

The Church of the Redeemer



**WELCOME
TO OUR WORSHIP
ON
THE SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2019**

**“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
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Prelude

Please stand (as you are able)

Processional Hymn No. 76:Winchester
On Jordan's Bank

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation.....BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.
People: *Christ, have mercy.*
Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Celebrant: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: *Amen.*

Please be seated

First Lesson: **Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall

strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm:

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Second Lesson:

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I

tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand

Sequence Hymn No. 509.....Johann Cruger

Spirit Divine, Attend our Prayers

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Please be seated.

Please stand and say together.

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People: Form VI..... BCP 392

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.

Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand

People: All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer #1 in Enriching Our Worship 1*

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Celebrant: You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Proper Preface

Celebrant: Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

*All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer BCP 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.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 Music

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.*

Advent Blessing

Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

People: Amen

Celebrant: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People: Amen

Celebrant: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

People: Amen

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: Amen

Eucharistic Visitor Prayer see last page of BCP

Please stand

Closing Hymn No. 450:.....(Stanzas 1-3) Holden
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude



WELCOME VISITORS!

PLEASE let us know you are here!

We will give you a Welcome Bag as our gift to you! Please sign our guestbook.

Thank you for worshipping with us!!

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Announcements for December 8, 2019

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER!

December 8 to Dec. 14 2019

Sunday	9:30AM 10:45 AM 1:00 PM	Worship with Holy Eucharist Sunday School Hispanic Services
Monday	6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Finance Meeting ACOA Al Anon
Tuesday		
Wednesday	10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Worship with Holy Eucharist AA Meeting
Thursday	2:30 PM	YAMS
Friday	6:00 PM	Parish Office Closed Christmas Party
Saturday	11:00	AA/ALANON

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

Readings for Sunday, December 15, 2019

First: Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm: Canticle 15
Second: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11



SAMARITAN HOUSE

For the month of **December**
Redeemer is asked to collect:

Canned Tomatoes

Please place in red wagon in the ambulatory.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**
December

8 Clark Jernigan
8 Earlene Nall
10 Janet Poleski
12 Samantha Warren
13 Ellison Christie
13 Heather Johnson
14 Beth Plante

Altar Flower Dedication

To the Glory of God and
In Thanksgiving for
Earlene Nall
on her 90th Birthday
Given By
Ken Nall

AMAZON SMILE

Redeemer can now be selected as a charity
when you shop with Amazon Smile. The
direct link is:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0347692>

Support Redeemer as your charity of choice!

PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN

The youth will be working at the soup kitchen
on January 5, 2020 starting at 8:30am. If you
would like to join us, please contact Lori
Hawkins to let her know.

**Join us for
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Christmas EVE

Tuesday, December 24

*5:30 pm Family Service
10:15 pm Christmas Carols
10:30 pm Festival Service*

Christmas Morning

Wednesday, December 25

*10:30 am Morning Service
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

First Sunday After Christmas

Sunday, December 29

9:30 am Holy Eucharist Service

Wednesday, Jan 1

No Service

**Sunday School
Combined Youth Activity**

**All youth classes meet today at
10:45am in room 217 for a
combined youth activity .**



**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*

ANGEL TREE

Help us by taking an Angel off of the Angel tree and supporting the children of Pleasant Valley Connection and a family at Serenity Place.



Feel free to pair up with a friend and split items on your angel! Make sure to sign out your angel on the sheet by the tree.

*Deadline for gifts is December 15. Please bring your gifts wrapped with your angel attached and place them under the tree or bring them to Sue during office hours.

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 at 4:45pm to get into costume.



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:

Claire Allen	Harriet Cox	Christine Hodge	Jean Ohmsen	Shirley Williams
Chris Arnold	Melody Daniel	Hank Johnson	Ivy Reed	Janet Wolf
Louis Ashley	Judy Dominick	Arletta Garvin-Jones	Jackie Smith	James
Betty Brandt	Kathy Engler	Kenard Jones	Marguerite Watson	
Micki Brown	Bev Hardin	Betty Lupo	Bob Weinstein	
Ray Campbell	Brian Hatcher	Carter Lyon	Alison White	

For the Homebound: Lynne Massengill, Neil Massey, Earlene Nall, Mary Vaughn

For the Repose of the Soul of: Fred Stoller (Former Parishioner and Vestry Person)

For Our Missionary in the Ukraine: Gary Powell

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Advent, Spartanburg

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

Fred Aldrich	Nick Henderson	Chris McDowell
Elijah Johnson	Andrew Lupo	Christopher Tyminiski



For those Studying in Undergraduate and Graduate College Programs:

Elizabeth Bannio	Jacob Hayes	Matthew Howard	Kaitlyn Massengill
Matthew Derrick	Bennett Helm	Thomas Jennings	

While Betty Lupo is recovering, if you know anyone in the hospital,
please call the Church Office: 277-4562. or send bulletin prayer requests to parishadmin@corpsc.org

VESTRY

<i>Rector</i>	Rev. Catherine Tatem	<i>Christian Ed</i>	Joe Butchko (2019)	<i>Membership</i>	Bill Heizer (2021)
<i>Sr. Warden</i>	Jack Blackburn (2019)	<i>Communications</i>	Debbie Bauer (2020)	<i>Outreach</i>	Katie Broderick (2021)
<i>Jr.. Warden</i>	Jason Houston (2020)	<i>Fellowship</i>	Janet Poleski (2019)	<i>Pastoral Care</i>	Dinah Johnson (2021)
<i>Building & Grounds</i>	Jason Houston (2020)	<i>Fellowship</i>	Judy Planck (2020)	<i>Stewardship</i>	Debbie Bauer (2020)
<i>Finance</i>	Rebekah Webb (2021)	<i>Worship</i>	Judy Planck (2020)		

	LEADERS THIS WEEK	LEADERS NEXT WEEK
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
Verger	Bill Heizer	Katie Broderick
Usher	David Mill / Josh Hawkins Steve Webb	Robbie & Beth Hamilton Amos Irwin
Acolytes	Riley Hawkins Joseph Ethan Hawkins Jackie Houston Malain Houston	Will Jennings Robin Mill Katie Broderick Wallace Lightsey
Lector I	Margaret Lee	David Mill
Lector II	Ted Sanders	Robin Mill
Second Chalice	Dot Sanders	Bill Lee
Altar Guild	Betsy Walt / Susan Butler Stephany Austell	Sandy Oliver / Meta Goodman Bricelyn Cantey / Judy Derrick
Greeters	Gretchen & Craig Grounsell	Jackie & Steve Smith
Flower Guild	Robin Mill	Louise Heizer
Counters	Carol Hallman / Cynthia Eason	Bill Lee / Jane Bouton

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