

ECHOES

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

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From The Rector

Grace Upon Grace

November begins with All Saints Day and ends with Advent - beginnings and endings together. On All Saints Day, a major feast of the church, we remember all who have died. In addition, this is a preferred day for baptisms to take place. In the sacrament of baptism and in bodily death, we die to an old life and are raised to life in Jesus Christ. We hand our lives over to God, who gives us a life we cannot imagine. I am happy to say that Redeemer will have a baptism this All Saints Day! Kyle German will be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We will use our new copper baptismal font insert: copper having been recommended because of its antimicrobial properties. Be sure to sign up for Sunday worship for All Saints Day!

The first Sunday of Advent this year is November 29th. We enter new life on this day in the form of a new liturgical (worship) year. Our Sunday readings will come from Year B of our 3-year cycle of readings; in year B we focus on the gospel of Mark. The bible passages we use for worship come from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), and we join Anglican, Baptist, Episcopal. Lutheran. Methodist. Presbyterian, Reformed. Roman other Catholic and churches worldwide in reading the same bible passages each Sunday. On November 29 we'll say "Happy New Year!"

Of course, before a new year we have a new year's eve; for Sunday worship, our new year's eve is November 22, and on this final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the Reign of Christ. This Sunday is often called Christ the King day. In worship life at Redeemer, we remember Jesus' words to feed his sheep. With a beautiful display of autumn abundance. parishioners of Redeemer offer gifts to Samaritan House, which does indeed feed God's people in Greenville. We give thanks for the ability to give to others out of our abundance.

We have so much for which to pray this November: all the saints; the presidential election; our many blessings, expressed through the United Thank Offering; our first "virtual" diocesan convention; the Reign of Christ and an abundant harvest; for relief from and a vaccine for Covid-19. Keep praying, dear friends. The world needs to see Christian hope in thought, word, and deed. From a recent Collect:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

God's grace is upon us, before us, and behind us. Thanks be to God!

In Christ, Catherine+

Rev. Catherine Tatem

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Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

LIFT A FINGER



Most of us are familiar with the above portion of a fresco painted by Michelangelo. It depicts God's hand with lifted finger on the right reaching out to Adam's hand on the left. On the surface it appears to be simply an action in the midst of the creation of Adam, however lots has been written about the underlying symbolism of the painting. One interpretation I find both comforting yet a reality check is that despite God's miraculous offer made to each of us, we struggle in our day-to-day lives to fully take his hand. Note above the outstretched, determined hand and finger of God vs. the tentative, somewhat lackadaisical hand and finger of Adam.

We are told the struggles of life are meant to be and give us perspective about what's important. Interestingly, its not so much the big stuff in the headlines, but rather recognizing the many small things we enjoy so much and should be thankful for in our ordinary lives. Being able to worship together once again inside Redeemer is special. Even more so are the tasks done by so many to make it possible for each Service to be held. Tasks? Hold on; each of them will tell you that they get a lot more satisfaction and enjoyment out of what they do than what they give.

Lifting a finger to reach out to God is most important of all, but secondly, lifting a finger to reach out to each other is a blessing to enjoy. Its not so much what we do, but that we do something that counts!

-Bill Heizer Senior Warden



Samaritan Honse

We are collecting **Canned Green Beans** for Samaritan House this month. Your generosity in providing food for others is greatly appreciated!!! Thank you!

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet via Zoom on **MONDAY**, November 9, 2020, the second Monday of the month

Financial Corner	Financial Corner through SEP 30, 2				
Total Tithes & Offerings					
Budget	\$	205,168			
Actual	\$	187,528			
Difference	\$	(17,640)			
Faith Offering (Included in above)					
Budget	\$	12,007			
Actual	\$	6,595			
Difference	\$	(5,412)			
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Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.

Be sure to use **AMAZON SMILE** and let Redeemer benefit from your online purchases. Use this link to register: <u>Smile.Amazon.com/ch/57-0347692</u> And Support Redeemer as your charity of choice!



Sue Bannio, Parish Administrator Lori Hawkins, Director of Youth & Family Ministries Sue Bannio, Bookkeeper

Gabriel Santamaria, Sexton

Vestry Members Rev. Catherine Tatem - Rector

Bill Heizer (2021) - Senior Warden Jason Houston (2020) - Junior Warden Annette Burdette (2022) - Worship Dinah Johnson (2021) - Pastoral Care Robin Mill (2022) - Outreach & ARCUM Jason Houston (2020)-Buildings & Grounds Rebekah Webb (2021) -Finance Daniel McCullough (2022) - Communications Katie Broderick (2020) - Christian Ed Debbie Bauer (2020) - Stewardship Greg Brown (2022) - Membership Bill Heizer (2021) - Fellowship Judy Planck (2020) - Worship Rebekah Webb - Treasurer rwebb5476@gmail.com Stephany Austell Clerk

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@corgsc.org

Christian Education

What are you thankful for?

I hope you are enjoying the prayer pumpkin you took home after church a couple of weeks ago, and that it is getting filled with your prayers.

This past Sunday a parishioner was telling me how much she was enjoying her prayer pumpkin. So much so that she went out and bought another one to write praises on. What a great idea! This got me thinking about being thankful.

It is November and Thanksgiving will be here before you know it. What is Thanksgiving going to look like this year? I have no idea what the answer is to that question. Honestly, I have not really wanted to think about it. I am trying to envision Thanksgiving and Christmas this year and that is hard to do. But...I am learning to try and embrace the time we are in right now, here in 2020. Working here at church gives me many opportunities to talk to and meet many different people, and for that I feel extremely blessed.

I have had many conversations with Mother Catherine over the last several months and something she said has stuck with me and I hear her words often as I go through the day. She said something like,

"God hasn't left us. He is still here with us as we go through this crazy and often chaotic time. We all desperately want things to just be normal again and get back to the way things were. But we should not wish this time away, but instead try and find a way to embrace it."

I think maybe she's on to something!

Although this is not a time any of us would ask for, I think maybe we can find some ways to be thankful for it and see God's face in the midst of it.

Where have you caught a glimpse of Jesus? I saw Him in a homeless man sleeping outside the church on a bench. I saw Him in a sweet 8th grade boy who was walking through our parking lot on his way from the library to get to his home at one of the local motels. I have seen Him in the love and caring that comes from all of you at Redeemer. I am thankful that Jesus is trying to slow me down and encourage me to take the time to try and "see" people and what's going on around me. The strangers, the homeless, the parents and kids, doing the best they can every day.

There is no avoiding the time we are living in, so here's to all of us as we embrace one day at a time and find new ways to be thankful for it.

God's Peace and Blessings,



Lori Hawkins Ihredeemer@gmail.com 864-360-5845

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 29 Intergenerational Advent Wreath Activity

Join us as we gather to make beautiful wreaths to enjoy at home for Advent. Weather permitting, we will meet on the playground following the worship service. If preferred, you can pick up the materials and make your wreath at home. Call the office or email Lori at <u>Ihredeemer@gmail.com</u> to sign up. Deadline to sign up is Nov. 22.

We want to see your prayer and praise pumpkins!

Please send us pictures of your pumpkins so we can put them on our website. If you were not at church the day pumpkins were given out no problem! Purchase any size pumpkin you like and get a sharpie handy to write your prayers and praises on your pumpkin.

Send in pictures by Nov. 15. **Email your** photos to Lori at <u>lhredeemer@gmail.com</u>.



Motives for Giving

..."let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). The motives that God desires for our giving are to express our love to Him, please Him, lay up treasures in Heaven, and help reach the world for Jesus Christ.

Our stewardship campaign this year focuses on the many ways we can give. It also focuses on our motives and reasons for giving. Take time to think about your giving. Why do you give? How do you give? What fulfillment and rewards do you receive from your giving?

Answers to these questions will give you the personal meaning of giving. It can differ for each of us. We can give to help others. We can give to fulfill the mission of our church. We can give to share the love the God gives us each day. We can give to show appreciation for our many, many gifts.

Find your motive for giving. Model and share it with others. Give support to those who are unsure of giving.

As you find your motive, please complete your pledge card or make a pledge on line. Help Redeemer follow our motive for giving - our mission to "Draw near to God and make and equip disciples and to live as faithful followers of Christ."

Thank you to everyone who has already made their pledge!!

Stewardship Celebration Sunday is NOVEMBER 8, 2020! Send your pledge today!!

"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life."

1 Timothy 6:18-19 NRSVA

Your Stewardship Committee, Debbie Bauer (Vestry), Tracy Butchko, Joe Butchko

Congregation Call-in Activity Report

With the "new normal" created by the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19, most of us have become accustomed to communicating online. But there's just no substitute for a direct conversation Recognizing this, the between two people! Vestry, during its August meeting, asked the Membership Committee, to organize such an By the end of August the Membership effort. Committee, had started creating lists for the Vestry members to contact. Then over the next six weeks, the vestry set out to contact everyone in our church family by phone. We wanted to hear how everyone was doing, to learn news of our members and to ensure all knew how to participate in Redeemer services and activities during this unusual time.

Vestry members were successful in speaking with someone in about 53% of the calls attempted. And without exception, those who were reached appreciated the call.

Here's a summary of what was learned:

Overall, our church family is healthy and doing well. One family will be welcoming a new baby! Others have students in college.

- Some members shared stories of upcoming knee surgeries and health concerns. Others, because of underlying health conditions or other reasons, are concerned as to when they will feel comfortable returning to in person church services.
- Many have loved the outside services and say they were a good alternative, with one person commenting that they "love at least being able to be in-person for worship. Grateful for at

least that." Many echoed the sentiment that outside services are "good while we're holding out until we can all get back together in the church." Some follow services of Redeemer online and/or access the National Cathedral's Sunday services.

- Several in the congregation cannot follow online services because they do not have internet access or a computer. These church family members particularly appreciated the call and look forward to more calls throughout the year. Plus they enjoy receiving the weekly bulletin and sermons in printed form from Sue Bannio.
- Almost everyone contacted is receiving *Echoes*, some access the Sunday bulletin via the church website, some mentioned Daughters of the King and calls from Reverend Catherine.
- Some mentioned how impressed they were with how quickly the church started video recording services to be accessible on the internet and also started holding outdoor services once the Bishop provided the necessary guidelines to be followed.
- Many in the congregation commented that Reverend Catherine is doing a good job.
- Many miss the choir and congregation singing.

The vestry appreciates the opportunity to speak with members of the congregation. If you did not receive a call (or were unable to return an attempted call) and would like to share your news or provide feedback about The Church of the Redeemer, please call Greg Brown (Membership Committee) at 864-346-9124.

Written by Cynthia Eason and Greg Brown, Membership Committee

Join us in November for our on-line bible study!

It has been going great and you can join anytime!

We will Zoom together on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month starting at 6:30pm for Evening prayer. Bible study will immediately follow. We are reading the books of the Apocrypha. To receive the zoom link email Rev. Catherine Tatem:

Have you considered automating your pledge payments to Redeemer?

Many banks and credit unions will set up a scheduled payment directly to the church. You may already have other bills set up this way. You will write fewer checks, always be up to date on your pledge, and Redeemer will have a consistent budget with which to pay our ongoing bills. Be sure that your bank includes your envelope number or last name on the check in the memo line so it can be properly accounted for by our book keeper. As we approach the beginning of Advent at the end of the month, I am reminded of the fire that threatened our sanctuary eight years ago. We were so fortunate to extinguish the flames before they did damage to the structure of the church, especially the altar.

Our thin altar cloth that covers altar linens during the week has tiny holes in it...a reminder of the fire embers that fell on it. I look at these holes as little miracles. Our altar, and the Cerecloth and Fair Linen over it, were not touched. Our altar was protected by a piece of thin sheeting material and our prayers that acted as a barrier from the fire. Thanks be to God!

-Margie Hankinson



Garth Update

The Garth has been getting a makeover these past few weeks. Thanks to the help of Jack Blackburn, the grass has been fertilized and over seeded and the flower beds have gotten a fresh winter coat of mulch. If there is something in particular you would like to see done in the garth, please reach out to me and let me know. Otherwise, please continue to remember to stop by and use this area for your silent meditation and prayer.

-Daniel McCullough

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UNITED THANK OFFERING NOVEMBER GRATITUDE CHALLENGE

On Sunday, October 18th, Lori Hawkins, asked us to take home a pumpkin and to write on it each day something we pray for in thanks and gratitude. We wondered why we picked up a pumpkin on the way into church! This "Prayer Pumpkin" discipline will help us as we begin our journey with the United Thank Offering's *November Gratitude Challenge*.

The weekly focus of "Gratitude" will be published in each Sunday bulletin (and Eblast) for the month of November for you to think and pray about. This challenge will focus on four different areas of gratitude. For example: the week of Nov. 1-7 we are asked to give thanks for "all the departed, saints in our time and saints who have gone before us". Go to Redeemer's Facebook page and comment on each week's gratitude focus. For what are YOU thankful?

During November, please consider donating to the United Thank Offering to fund grants in 2021. Every coin you have put in your Blue Box counts toward funding innovation missions and ministries throughout the world. I will not be counting your coins this year, so count the coins in your box and write a check for that amount or more made out to The Church of the Redeemer with UTO in the memo line. Send your check to Redeemer and we will send the UTO a single check from Redeemer, or you may make a gift online. The Focus booklet has information on how to make an online gift.

I am thankful for each of you and always grateful for the donations that represent your thanksgiving and blessings!!

Phyllis Webb Redeemer's UTO Coordinator

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Worship Update

We are worshiping inside! At this time, a maximum of 60 people may meet inside for worship services: 48 in the nave and 12 in the transept, and the doors in between are open, creating a large, open space.

Attendees are doing a great job in adjusting to new pew configurations, social distancing, and wearing masks. We will continue to monitor the rate of Covid-19 positive tests and other health indicators in order to provide as safe as environment as we can.

Please remember to sign up in order to attend so that we consecrate enough bread and do not exceed our occupancy guidelines. Sign up via SignUp Genius from Redeemer's website: <u>www.corgsc.org</u>. You may sign up here to be an usher or lector; we are in need of these volunteers each week. Many thanks for your generous ministries to the church.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Each year, Thanksgiving baskets are prepared and given to fellow Redeemer families who can use a bit of assistance in setting their holiday table. These families are anonymous, known only to Reverend Catherine, and they are most appreciative.



This year is no different in spirit, only in logistics. Rather than asking for food for the baskets, what we're asking for is monetary donations in order to maintain safety practices for all involved. Monies collected will go to this effort to share our bounty.

Please send your donation by November 17 to the church marked "Thanksgiving Basket". Let's make the day we count our blessings a joyous one for all! Thank you in advance for taking care of our fellow church members as only Redeemer can.

> Dinah Johnson, Pastoral Care Commission

Three elements of getting through these difficult times.1. Be Kind2. Be Kind3. Be Kind

BE KIND be thoughtful BE GENUINE but most of all BE THANKFUL



I am a prayer pumpkin. Who might need some extra prayers? Write them on me along with your concerns or worries.

"Do not be anxious about anything instead pray about everything." Phil 4:6-7

PRAYER PUMPKINS

For the next month use this pumpkin for your intercessory prayers. Write your prayers on your pumpkin and keep it where you will be continually reminded to pray for those concerns.

Be sure to take a picture of your pumpkin with your prayers written on it and send it to Lori at <u>lhredeemer@gmail.com</u>.

St Francis Memorial Pet Garden

Fall is a time for planting, trimming, mulching and sprucing

up. Our Pet Garden has been spruced up recently by Bill & Louise Heizer, June Moore, and Stephany Austell.

Now it is in need of some mulch. If you are able to contribute to the St. Francis Memorial Pet Garden NOW is the time to do so. We appreciate all donations, no matter how big or small. Checks can be made payable to Redeemer with "Pet Garden" in the memo line. Cash or change can be placed in an envelope and marked Pet Garden.

And don't forget, our pet garden is a great place for your best pet friends to eternally rest. \$50.00 includes a burial service and a marker with your pets name and information on it. Ask Stephany Austell for details.

-Stephany Austell

Join Presiding Bishop Michael Curry for Holding on to Hope: A National Service

for Healing and Wholeness

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will call Americans together for a live-streamed prayer service from Washington National Cathedral. The *Holding on to Hope* service will be held on

All Saints Sunday, November 1, at 4:00-5:30 pm

"We hope people everywhere will light a candle and join us in prayer at this urgent moment in our national life," Bishop Curry said. "As people of faith, we believe in the power of prayer and the power of God's love to heal a nation and change this world."

This service can be viewed in a number of ways: on The Episcopal Church's Facebook page or website, on The Washington National Cathedral's YouTube channel or Facebook page.

Transportation



There have been requests from time to time for parishioner transportation needs (attend the Sunday and Wednesday church services, pick up prescriptions, doctor office visits, to and from hospital or doctor's office for treatments).

Pastoral Care is looking for both those individuals who have such needs, which would normally be short term, but could be long term and those who could provide transportation to fill such needs.

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

Carol Hallman (Transportation coordinator - 864.244.0867, cphallman@yahoo.com)

Greg Brown (Pastoral Care Leader – 864.346.9124: cell/text,

Samaritan House

Samaritan House has seen a marked increase in clients in the last few weeks. We are steadily approaching the 150 mark, with many elderly clients. We have seen several clients recovering from COVID-19 and many more who are unemployed or underemployed.

Please keep Samaritan House in your prayers. We are ever thankful to The Church of the Redeemer for providing monthly financial assistance and for our Director, Steve Fior.

We are presently in need of help on Tuesday mornings to do some heavy lifting and packing of the food that comes from Harvest Hope.

To help, drop by

2723 Augusta St. Greenville

on Tuesdays at 9:30am.



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November Readings									
Date	1 st	1 st Reading		Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel			
Nov. 1	Revela	Revelation 7:9-17 F		Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12			
Nov. 8	Joshua 2	ıa 24:1-3a, 14-25		Psalm 78:1-7	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13			
Nov. 15	Judg	ges 4:1-7		Psalm 123	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30			
Nov. 22	Ezekiel 34	4:11-16, 20-24		Psalm 100	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46			
Nov. 29	Isaia	iah 64:1-9 Ps		salm 80:1-7, 16-18	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37			
Server Schedule									
Date	Time	Lector 1		Lector 2 Altar Guild		Guild			
Nov. 1	9:30 AM	Betty Boesch		Wallace Lightsey	Dick & Margaret Lee / Joa	anie Mullin / Katie Broderick			
Nov. 8	9:30 AM	Margaret Lee		Judy Planck	Stephany Austell / Margie	Hankinson / Tracy Butchko			
Nov. 15	9:30 AM	Rick Hankinson		Robin Mill	Margie Hankinson / Judy Derrick / Debbie Pri				
Nov. 22	9:30 AM	Bill Heizer		Katie Houston	Judy Planck / Janet Poleski				
Nov. 29	9:30 AM	David Polesk	i	Phyllis Webb	T	BA			

We need your help at every service.

Counters (Jane Bouton)Ushers (Jason Houston)Vergers/Acolytes (Wallace Lightsey)Lectors (Judy Planck)Altar Guild (Margie Hankinson)Flower Guild (Lauren McCullough)

Be sure to let us know you are ready to serve. **We need YOU!** Contact the lead, or call the parish office to volunteer.



November Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 3 Charlene Moyer
- 4 Joshua Brock
- 4 Jean Ohmsen
- 6 Daniel Poe
- 7 Margie Hankinson
- 9 Paula & David Campbell
- 10 Richard Simms

- 11 David Poleski
- 12 Marsha & Wallace Lightsey
- 14 Steve Webb
- 15 Laurie Ethridge
- 17 Jayce Herbert
- 17 Royce Herbert
- 17 Toni McKinley
- 18 Meta Goodman

- 22 Ellory Johnson
- 23 Jason Zacher
- 24 Matthew Howard
- 24 Corbin Papadopoulos
- 25 Kimberlee Warren
- 28 Margaret & Dick Lee
- 30 David Mill

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ALL SAINTS DAY 9:30 am Worship & Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Christian Education 1:00 pm Hispanic Services	2 ALL SOULS DAY 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	3 VOTE	4 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	5	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
8 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship & Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Christian Education 1:00 pm Hispanic Services	9 12 pm AA (Purser Hall) Finance Meeting (zoom)	10	11 VETERANS DAY 9:30am Worship & Holy Eucharist 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	12	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
15 9:30 am Worship & Holy Eucharist 1:00 pm Hispanic Services	16 12 pm AA (Purser Hall) Vestry Meeting (zoom)	17 REMEMBERS.	18 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	19	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
22 9:30 am Morning Prayer Service 1:00 pm Hispanic Services	23 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	24	25 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	26 THANKS GIVING OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
29 ADVENT 1 9:30 am Worship & Holy Eucharist ADVENT WREATH ACTIVITY 1:00 pm Hispanic Services	30 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)		Line of the second seco	P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P	Set	AM on Nov. 1 clocks back 1 hour First Sunday n November

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