

The Church of the Redeemer



**WELCOME
TO OUR WORSHIP
ON
THE FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 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
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Prelude

Please stand (as you are able)

Processional Hymn No. 61 *Sleepers Awake (all verses)*

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.*

 Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: 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

First Lesson **Isaiah 7:10-16**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear

a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand

Sequence Hymn No. 56 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verses 7 & 8)

The Holy Gospel

Matthew

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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: *Still, Still, Still*

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 you sent your 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:

*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.

People: **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.

The 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

Postcommunion 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

Celebrant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness
from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you
always.

People: Amen

Eucharistic Visitor Prayer see last page of BCP

Please stand

Closing Hymn No. 96..... *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*Join us here in the sanctuary after service to green
the church for Christmas.*

The flower guild would love for you to stay and enjoy this tradition.

*There are activities in the transept for the young children
(and the child inside of you!)*



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 22, 2019

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER!

December 22 to Dec. 28 2019

Sunday	9:30AM 11:00 AM 1:00 PM	Worship with Holy Eucharist Greening of the Church Hispanic Services
Monday	6:00 PM 8:00 PM	ACOA Al-Anon
Tuesday	5:30 PM 10:15PM 10:30 PM	Christmas Family Service Christmas Carols Christmas Festival Service
Wednesday	10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Parish Office Closed Christmas Morning Service AA Meeting
Thursday		Parish Office Closed
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 29, 2019

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



PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

- 22 Betsy Chiles
- 22 Carolyn McCullough
- 23 Kevin Hayes
- 24 Frances Steele
- 25 Evan Zeager
- 28 George Poleski

Happy Anniversary

28 Sandy & Greg Brown

Altar Flower Dedication

To the Glory of God and
in thanksgiving for
All members of Redeemer!

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!

**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



**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*

**Christmas Holiday
Office Hours**

12/24 Open 9am-12pm
12/25 to 12/29 Office Closed
12/30 Regular Hours (9-2pm)
12/31 Open 9am-12pm
1/1/2020 Office Closed
1/2/202 Regular Hours (9-2pm)

If you need assistance outside of these hours,
please contact Rev. Catherine
at 864-350-4270.

Or send and email to
parishadmin@corpsc.org

Christmas Pageant

Our pageant will take place on
Christmas Eve at the 5:30pm service.

ALL children and youth are encouraged to
participate! Meet us in the Sanctus room at
4:30pm to get into costume.



Angel Tree

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Angel Tree!!
You have helped make Christmas a little brighter for 19 children and 2 mothers in
the Pleasant Valley Area and at Serenity Place.

We know that the most important part of Christmas is not about what's under
the tree, but letting others see Jesus through us, as we walk and live as faithful
followers of Christ.

Thank you again for your generous hearts.
The Outreach Committee

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	Ray Campbell	Bev Hardin	Carter Lyon	Marguerite Watson
Chris Arnold	Harriet Cox	Brian Hatcher	Jean Ohmsen	Bob Weinstein
Louis Ashley	Melody Daniel	Christine Hodge	Ivy Reed	Alison White
Betty Brandt	Judy Dominick	Hank Johnson	Jackie Smith	Shirley Williams
Micki Brown	Kathy Engler	Betty Lupo	Trey Skardon	Diane Wissinger
				Janet Wolf

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: 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 McDowell
Elijah Johnson	Andrew Lupo	Christopher Tyminiski



For those Studying in Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in College:

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	John Helm	Meg Coffey
Usher	David Mill Wallace Lightsey	David Mill Amos Irwin
Acolytes	Matthew Derrick Will Derrick Sarah Meade William Meade	George Poleski John Helm Debbie Price Kaleb Reardon
Lector I	Cindy Wilson	David Poleski
Lector II	Dot Sanders	Phyllis Webb
Second Chalice	Ted Sanders	Wallace Lightsey
Altar Guild	Judy Planck / Debbie Price Cindy Wilson / Janet Poleski	Judy Planck / Debbie Price / Cindy Wilson / Margie Hankinson
Greeters	Jack Jackson	Lauren & Joe McCullough
Flower Guild	All Arrangers	TBD
Counters	Joe Butchko / John Helm	Steve Webb / Margaret Lee

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