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
 Gospel: John 1:1-18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
December

23 Kevin Hayes
 24 Frances Steele
 25 Evan Zeager
 28 George Poleski
 29 Judy Derrick

Happy Anniversary

December 28 Greg & Sandy Brown

Altar Flower Dedication

In celebration of
 Greg and Sandy's
 50th Wedding
 Anniversary

Given By
 Greg Brown



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

The bulletins,
 announcements,
 Sermons, Echoes and
 MORE! can be
 found at
www.corgsc.org

**Join us for
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Christmas EVE

Monday, December 24

5:30 pm Family Service

10:00 pm Festival Service

CHRISTMAS MORNING

We will not be having a church service on Christmas morning this year.

If you need transportation to our Christmas Eve services please contact **Carol Hallman (864)244.0867** or **Greg Brown (864)346.9124**.



**Christmas
Pageant**

The children and adults look forward to this wonderful tradition at every year. Our pageant will take place on

Christmas Eve at the 5:30 service.

**This is for all
children and youth.**

You do not have to be a member of Redeemer to participate. There are no lines to rehearse or assigned parts all you have to do is show up and pick out a costume.

Meet us in the Sanctus room between 4:30 and 5:00 to get into costume.

Christmas Eve Service Leaders

	5:30 PM	10:00 PM
Greeters	Louise & Bill Heizer	Janet & David Poleski
Crucifer	Matthew Derrick	George Poleski
Banner	Will Derrick	
Torch 1	Kaleb Reardon	Debbie Price
Torch 2	J. E. Hawkins	Katie Broderick
Lector 1	Rick Hankinson	Joe Butchko
Lector 2	Meta Goodman	Wallace Lightsey
2nd Chalice	Katie Houston	Meg Coffey
Altar Guild	Margaret & Dick Lee Margie Hankinson	Stephany Austell Janet Poleski
Flower Guild	ALL ARRANGERS	
Counters	Bill Lee	

HOLIDAY

Parish Office Hours

**The Parish Office will be
closed Dec. 24, 2018 through
Jan. 2, 2019.**

No Wed. Service on 12/26.

If you have any immediate needs to be addressed during this time please contact: Wallace Lightsey (313-0129) or Rev. Mark Moline (864.219-2332).

The Vestry and Staff of
The Church of the
Redeemer wish you
all a very
Merry Christmas!

Adult Sunday School **TODAY!**

Rick Hankinson will be leading the class on "Dog in the Manger" by Episcopal priest Tim Schenck.

Coming in January—The Magi



**Youth Sunday school
classes will meet again in
January.**



Redeemer's Rhythm for a Christian Life

1. *Pray Daily*
2. *Gather in Worship Weekly*
3. *Study Faithfully*
4. *Serve Others*
5. *Share Your Story*
6. *Give Generously*

2019 Vestry Information



The Episcopal Church Canons allow a church that is without a rector to ask the Bishop to allow the outgoing vestry or wardens to stay in office past the end of their term until a new rector is called.

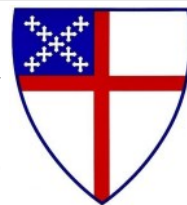
At the November meeting the Vestry adopted a resolution to make this request of the Bishop. Through an email to Rev. d'Rue Hazel we have received permission from Bishop Waldo for Wallace Lightsey to stay on as the Vestry Senior Warden, and Stephany Austell to stay on as the Vestry Junior Warden. They will stay on in their current positions until a Rector is chosen.



Please be sure to thank and encourage Wallace & Stephany as they begin their extended stay on Vestry.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting to elect our convention delegates and welcome our new Vestry members will be on Sunday, January 20, 2019, immediately following the conclusion of the 9:30am service. Please plan to attend this important meeting and welcome our 2019 Vestry.



All members of the 2019 Vestry will be installed on Sunday, January 6, 2019. The first Vestry meeting of 2019 will be the annual retreat on January 11 & 12. Keep them in your prayers as they make decisions for the parish.

	LEADERS THIS WEEK	LEADERS NEXT WEEK
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
Verger	Wallace Lightsey	John Helm
Usher	David Mill Wallace Lightsey	David Mill Amos Irwin
Acolytes	Robin Mill Sadie Butchko Sarah Meade William Meade	Will Jennings Bill Lee John Helm
Lector I	David Mill	Betty Boesch
Lector II	Robin Mill	Bill Lee
Second Chalice	Bill Lee	Betty Boesch
Altar Guild	Sandy Oliver / Carolyn Prosio Cindy Wilson / Janet Poleski	Sandy Oliver / Meta Goodman Margie Hankinson / Carolyn Prosio
Greeters	Lee Quinn Jack Jackson	Beth & Robbie Hamilton
Flower Guild	All Arrangers	June Moore / Cynthia Eason
Counters	Steve Webb / Jane Bouton	Cynthia Eason / David Mill

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Parish Staff

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