



ECHOES

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

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

DECEMBER 2019

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From The Rector

Rev. Catherine Tatem

Waiting

The first seasons of the church year pass pretty quickly, don't they? Our year begins with Advent, which encompasses the four Sundays prior to Christmas day.

Advent is a time of hopeful waiting for Christ to break into our world. We are waiting for the birth of Jesus even as we wait for Jesus the Christ to come again. Advent is one of the church's gifts to the world: when the world around us in a Christmas/Santa/shopping-focused frenzy, we are given a time in which to take some waiting time. We make Advent wreaths to help us mark time with four candles, mark eternity with a circle of greens, and welcome the light of Christ with one more flicker of light each week. We are quietly counter – cultural in observing this time of hopeful waiting. What gift might Advent bring to you?

Our Christmas celebration is almost here – the light of Christ breaks into our world soon after the darkest night of the year. We celebrate Christmas for a season of twelve days, until January 6. This season is a time for joy. The Christ candle on our Advent wreaths shines brightly, our vestments and liturgical hangings are white and often trimmed in gold. Jesus has arrived!

There are several feast days between Christmas and the Epiphany which we may observe. These days represent events that took place over many years and not in the first Christmas. We might say that these are in "liturgical order," and not

chronological order in the way that we mark time.

- ◆ December 26 we honor Saint Stephen, the first martyr of the church.
- ◆ December 27 we honor Saint John the apostle, and
- ◆ December 28, we honor "the holy innocents," those children killed by order of King Herod in his quest to kill the infant Jesus. Not everyone was happy with a baby that others called "king."
- ◆ January 1 is called "Holy Name" day, and commemorates the naming of Jesus.

Jesus lives – Immanuel, "God-with-us." Joy to the world!

- ◆ January 6 we celebrate "the Feast of the Epiphany," when Jesus is revealed as the Christ to the three wise men, or Magi. Epiphany means "appearance" or "revealing." We sing about kings and gifts and presenting ourselves to Jesus. The One for whom we have been waiting has made God known to the whole world.

Three seasons and many feast days ... our faith journey is rich and full. Happy, holy Advent to you. Merry Christmas! Follow that star and find Jesus. We might find, in our journey that it is we who are found by our Lord. Alleluia!

In Christ,
Catherine+

Vestry Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the monthly Vestry meeting can be found posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

Adult Sunday School

What is the meaning conveyed to us by the miracles that the Gospel writers picked over the many others that were mentioned? Father Jeffrey John explores this question in his book: The Meaning in the Miracles. It was endorsed by Bishop Rowan Williams. We will look at two of the miracles Father Jeffrey highlighted in the next two weeks in adult Sunday school. You don't have to buy the book, but you may wish to as we look at what Father Jeffrey says.

Week #1 Sunday Dec 8

The healing of the boy with a deaf and dumb spirit. Mark 9 vs. 14-29 (Please read ahead)

Was it just the healing that got the story in the Gospel of Mark? It happened right after Jesus came down the mountain after the Transfiguration. Look for how the disciples were involved, how the boy's Father is involved, and how belief and prayer are related.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets on the 2nd **MONDAY** of the month.

Greeters

Calling All Greeters:

We need your warm, smiling faces for our **Christmas Eve services** on Dec. 24 at 5:30pm and 10:30pm.

This is often one of the few times people attend church and we want to be sure and give them a loving, friendly Redeemer welcome.

Please contact Dinah Johnson at searchsec@hotmail.com by Dec. 13 if you are available for either service.

Thank you!

Christmas Party



**Friday, December 6
at 6:00PM**

All are welcome to attend our 2019 Christmas Party! As we have done in the past, this is an adult party and we ask that children not attend. Members and friends of Redeemer are welcome. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share.

At the home of
Clark & Celia Jernigan
710 Crescent Avenue Greenville, SC

Samaritan House

We are collecting canned Tomatoes for Samaritan House for the month of **DECEMBER**. Your generosity in providing food for others is greatly appreciated!!! Thank you!



Flowers on the altar are more than just an adornment for the front of our sanctuary. It is an historical tradition to show our thanks and humility to the Lord. It is a symbol of recognition of His Glory. Dedicating the offering in the name of someone is a great honor.

Our 2019 Altar dedication book is on the communication table for special dedications to be made. Dedications are only \$35, but the awe of honoring his Glory cannot be measured.



Dates to Remember

December

- 1 Advent Wreath Day
- 6 Christmas Party (6pm)
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
5:30pm Family Service
10:15pm Carols
10:30pm Festival Service
- 25 10:30am Morning Service

January

- 1 10:30am Morning Service
"Holy Name of Jesus"
- 5 Project Host Soup Kitchen

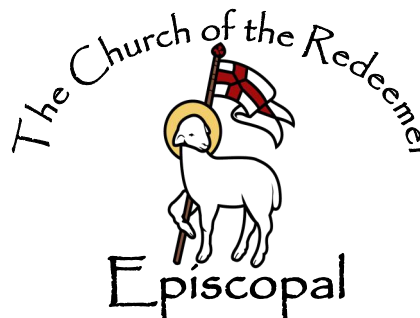


Redeemer's Rhythm for a Christian Life

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

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

- December 1 Available for your dedication
- December 8 Available for your dedication
- December 15 Available for your dedication
- December 22 Available for your dedication
- December 29 Available for your dedication



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Rev. Catherine Tatem - Rector

Jack Blackburn (2019) – *Senior Warden*
Jason Houston (2020) – *Junior Warden*
Judy Planck (2020) - *Worship*
Dinah Johnson (2021) - *Pastoral Care*
Katie Broderick (2021) - *Outreach & ARCUM*
Jason Houston (2020) - *Buildings & Grounds*
Rebekah Webb (2021) - *Finance*
Debbie Bauer (2020) - *Communications*
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*The Vestry meets the third Monday of each month
at 6:30 p.m. Minutes are posted on the bulletin board
outside the Parish Administrator's office.*

Echoes

Is a monthly newsletter of The Church of the Redeemer,
Deadline for submissions is the 22nd of each month.
Submit written info to the church office,
email to Sue Bannio – parishadmin@corpsc.org

Christian Education

It truly is one of the most wonderful times of year. I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving with family and friends. With Thanksgiving being later this year...blink and December is upon us!

This season is always a busy time for everyone. There is plenty of shopping to do and gifts to buy, decorations to put up, many trips to the grocery store. Not to mention all the normal everyday things that must be done like laundry, cooking, bills to pay, the list could go on for days.

But, wouldn't it be great if we could all be still? This past Wednesday at the 10:30am service we had a discussion on being still. Being present with God where we are. Just saying those words give me comfort and peace.

When are you still? What a crazy question to ask. We don't have time to be still! There is too much that needs doing. 24 hours is just not enough sometimes. These are all things I am very often saying to myself. For this time in my life, my place to be still is here at Redeemer, in the Sanctuary. Even with a room full of parishioner's it is my place to Be Still. To be quiet and just breathe, let everything fall to the side. To be present with God, here in this place, our church home. Mother Catherine said it so well when she said, "stillness is a present, a gift to give to yourself."

And it doesn't cost a thing.

May we all experience God's Peace and Presence and take the time to Be Still this Advent and Christmas Season.

Blessings,

Lori Hawkins



Questions??? Contact: Lori Hawkins: lhredeemer@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

EYC

(Episcopal Youth Community)

Youth group is for kids in grades 6-12. We meet at the church in The Dove's Nest, from 5-7pm. We play games, share a meal, have prayer time and discuss what it means to be a Christian in our daily lives.

Upcoming dates are: Dec. 1 & 15

Sunday Advent Youth Activities

December 1

Advent Wreath Activity
(Intergenerational)

December 8

Combined youth activities
in Purser Hall

December 15

Combined youth activities
in Purser Hall

December 22

Greening of the church
(Intergenerational)



**Nursery is for ages 4 and under
and opens at 9:15am every
Sunday morning.**



PROJECT HOST 
SOUP KITCHEN • CC PEARCE CULINARY SCHOOL • FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN • GARDEN

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

Wednesday, Jan 1

10:30 am Service
The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Christmas Pageant

December 24
Christmas Eve
5:30pm service

All children and youth are invited to participate in our annual Christmas Pageant. Families and children alike look forward to this joyful tradition at Redeemer. The story of the birth of our dear Savior is told through the children's shining faces, costumes, and music.

ALL children and older youth are invited to take part. You do not have to be a member to join in. There are no speaking parts to learn. Meet us in room 212 in the Education Hall between 4:30pm and 5:00pm to get into costume.

Advent Wreath Activity



JOIN us on
December 1 in
Purser Hall at
10:45 to make an
Advent wreath

for your home.

This is an activity for all ages and a great tradition. Children 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult. A donation of \$5.00 per kit is requested to cover the cost of supplies.

Sign up sheets are in the
Narthex.

Contact Lori with questions
lhredeemer@gmail.com

Visitors and Holy Space

On Sunday, November 17, a visitor transformed the worship service at The Church of the Redeemer. I offer thanksgiving for the entire congregation as you/we became the living sermon, alive in Christ's holy welcome. For those wanting the words that were being said, the sermon is on our website (www.corgsc.org) under Worship/Sermons/Transcripts. Thanks be to God in all things!

I am very grateful to be part of this body of faith, the living faith of Christ in the world.

I encourage you this season of Advent to make yourself a little sacred space, a holy place you have set aside for prayer, meditation, and worship. A place for daily devotion and rest. A place that draws your heart like a little child into the stillness and the wonder of Advent.

Set aside a little time every day as a gift to yourself.

Catherine+

Angel Tree

This year Redeemer is supporting Pleasant Valley Connection and Serenity Place for our Christmas Outreach Project.



There are 14 children and 2 adults at Pleasant Valley Connection that could use some extra help for Christmas. Serenity Place has a young mom with 4 children (2 are newborn twins) that would also greatly benefit from our help this Christmas season.

There is an Angel Tree in the Narthex that has tags filled with Christmas needs and wishes. If you would like to participate, please choose a tag for the person you will be purchasing for. (Feel free to pair up with someone, and split the list on your tag if so desired)

Please make sure to sign out your angel tag on the sheet near the tree.

Deadline to bring in your item is on or before December 15

Please attach the angel tag to your wrapped gifts.

They can be dropped off Monday thru Thursday from 9am to 2pm or placed under the tree on Sunday mornings.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

If you have any questions, please contact the Outreach Committee

A Little Back Story...

Pleasant Valley Connection is a childcare center that Redeemer continues to support and has supported since its inception. The mission of PVC is to connect community residents, families, churches, businesses and other organizations.

Serenity Place In the summer of 2017 and 2019, as part of our Summer of Service, Redeemer parishioners spent a day at a facility that is part of The Phoenix Center, Serenity Place, a home for women and young mothers battling substance abuse.

Giving Thanks



Through the generosity of The Church of the Redeemer's members, four families received food or food baskets for a Thanksgiving meal, with plenty of food to spare. Each family has expressed sincere thanks for this gift of sustenance. Brothers and sisters, you are feeding God's children, sharing your abundance, and it is making a difference in people's lives. Oh, to see the faces of the recipients and to hear their words of thanks!



"For I was hungry and you gave me food ..."

Matthew 25:35

Do you have someone on "Prayers of the People"?

Would you like for this person to know that Redeemer is praying for them each week?

If so, please provide me with the address of person and I will send them a hand written note, from The Church of the Redeemer, letting them know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Beth Hamilton ~ 313-2406

Ukraine Connection

Dear Rick and Margie,

Both boxes (of knitting) arrived and I am overwhelmed and so grateful for all the beautiful knitted items and so much yarn.

Please thank all for the many hours and love that went into each item. I will keep you posted as to how everything will be distributed to the many Roma in need. I believe I will go through the Roma churches for help giving to those most in need. I am also planning on setting up knitting groups among the Poor Ukrainian families as well as the Roma women I visit.

Many people have no idea how precious a warm scarf or hat means when families live in houses with no heat and some with no windows. COR and other churches have truly shown the love of Jesus. **THANK YOU** Margie and Rick for shipping and sharing in this ministry.

His,
Gary Powell

Gary reports that peacemaking efforts continue in the Ukraine conflict. The first stage is complete, and the loss of life will be greatly diminished. Recently elected Ukraine President Zelensky continues to make reforms in the Ukrainian military to bring it into line with Western standards. NATO continues its talks with Ukraine bringing us closer into the alliance, and Great Britain extended its training mission another three years.

Please pray for the two sides to continue to make progress toward ending this conflict that cost both sides many of its personnel.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

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



United Ministries Coat Drive

United Ministries is collecting coats for its annual coat giveaway until Friday, December 13th. You may bring them to the Administrative Building, 606 Pendleton Street, 8am – 5pm Mon – Thurs. and from 8am – noon on Fridays.

They are collecting:
men's and women's all weather coats – lots of large sizes; good, clean children's coats; men's gloves and hats.

Many thanks for your help.

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Org Central

As you start shopping for Christmas be sure to use **AMAZON SMILE** and let Redeemer benefit from your purchases.

This month we received a check for \$6.54 with only a few participants.

Use this link to register:

Smile.Amazon.com/ch/57-0347692

And Support Redeemer as your charity of choice!

December Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
Dec. 1	<i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i>	<i>Psalms 122</i>	<i>Romans 13:11-14</i>	<i>Matthew 24:36-44</i>
Dec. 8	<i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i>	<i>Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19</i>	<i>Romans 15:4-13</i>	<i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>
Dec. 15	<i>Isaiah 35:1-10</i>	<i>Canticle 15</i>	<i>James 5:7-10</i>	<i>Matthew 11:2-11</i>
Dec. 22	<i>Isaiah 7:10-16</i>	<i>Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18</i>	<i>Romans 1:1-7</i>	<i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>
Dec. 29	<i>Isaiah 61:10-62:3</i>	<i>Psalms 147:13-21</i>	<i>Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7</i>	<i>John 1:1-18</i>

Pastoral Care Ministry

Being a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, part of Redeemer's Pastoral Care ministry, is a great way to become more involved with your church, interact, and meet more of your fellow church members. Eucharistic Visitors are trained to take consecrated Holy Eucharist to those in our parish family who cannot attend church.

You will be trained, shadow an experienced EV during their visits, then lead a visit or two with the experienced EV shadowing you, so you can better understand what it is like putting into practice what you have learned. Then when you feel comfortable, you will be given your own wings to fly. We plan to have a training session in early 2020.

If you feel that this might be a ministry that the Lord is calling you to help with, please contact:

Greg Brown Pastoral Care Leader
864.346.9124;
gregdbrown2@juno.com



Mother Teresa House

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

Mother Teresa

You often don't realize the effect your time, prayers and financial gifts have on Mother Teresa House. This past month we served over 100 guests and have had over 700 for the year. Each guest usually represents several family members at home so the impact is far greater than just the 700+, it is felt by thousands. Often it seems like we are just a drop in the ocean as the problems are so large and so wide we can never help them all. We can't but we can affect our small corner of the world, our drop in the ocean. Our drop touches other drops and the world changes. For those we serve, they don't feel like it is a small act of kindness as it means the ocean to them.

Continue to keep us in your prayers and in your financial support offerings as we work to expand our drop in this community.

In Christ,

Chris Loewer
Director of Outreach

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!



Contact the
office if you
need one!

Totals are in for the 2019 ARCUM Pumpkin Patch!

We had a wonderful season at the pumpkin patch this year. Despite the patch being closed for 4 days due to rain, we had great sales when it was open!

Pumpkin Sales- \$12,214.70
Donations- \$1,104.00

Photos by David Poleski



On Wednesday, November 20 ARCUM members delivered checks to Samaritan House, Mother Teresa House, & Pleasant Valley Connection. Each charity received a check in the amount of \$1,651.79!



Thank YOU for your support of the ARCUM Pumpkin Patch!

December • Ministry Schedule

	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 29
Greeters	Ken Wood Tom Oliver	Gretchen & Craig Grounsell	Jackie & Steve Smith	Jack Jackson Michael Plante	Lauren & Joe McCullough
Acolytes	Debbie Price Bill Lee Sadie Butchko Kaleb Reardon	Riley Hawkins Joseph Ethan Hawkins Jackie Houston Malain Houston	Will Jennings Robin Mill Katie Broderick Wallace Lightsey	Matthew Derrick Will Derrick Sarah Meade William Meade	George Poleski John Helm Debbie Price Kaleb Reardon
Lector 1	Rick Hankinson	Margaret Lee	David Mill	Cindy Wilson	David Poleski
Lector 2	Bill Lee	Ted Sanders	Robin Mill	Dot Sanders	Phyllis Webb
2nd Chalice	Phyllis Webb	Dot Sanders	Bill Lee	Ted Sanders	Wallace Lightsey
Altar Guild	Dick & Margaret Lee Margie Hankinson Katie Broderick	Betsy Walt Susan Butler Stephany Austell	Sandy Oliver Meta Goodman Bricelyn Cantey Judy Derrick	Judy Planck Debbie Price Cindy Wilson Janet Poleski	Judy Planck Debbie Price Cindy Wilson Margie Hankinson
Flower Guild	Louise Heizer June Moore Lauren McCullough	Robin Mill	Louise Heizer	Cynthia Eason	All Arrangers
Counters	Meg Coffey David Mill	Carol Hallman Cynthia Eason	Bill Lee Jane Bouton	Joe Butchko John Helm	Steve Webb Margaret Lee
VERGERS	Judy Planck	Bill Heizer	Katie Broderick	John Helm	Meg Coffey



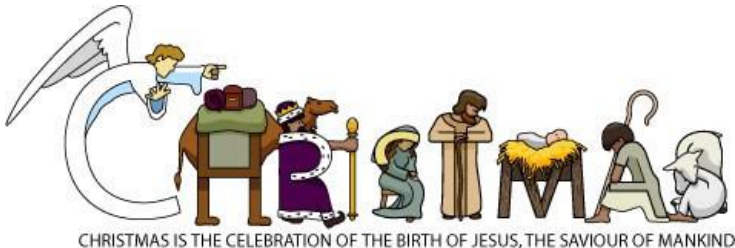
December Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Judy Planck	13 Ellison Christie	24 Frances Steele
4 Lori & Josh Hawkins	Heather Johnson	25 Evan Zeager
Patrick Pryor	14 Beth Plante	28 Sandy & Greg Brown
Margaret White-Howard	15 Lori Hawkins	28 George Poleski
Andrew Reardon	Neil Massey	29 Judy Derrick
8 Clark Jernigan	22 Betsy Chiles	30 Cindy Wilson
Earlene Nall	Carolyn McCullough	
10 Janet Poleski	23 Kevin Hayes	
12 Samantha Warren		

We apologize if your birthday or anniversary does not appear.
Please notify parishadmin@corcsg.org to update our records.

DECEMBER**2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45am Advent Wreath Activity 1:00 pm Hispanic 5:00 EYC	2 6 pm DOK 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	3	4 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12pm AA	5 3 pm YAMS	6 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00pm Christmas Party	7 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept)
8 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL 1:00 pm Hispanic Service	9 6 pm Finance Committee 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	10	11 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12pm AA	12 3 pm YAMS	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept)
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The Parish Office will be closed from noon on Dec. 24 until 9am Dec 30.						
29 9:30 am Holy Eucharist No Sunday School 1:00 pm Hispanic Service	30 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR!				

Many groups use our building. If you move furniture or other items in rooms, or between rooms, please be sure to return them to the way you found them. Help us by being good caretakers of our building. If you create a mess, clean it up. If you see something out of order, let the parish office know, or help us by fixing the problem. We appreciate all you do to keep Redeemer beautiful!



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Christmas Eve 5:30pm and 10:30pm
Christmas Morning 10:30am

10:30am Service

Wednesday

9:30am Service

Sunday

Come Join Us!

Has your address changed?
Do you know anyone who would like a copy
of our Echoes newsletter? send us address
changes via email: parishadmin@corpsc.org.