

The Church of the Redeemer



**WELCOME
TO OUR WORSHIP
ON
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 9, 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

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Organ: *O Come, O Come Immanuel*.....Gordon Young

Please stand (as you are able)

Processional Hymn No. 601:ST. MICHAEL

O Day Of God, Draw Nigh

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.

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

by Altar Guild Members

Speaker: Today we relight the candle of HOPE.

Now we light the candle for the Second Sunday in Advent. This is the candle of PEACE.

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace.

May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:
"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6-7

From the Gospel of John:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

John 14:27

ALL: Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give to us courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us.

People: *Amen*



Prayer Before Scripture **The Gallery Choir** **ANCIENT CHANT**

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

Please be seated

First Lesson:

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 16 (Read)

The Song of Zechariah Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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. Amen.

Second Lesson:

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand

Sequence Hymn No. 76:(Stanzas 1 & 2).....WINCHESTER NEW
On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry Announces That The Lord Is Nigh

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 3:1-6

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sequence Hymn No. 76:(Stanza 3).....WINCHESTER NEW
On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry Announces That The Lord Is Nigh
Please be seated.

Sermon

Rev. Mark Moline

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.

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: *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* Natalie Sleeth
The Gallery Choir

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

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. 325: MENDON

Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees

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. 75: ASCENSION

There's A Voice In The Wilderness Crying

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.



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

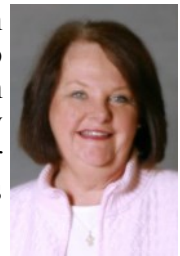
Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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

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

For the Repose of the Soul of:

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 Advent, Spartanburg

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	Margaret Brooks	Jacob Hayes	Riley Jernigan
Savanna Bannio	Kaile Campbell	Bennett Helm	Kaitlyn Massengill
Marybeth Bledsoe	Matthew Derrick	Matthew Howard	Carolyn McCullough
Amy Broderick	Hayden Graves	Thomas Jennings	

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 9, 2018

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER!

December 9 to December 15, 2018

Sunday	9:30AM 10:45AM 5:00PM	Worship with Holy Eucharist Sunday School EYC
Monday	6:00 PM 8:00 PM	ACOA Al Anon
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Handbells
Wednesday	10:30 AM 12:00 PM 7:00PM	Worship with Holy Eucharist AA Meeting Choir
Thursday	3:00 PM	YAMS
Friday		Church Office Closed
Saturday	11:00 AM 5:00 PM	AA/ALANON Hispanic Services

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

Readings for Sunday, December 16, 2018

First: Zephaniah 3:14-20
Psalm: Canticle 9
Second: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:7-18



Sunday school and EYC Meet
TODAY! Children ages 3 and
under are always welcome
in the Nursery.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**
December

- 10 Janet Poleski
- 12 Samantha Warren
- 13 Ellison Christie
- 13 Heather Johnson
- 14 Beth Plante
- 15 Lori Hawkins
- 15 Neil Massey

Altar Flower Dedication

*In thanksgiving for
all the blessings of this life,
for our redemption,
and for what ever draws
us closer to God.*



**Consider remembering family or
friends with a flower dedication!**



ADVENT



PHOTO DIRECTORY

It is time to update the photo directory! Let Sue know that you would like a new photo in the directory.

We need 3 more families to have their photo taken in order to get new directories. No cost. Just tell Sue: 864-277-4562 or parishadmin@corpsc.org.

The Search Is ON!



RECTOR
SEARCH

Interviews started on October 25. As candidates are selected the committee will then travel to their location to see them in action in their current roles.

Thank you to our search committee!



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*

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day you add an item to the box and on Christmas Eve you donate the contents to a foodbank



Adult Sunday School



DEC. 9 to 23 Rick Hankinson will begin leading classes on a book titled "Dog in the Manger" by Episcopal priest Tim Schenck. His humor infuses this short read. You will see yourself in his descriptions. These classes will be on Sundays: Dec. 9, 16 and Dec. 23. Get your books on Dec. 2 in the transept (\$10 recommended book donation to Rick Hankinson).

We will begin with a new topic in January. We welcome your ideas and suggestions for Adult Sunday School, and in particular how we can make it more interesting and appealing to you!

Get Your Book TODAY!

Angel Tree at Redeemer

Our Christmas Outreach Project this year will support White Horse Academy. This is a 16 bed residential treatment program for adolescent males ages 13-17 struggling with problems related with substance abuse. The Angel Tree in the Narthex has tags with gifts that are needed. If you would like to participate, please take a tag with the item that you wish to purchase. If you are buying pajamas, please bring them back wrapped together with the tag on the outside showing the size.

Deadline to bring in your item is no later than Dec. 16

Gifts can be dropped off Monday to Thursday during office hours or place your gift under the tree on Sunday mornings. please contact the Outreach Committee with any questions.



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.



**Join us for
CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Christmas EVE
Sunday, 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 would like to come to our Christmas Eve services, but are reluctant to do so because of transportation, please contact **Carol Hallman (864) 244.0867** or **Greg Brown (864) 346.9124** and we will get you a ride.

	LEADERS THIS WEEK	LEADERS NEXT WEEK
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
Verger	Debbie Bauer	Jack Blackburn
Usher	David Mill Josh Hawkins / Steve Webb	Robbie & Beth Hamilton David Mill / Amos Irwin
Acolytes	Riley Hawkins Joseph Ethan Hawkins Jackie Houston Malain Houston	Ryan Ginn George Poleski John Helm
Lector I	David Poleski	Bill Heizer
Lector II	Andrea Helm	Ted Sanders
Second Chalice	Judy Planck	Dot Sanders
Altar Guild	Betsy Walt / Susan Butler Stephany Austell	Judy Planck / Meta Goodman Bricelyn Cantey / Judy Derrick
Greeters	Josh Hawkins / Bill Lee	Cynthia & Bruce Eason
Flower Guild	Louise Heizer	Lauren McCullough
Counters	Bill Lee John Helm	Carol Hallman

Redeemer's Photograph Policy

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