

# *The Church of the Redeemer*



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
ON  
THE SECOND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT  
December 6, 2020**

**“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  
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**Prelude** *Please stand (as you are able)*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

### Collect of Purity

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: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

*People: Have mercy upon us.*

### Collect of the Day

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*

### First Lesson:

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his

recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm:**

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**Second Lesson:**

**2 Peter 3:8-15a**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand*

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Mark 1:1-8**

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*Please be seated.*

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Catherine Tatem

### **The Nicene Creed** (*Officiant and People together, all standing as able*)

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.

### **Prayers of the People:**

Lector: In your mercy,

*People: Be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and 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. *Amen.*

**The Peace** *Please stand*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you.*

*Please be seated*

**Announcements**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory** *Please stand*

**The Doxology** *All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.*

**The Great Thanksgiving:** *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth Because you sent your 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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

*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. The Celebrant continues:*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the

world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People:*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Peter and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All: AMEN.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

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.  
Come to the front one at a time, spacing yourselves 6 feet apart.  
All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

## **Communion Music**

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living,  
he declared your love,  
gave us grace,  
and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Blessing**

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.

*Please stand*

## **Dismissal**

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

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## **Postlude**



# THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Announcements for December 6, 2020

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER!

December 6 to Dec. 12, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Eucharist Online Morning Prayer
	1:00 PM	Hispanic Service
<b>Monday</b>	12:00 PM	AA
	6:00 PM	ACOA
	6:30 PM	Finance Meeting
	7:00 PM	ALANON
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Eucharist
	12:00 PM	AA Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>		Church Office Closed
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00AM	AA Meeting

### Readings for Sunday, December 13, 2020

First: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm: Psalm 126  
Second: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

### **SAMARITAN HOUSE**

For the month of **December**  
Redeemer is asked to collect:

**Canned Tomatoes**

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**December**

8 Clark Jernigan  
8 Earlene Nall  
10 Janet Poleski  
12 Samantha Warren

### United Ministries Coat Drive

United Ministries is collecting coats for its annual coat giveaway. They are collecting coats until Friday, December 11. You may bring them to

Administrative Building,  
606 Pendleton Street  
Greenville, SC

8am – 5pm Mon – Thursday  
and from 8am – noon on  
Fridays. They are collecting  
coats gloves and hats.

We are still collecting socks for the people that United Ministries serve. You may bring the socks, hats, gloves and coats to United Ministries.

**Join us for  
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Christmas Eve  
Thursday, December 24**

*11:00 am  
6:00 pm*

**Christmas Morning  
Friday, December 25**

Christmas with Rev. Catherine  
on Facebook Live

**Leaders for Christmas Eve**

	11:00 AM	6:00 PM
Lector I	Rick Hankinson	Bill Heizer
Lector II	Judy Planck	Robin Mill
Altar Guild	Margie Hankinson Cindy Wilson Judy Planck	Margie Hankinson Judy Derrick

We need ushers for both of the Christmas Eve services. If you can volunteer to serve please let the parish office know.

**SIGN UP FOR OUR INDOOR  
WORSHIP  
For December**

Indoor worship with limited seating will continue this Sunday. Be sure to sign up using the signup genius on our website or call the office or speak with Lori Hawkins.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**

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



See ECHOES for a list of items to collect.



**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!

## 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:**

Mark	Paulette Carpenter	Erin Johnson	Hugh McCarren	Steve Smith	Tony Wilson
Claire Allen	Melody Daniel	Hank Johnson	Jean Ohmsen	Marguerite Watson	Janet Wolf
Chris Arnold	Bev Hardin	Olivia Johnson	Ruth Power	Bob Weinstein	Lauren, Nick, Derek & Lucas Broderick
Leigh B	Christine Hodge	Breanna Kelly	Ed Roberts	Alison White	
Debbie Bauer	Harriet Hodge	Gynnis Kelly	Don Sanders, Jr.	Alice Williams	
Betty Brandt	Larry Hodge	Elizabeth Koontz	Ellen Shelton	Shirley Williams	
Micki Brown	Daulton Johnson	Betty Lupo	Jackie Smith		

**For the Homebound:** Lynne Massengill, Earlene Nall, Mary Vaughn

**For the Repose of the Soul of:** All who died this past week of COVID-19

**For Our Missionary in the Ukraine:** Gary Powell

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Church of the Advent, Spartanburg

### **For the Men and Women serving in our Military, especially:**

Fred Aldrich	Elijah Johnson	Chris McDowell	Elizabeth Skardon
Nick Henderson	Andrew Lupo	Michael Reardon	Christopher Tyminiski

### **For those Studying in Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in College:**

Daniel Derrick	Bennett Helm	Matthew Howard	Kaitlyn Massengill	Andrew Reardon
Jacob Hayes	Morgan Helm	Thomas Jennings	George Poleski	

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>	<b>Rev. Catherine Tatem</b>	<i>Christian Ed</i>	<b>Katie Broderick</b> (2021)	<i>Membership</i>	<b>Greg Brown</b> (2022)
<i>Sr. Warden</i>	<b>Bill Heizer</b> (2021)	<i>Communications</i>	<b>Daniel McCullough</b> (2022)	<i>Outreach</i>	<b>Robin Mill</b> (2022)
<i>Jr. Warden</i>	<b>Jason Houston</b> (2020)	<i>Fellowship</i>	<b>Bill Heizer</b> (2021)	<i>Pastoral Care</i>	<b>Dinah Johnson</b> (2021)
<i>Building &amp; Grounds</i>	<b>Jason Houston</b> (2020)	<i>Worship</i>	<b>Annette Burdette</b> (2022)	<i>Stewardship</i>	<b>Debbie Bauer</b> (2020)
<i>Worship</i>	<b>Judy Planck</b> (2020)	<i>Finance</i>	<b>Rebekah Webb</b> (2021)		

	<b>LEADERS THIS WEEK</b>	<b>LEADERS NEXT WEEK</b>
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Usher</b>	Ken Wood      Jason Houston	Steve and Phyllis Webb
<b>Lector I</b>	Sadie Butchko	Youth Reader
<b>Lector II</b>	Tyler Condon Wallace Lightsey	Bill Lee
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Stephany Austell Debbie Price Janet Poleski	Judy Planck Stephany Austell Tracy Butchko
<b>Counters</b>	Thank you to all of our volunteers who step up every Sunday and get the job done!	

**We need your help for every service.**

Counters (Jane Bouton)	Ushers
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.  
Contact the lead, or call the parish office to volunteer.

**Redeemer's Photograph Policy**

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