

ECHOES

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

MARCH 2021

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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From The Rector

A year ago we were invited to a holy Lent, a season of prayer, fasting, and self-denial. We remembered with ashes our mortality. We had no idea what we were about to give up. We have given up some very important parts of our lives: getting acquainted, spending time with friends and family, saying rest in peace in person to those we love, ... so many things have we given up involuntary. A meme from this morning expressed our thoughts: "I am tired of living in an historic time." As spiritual leaders. perseverance, creativity, and lament became words of the days, as did Exodus, desert, and televangelism. We have had no guidebook, just love.

This past Wednesday we were again invited to a holy Lent:

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

How many of us heard this year's invitation and thought:

Have we not given up enough? It feels like we have been living a season of Lent since March of 2020. I am not sure that giving up one more thing, even something that I choose, will bring me in closer relationship to God. I guess what I am giving up is a traditional Lent. I have been working with our annual Lenten invitation and to make it meaningful today. Here is what Lent looks like so far:

I intend to spend additional time in prayer at home. Our "living Lent"

Rev. Catherine Tatem

bags have some wonderful resources for observing Lent in our homes. Maybe this is the Lent in which we live our faith more fully, expanding our experiences of faith and of God. A purple napkin on a table, a dish of water, a piece of sandpaper ... what resonates with you as a symbol of this particular wilderness time? What practices will bring you into closer relationship with God?

We have some experience of living faith in new ways. When indoor worship was prohibited, we worshipped outside, in what we might have thought was an unlikely place: the parking lot. Our *parking lot* became and is still a holy place, marked by our worship, transformed by God – just for us, God's beloved children – all of God's beloved children: those who worship, pass by in vehicles and on foot; for the law enforcement offers who gather.

In the desert, Jesus was attended to by angels.

In the parking lot, we were attended to by: faithful volunteers, liturgies that speak in many times and places. We were joined by birds, a few motorcycles, the wind and sun. We had no guidebook; just love.

I have been surprised at the many levels of exhaustion that set in throughout the days and weeks. Lent is a good time to let go of being busy and to rest in body, mind, and spirit. Let the word of God accompany you in intentional times of rest, of peace. Our charge for Lent includes reading and meditating on God's holy Word. Try adding a bit of bible reading or

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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.

Re-Connecting

Our Lenten season is now well underway and hopefully each of us is taking advantage of the "Living Lent 2021" materials assembled and distributed by Lori Hawkins. The materials are very helpful tools to prepare us for the miraculous resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter!

While our current Lenten quiet time of introspection and reflection about our practices and habits dominates our thoughts, deep down you may feel the same sense of growing anticipation of the full-fledged renewal of hope that I feel. We need to be mindful and prayerful, but there is that understanding that something very special is about to happen!

Clearly not in any way as moving as our Lenten journey together, but somewhat on a parallel track is the new Vestry's effort to start 2021 at Redeemer with a sense of excitement and purpose. Thankfully we are now able to worship and meet together in person once again. We were strong before and there's no doubt the God we know, worship and love will guide us in re-building those same comforting bonds with each other once again. Redeemer's continued journey forward can be visualized and is fact

Hold on though, have Redeemer's goals and objectives changed in light of the pandemic and, if so, how will we go about accomplishing them? Good questions deserving specific answers! The Vestry is in the midst of that re-examination process right now and will make the answers known to you soon using all the communication means we have. One important source of information to be considered though is feedback learned from you through the congregation-wide telephone survey the Vestry completes. If you are not at home and miss the call made to you by a Vestryperson, please listen to the message left then return the call to that individual so we connect with everyone.

In the meantime, all positive indications are that we're on a path now of exiting those tough times we've experienced. Thankfully The Church of the Redeemer is coming out of them in a strong position spiritually, financially and as worshippers seeking to do God's will.

-Bill Heizer Senior Warden

Beautification Projects

Did you see the new plants in our parking lot median?
Workers were here in January to take out the old plantings and replant grasses in the median between our church and the library. They did a wonderful job! Thank you to Wallace Lightsey for seeing this opportunity to beautify the church and getting the job done.

The pews in the nave are being polished and shined this week. Thank you to Stephany Austell for her diligence in cleaning, waxing, & polishing the pews.



Planning for Easter Holy Week and Easter Schedule PALM SUNDAY March 28

8:00 AM Livestream Morning Prayer9:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Palms

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 1

6:30 PM Service with Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY April 2

12:00 PM Solemn Good Friday Service6:30 PM Solemn Good Friday Service

HOLY SATURDAY April 3

9:00 AM Liturgy for Holy Saturday

EASTER SUNDAY April 4

8:00 AM Livestream Morning Prayer

9:30 AM Easter Service of Holy Eucharist

Note: if service fills up at 9:30am for Palm Sunday or Easter we may add an 11:30am Service

Services will also be livestreamed.

Finance Committee

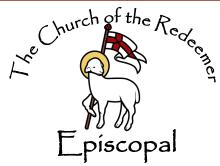
The Finance Committee will meet via Zoom on MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021, the second Monday of the month

Financial Corner	throug	gh JAN 31, 2021		
Total Tithes & Offerings				
Budget	\$	25,597		
Actual	\$	25,875		
Difference	\$	278		
Faith Offering (Included in above)				
Budget	\$	1,975		
Actual	\$	775		
Difference	\$	(1,200)		

Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.

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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@corgsc.org

Christian Education

It is so good to be back together in person for worship. Longer days and springtime are less than a month away. Light, hope, and new life are ahead, and we are all so ready. You might agree that these last several months our lives have been much like winter. Life has looked bleak and dreary at times. there does not look like much is happening on the outside, there are changes going on inside. What do some of those changes look like to you? You may not even notice some of the small things. Maybe you have had more time to just be still and experience the quiet. Still and quiet may not sound like much, but even in the long, quiet days we are growing on the inside. I can imagine small slivers of light breaking through in us as we stretch ourselves and grow spiritually. appropriate that Lent is in winter! As we live through this winter, this Holy Lent, may we be grateful for the quiet and sometimes bleak days. It is in these days that we can find more time for prayer and reflection. As we move closer to warmer days and the joyful season of Easter may we all experience a closer walk with the one true light. The Light of the World, our Wonderful Counselor and great Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Shrove Tuesday

EYC's first ever curbside pancake pickup was a HUGE hit!

This is currently the youth's largest fundraiser and it did not disappoint. They had over 50 orders of pancakes and raised over \$950!! WOW!!!!

Thank you so much to all of you that placed orders for food, and to those that sent in a donation to support the youth of the church. Thank you to everyone that volunteered and to everyone that helped behind the scenes to make it all happen,

By far, this is the most money ever raised on Shrove Tuesday! EYC really felt the love and support of everyone at Redeemer. The kids were excited at the chance to get together and to serve the church.

(See the photos on Page 6 of this Echoes)

God's Peace, Lori Hawkins Ihredeemer@gmail.com; 864-360-5845



EYC Masks

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Thank you Pat!

The older youth received special EYC masks

made by the incredibly talented and generous Pat Blackburn. They are beautiful and everyone LOVED them! Some of them were given out on Shrove Tuesday. It was quite easy to see that the youth were really touched that someone took the time to make something special just for them. Thank you again Pat for all that you do for us at Redeemer.

Fellowship

A. piscina

The Fellowship Committee provided heart shaped brownies made by Janet Poleski for Valentines Day and they were "Oh, so delicious!" Janet put them in cute bags and David tied the strings on them. They were distributed after the church service and were very well received. Gretchen Groundsel made lovely valentine cookies for Valentine's Day at church that were much appreciated.

As soon as possible we would love to have fellowship at the church. Hopefully. it won't be too much longer. Just remember that patience is a virtue. It does seem difficult at times to remember that, but just think how joyous we will be when we can get together again.

-Annette Burdette

F. fair linen

distance over the ends of the altar

10. _____ Larger wafer broken by the priest at consecration of the elements

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is delighted to be able to set up for our inside services once again. We have a dedicated crew of members, with three new volunteers: Joanie Mullin, Debbie Price, and Ann Meade. They join Judy Planck, Judy Derrick, Janet Poleski, and Margie Hankinson as those who rotate duties on Sunday mornings.

Stephany Austell has taken over duties as the Altar Guild person for the Wednesday morning Eucharist Services. Thanks to all who volunteer their time to this ministry.

If you would like to help with Altar Guild please contact Margie Hankinson.

-Margie Hankinson

This is a little Christian Education quiz for the congregation. No fair asking members of the Altar Guild!

	B. burse	G. purificator		
	C. pall	H. cruet		
	D. paten	I. veil		
	E. priest's host	J. chalice		
1.	Square of host	cardboard or plastic placed	over	
2.	A small p	itcher for water or wine		
3.	A stiff hir	nged square of silk the same	color of the silk chalice veil	
4.		sink to the left of the large sof in this sink.	sink in the sacristyall bles	sed liquid items are
5.	Cup from	which Communion wine is	given	
6.	"Napkin"	placed in the burse and on	e over each chalice	
7.	Round sil	ver plate from which the ho	st is given	
8.	Square of and chalic	silk usually of the liturgical ce	color for the day or season	that covers the paten
9.	Long whi	te linen that covers the top o	of the altar and typically han	igs down some

From the Rector

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study to your day – ten minutes, or five – something that will allow God's word to feed you.

I am adding a practice – ten minutes a day – of contemplative knitting. I hope to finish a particular project, but more important is the set aside time. Our "giving up" practices are about bringing us closer to God, to strengthen and affirm our relationship and our faith. If "giving up" does not have that underlying motive for you, what might? My addition of ten minutes of knitting is time to get quiet, be centered, and focus on the tactile experience of soft yarn and shiny needles. I pray, too, simple breath prayers: Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Lord God, lamb of God, be with me now.

What might your breath prayer be?

It might be the psalmist who guides your Lenten practices this year:

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

What if you prayed that first line every day? The write about it, draw it, think about the path that God would have you take this Lent, in each day.

Teach us, Lord.

Praying Psalm 51 might be a perfect practice for Lent:

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me." Psalm 51: 10-12 (sing)

Above all, know that God is with you – in the desert and beyond. The same spirit that drove Jesus into the wilderness led Jesus out of that same place. Angels were with Jesus. What angels are present with you in this moment? Although we did not ask for this extended Lent-like season, how might God at work within it? How can I grow, what can I learn? Could God use me to help someone else? There is no guidebook for living Lent in this way; just love.

Choose renewal, restoration, and joyful hope this Lent. There is no guidebook; just love.

In Christ, Catherine+



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

We will Zoom together on the first and third Wednesdays starting at 6:30pm for Evening prayer. Bible study will immediately follow.

Everyone is welcome!
To receive the zoom link email Rev. Catherine
Tatem: revctatem@gmail.com



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Sue Bannio, Parish Administrator

Pollinators

On Sunday, March 21, at 2:00pm to help usher in spring I would like to present a slide presentation on natives and pollinators. This is a topic I am passionate about. Without our pollinators our planet would not survive. Presentation is approximately 40 minutes in length and then time to ask questions at the end. Mother Catherine has agreed for me using the church's zoom. If you would like to be included please send me your e-mail address. My e-mail address is annetteburd@gmail.com.

- Annette Burdette

Samaritan House

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

Thank you!







LIVING LENT

Pick Up Your Living Lent Bag After Church in the Narthex!

Don't forget to pick up a Lenten Micro Practices booklet too.

As you experience Lent at home and throughout your day, we would love to see pictures of how you are using the contents of the Lent bags and the Lenten Micro Practices booklet.

Send your pictures and thoughts to Lori at lhredeemer@gmail.com
We may post them on our website and in April Echoes.

Answers to on Quiz p5: 1.C 2. H 3..B 3..B 4.. A 5..J 6. G 7..D 8. I 9.F 9.F

Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in the 2021 Stewardship Campaign. The COVID precautions and life situations have stretched the campaign and have slowed communication. However, we have received 66 pledges for this year. Thank you notes have been sent, filled with gratitude for the support we continue to receive through our Redeemer family.

Sincerely,

Debbie Bauer, Tracy and Joe Butchko, Stewardship Commission.

I hope the start to everyone's Lenten Season has been successful whether you are sacrificing through fasting or serving through alms giving.

From the Communications Commission, we have met with an audio specialist in getting options to "beef up" the sound system in the church and upgrading it to a more streamline setup. We will be getting quotes and looking at the most feasible options.

On the Garth side, the garth committee met last month to discuss the next large projects we want to tackle. The first being a major haircut of the overgrowth presently out there. We are working on getting quotes for this service. Additionally, we are looking into replacing the wooden fence that has lost most of its integrity and discussed possible upgrades to wrought iron or brick. If you have any suggestions, please reach out! We'd love to hear what your thoughts are.

- Daniel McCullough

Ukraine



Redeemer's prayers are definitely felt across the world here in Ukraine as we continue to spread the love of Jesus.

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I wish I was one of the people who could quote scripture and the Bible like others but I am not that gifted. What I can do is show the love of

Jesus with the Roma and poor Ukrainian families that I come in contact with.

I am truly blessed that God opens doors to the oppressed and hated people here in Ukraine. COR and other organizations in Greenville get the message that you go to people who are in need. Many people I go to have no connection with God and see only the misery they are in. Many are illiterate and only look at a person who tries to be the eyes and feet of Jesus.

I don't do anything. The Holy Spirit takes over. We have had an unusually rough winter. Blessings. I would love to hear from you.

His, Gary Powell



Worship Update

As we welcome one another back to some in-person worship, you may notice that a few parts of the service are being done a little differently than before. These changes are primarily a result of the fact that we are worshipping in person and are livestreaming at the same time. We will continue to livestream services so that more of our members — and people far and wide — can worship with us.

Here are a few of the changes: The celebrant (Mother Catherine) and the other ministers of the liturgy maintain distance from one another; therefore, we bow in front of the altar from different places. The distance is intentional. The dismissal after Communion and the blessing is said from behind the altar. We are accustomed to hearing "go in peace" from the doors of the church, behind us, which would leave an empty screen and a disembodied voice on video. We are processing people's financial the contributions during the Offertory. The usher will bring the alms basin forward and hand it to the celebrant. When the usher comes forward, please stand, then say with the celebrant: "All things come of thee" The ministers of the liturgy are exiting the service through the aisles. Please remain in your pews until after this recessional. Please ask Catherine if you have questions or curiosity about any changes that you notice. What a joy to be together, and to have others part of worship via the internet.

Here Ye, Hear Ye: Verger Ministry Re-Activated

Now that we are back to in-person, in-church worship service on Sunday mornings, we are looking to build up our Verger cadre once again. The Verger uses a checklist to insure all is ready for the Service to get underway, a big help to the Rector! You will typically not be scheduled to serve more than once every couple of months or so.

Won't you consider letting Betty Boesch (864/367-5189) or Bill Heizer (864/288-8279) know you will join those of us who have already agreed to serve beginning in March?

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.

Set your payment up through online banking or contact your bank for more information.

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.



MARCH Readings						
Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel		
7-Mar	Exodus 20:1–17	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22		
14-Mar	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21		
21-Mar	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 51:1-13	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33		
28-Mar	saíah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 15:1-39		

Server Schedule						
	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28		
Verger	Stephany Austell	Jack Blackburn Betty Boesch		Greg Brown		
Lector 1	Lector 1 Rick Hankinson		David Poleski	Margaret Lee		
Lector 2	Phyllis Webb	Robin Mill	Judy Planck	Bill Lee		
Altar Guild	Margie Hankinson Joanie Mullin Judy Derrick	Judy Planck Ann Meade Debbie Price Janet Poleski	Stephany Austell Joanie Mullin Judy Derrick Margie Hankinson	Margie Hankinson Debbie Price Ann Meade Stephany Austell		
Flower Guild	Robin Mill Cynthia Eason		Lauren McCullough	Louise Heizer		

Don't you just love a FULL Server Schedule of volunteers! You are all so wonderful! If you are considering helping at a service, please contact the leader, or call the parish office to volunteer. **We need YOU!**



MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries



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4 Lizzie & Evan Zeager	19 Tracy & Joe Butchko	26 Cameron Jernigan
5 Sue Bannio	21 Meredith McCook	26 Katherine Jernigan
6 Waynne Roberts	22 Jackie Smith	26 Lizzie Zeager
8 Greg Brown	23 Carolyn Irwin	29 Liam Harwood
8 Bricelyn Canty	23 Sharon Parrott	29 Suzanne Webster
8 Sophie Christie	24 Don Howard	30 Patti Lee
15 Marybeth Bledsoe	24 Will Jennings	30 Charlie Poe
15 Josh Hawkins	24 Judy Moline	31 Skylar Papadopoulos
18 Meredith Manker	25 Mark Moline	

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

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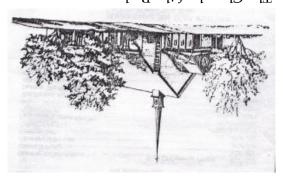
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