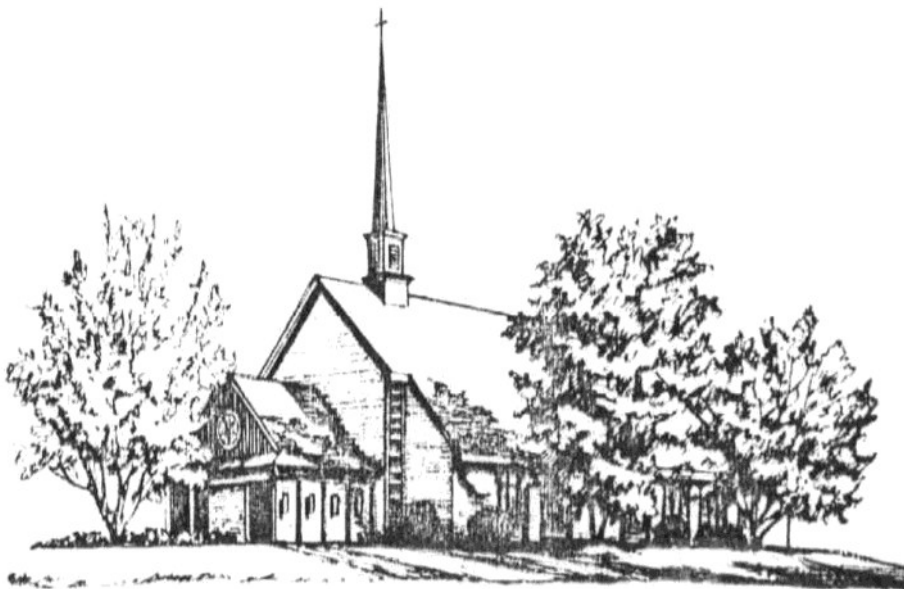


The Church of the Redeemer



**WELCOME
TO OUR WORSHIP
ON
THE THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 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
The Right Rev. Andrew Waldo, Bishop
The Rev. Catherine Tatem, Rector

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Prelude

Please stand (as you are able)

Processional Hymn No. 66: Stuttgart
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated

First Lesson:

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Song of Mary

Canticle 15

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 generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
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 fathers, *
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. Amen.

Second Lesson:

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early

and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand

Sequence Hymn No. 488.....(vs. 1 & 2).....Slane
Be Thou My Vision

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Tatem

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 Anthem: *O Come, O Come Immanuel*.....Natalie Sleeth

Please stand

The Offertory *Doxology*.....OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

Sanctus.....S-130

*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.

Breaking of the Bread

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 sec-
ond 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. 618:..... Ralph Williams

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy One

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 15, 2019

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER!

December 15 to Dec. 21 2019

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

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

Readings for Sunday, December 22, 2019

First: Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
Second: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Financial Statements are available.
Be sure to pick your statement up this Sunday
from the basket in the narthex.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**
December

15 Lori Hawkins

15 Neil Massey

Altar Flower Dedication

To the Glory of God and
in thanksgiving for
our Daughters of the King
Saint Therese Senior Chapter &
Saint Agnes Junior Chapter

You bless our church family
through your
prayers and service

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

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)
Focus for December:**

Be Joyful

Yep, at Christmas, we for sure should
be filled with the JOY of the REASON
for the SEASON!



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

Deadline for gifts is
Today, 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.



If you forgot, please talk to Lori
Hawkins or any member of the
Outreach Committee.

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.



Sunday School Combined Youth Activity

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

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:

For Our Missionary in the Ukraine: Gary Powell

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Thomas, Eastover; St. Stephen's, Ridgeway

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	Katie Broderick	John Helm
Usher	Robbie & Beth Hamilton Amos Irwin	David Mill Wallace Lightsey
Acolytes	Will Jennings Robin Mill Katie Broderick Wallace Lightsey	Matthew Derrick Will Derrick Sarah Meade William Meade
Lector I	David Mill	Cindy Wilson
Lector II	Robin Mill	Dot Sanders
Second Chalice	Bill Lee	Ted Sanders
Altar Guild	Sandy Oliver / Meta Goodman Bricelyn Cantey / Judy Derrick	Judy Planck / Debbie Price Cindy Wilson / Janet Poleski
Greeters	Jackie & Steve Smith	Jack Jackson / Michael / Plante
Flower Guild	Louise Heizer	All arrangers
Counters	Bill Lee / Jane Bouton	Joe Butchko / John Helm

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