



# ECHOES

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

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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### From The Rector

Rev. Catherine Tatem

Praise God!

It is popular to say and not always easy to hear that change is constant. Each period of time brings a myriad of changes big and small, some welcomed, some not. Even familiar words sound different said from another voice: soft or booming, heavily accented, or with a local cadence. We often find it helpful to read and to hear a bible passage in varying translations and from several people in the room; if you have not experimented with this, give it a try. I have a number of bible translations available from my personal collection, and there are free online resources, too (such as bible.oremus.org).

Change. Our familiar service of Holy Eucharist sounds different said in a new voice; even hearing the words from a male priest and a female priest brings a change we might not have expected, right? I know. Our Book of Common Prayer worship carries within it a great number of differences and nuances made simply by voice.

You may know that I work on celebrating a true 1979 prayer book worship service in theology, practice, song, and even movement. At the same time, there are parish traditions that carry great meaning, so change is entered into in a measured fashion. First, and ongoing, is teaching. That the altar rail is open says a lot about our theology. Through the resurrection of Christ we have direct contact with God; any separation to God was torn apart on the cross as Jesus took his last breath, when, as written in the gospel of Matthew, the Temple curtain was ripped from top to bottom. That the curtain tore from the top lets us know that the tearing is an action of God and not humankind. We could reach from the

ground; God makes the action from heaven (up, theologically). Think, then, about bringing the offering plate directly to the altar; the theology is that we need no intermediary and that we are all invited to bring our life, labor, and all of ourselves, to God's altar, to the place we "make holy," consecrate, bread, wine, ourselves. We as the body of Christ make "this offering of praise and thanksgiving" directly to our Lord.

Part of presenting ourselves to God is this bringing forward of bread and wine (that represent our sustenance, that will become the body and blood of Christ), and financial offerings (which is the currency of our labor). The movement in the worship service is that these things are brought to God from the people, from the congregation. In "the old days" we sang a doxology, a praise to God, and in early worship, this praise became a focus of the liturgy, which was then sometimes experienced, by practice, as putting a great importance on money instead of our gift of our lives being offered to God. The actual doxology in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer is the phrase that the celebrant says just before the Lord's Prayer – the one that begins "by him and with him..." We praise God in this particular way toward the conclusion of our "making holy." Hmm. How does that feel? Different, for sure, and maybe a little less than complete, or filling? Its hard to find the words to express our experience of holy actions, maybe especially holy actions made by a community and NOT just ourselves in private prayer.

Let's back up. We bring our gifts to the altar in "the Offertory," and that is where, traditionally, we focus on the physical presenting of our "life and

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## From the Sr. Warden:

Being on the vestry is a rewarding and tasking commitment but it is vital to the soul of a church and ours is no different. Going to weekly services is obviously a wonderful connection with Christ but there may be so much more He is calling you to do and so much more you could give of yourself. To be involved in the goals and the path forward of our church is so rewarding and what I hope everyone would strive to do one day. It can be a struggle to sit on the vestry and start seeing the church too much as a business. I am probably the most guilty of this. Focusing too much on the finances as if the material overshadows the supernatural. But unfortunately someone must be tasked with this burden and fortunately our finances for the year are looking good so far and I thank every one of you for your generous stewardship. Apart from the business and worship balance, being on vestry allows you to be embodied in a bevy of subordinate parts of the church. Striving for Fellowship, new ideas for clubs, events, parties, bible studies and more. Or innovate new strategies for building membership in our church through new and exciting campaigns. However, none of this can be completed without a vestry body and while we would like to break ground on new strides in all these areas, I think the more time sensitive and crucial area to focus on is filling the Vestry 2023 seats. Rick Hankinson wrote on this last month in echoes but I'd like to "echo", as fitting as the newsletter should suggest, his thoughts and concerns. We need you, the church needs you. Look deep within yourself and pray on this. I remember when I was first reached out to about serving on the vestry, I instinctually declined with the consistent excuse that things are a little busy for me now and I'm not sure I have the time or ability to commit to this. I thought a true statement at the time, but there is never a good time for the future, and if anything, since joining the vestry, my life has gotten more chaotic with life changing events of which I never thought I could multitask through but I realized it is achievable. It has expanded my comfort zone and I realized it is nothing that I cannot handle as I have managed so much to this point. So once more I ask for you to mediate on this. Reach out to a Vestry member and truly commit to serving. If you feel vestry is too much and you'd like to start smaller, we still have needs in the ministries for acolytes, outreach,

pastoral care, communications and coffee hour. There are so many ways to serve. God has a plan for all of us, but sometimes it requires us to labor rather than watch it unfold on the sidelines. Thank you all for your membership to Redeemer. God Bless!

Daniel McCullough  
Sr. Warden

## From Fellowship:

### FEAST GROUPS ARE BACK !!

Back by popular demand !! You've asked for it so you've got it. We're starting up FEAST groups again. There will be three categories:

- ◆ one group for restaurants for those who don't cook (like me);
- ◆ one group for In-Home for those who like to cook (not me);
- ◆ and a third luncheon group for those who prefer a daytime activity.

There will be sign up sheets in the Transept so pick the group you prefer and get signed up. There may be multiple groups in each category. If you've never tried a FEAST group, now is the time! It's gonna be fun!!

Betty Boesch

Questions, call Meg Coffey or Betty Boesch.

**Prayers for peace,  
restoration, forgiveness,  
love, strength and healing  
in Ukraine and for all of  
their people.**



## God's hands and feet

As I look out at the line of people queuing up for food at 7:30 on a cloudy Thursday morning, I wonder....I wonder about how it is that they come to be lining up to get a couple bags of food. Is it a scam? If they had a job, wouldn't they be all right and not need us? How could we possibly have over 120 people every week, looking for food? Let's look at some facts.

Many of the people are "older"....I mean past typical retirement age. Another large group are in some way injured or too ill to work. They are living on a very limited income. Government guidelines say that someone can make under \$1650 a month and still be eligible for help. Many older folks report a government check of between \$850 and \$1200 a month. It makes me wonder what statistics people are seeing when they say the government is paying people not to work.

According to the Economic Policy Institute, the annual cost of living for a single person without any children averages \$2,332 monthly. A single person must make \$14.72 per hour in order to make a livable wage in South Carolina. BUT, our minimum wage in South Carolina is \$7.50 an hour, and many of our working Samaritan House clients are making \$10-\$12 per hour. They can barely pay rent and utilities, working full time. Add a few children to the mix, and you see what we mean when we talk about the "working poor,"

Samaritan House is called an "emergency food pantry" and many clients come only for a few weeks. There are food stamps and various government programs to help offset poor income, but it is difficult to navigate "the system". Anyone moving has to start all over again to apply and prove their relative poverty. It takes on average over two years to get approved for disability. We see that Samaritan House fills a very real need in Greenville County.

Margie Hankinson

## From Lori:



Fall is in the air. It is mid-August, and we have had some cooler days to remind us that seasons are changing. Children are in school, and we are getting back to our routines. What season are you in? Are your days filled with school and sports activities or are you enjoying the slower pace of retirement? I think we all look forward to the changing of the seasons that take place on the outside. It is the changing of the seasons on the inside that might not be as easy. Are you facing challenges at home or with your health? Let Redeemer help support you through whatever season you are finding yourself in right now. We may be a small church, but we are mighty! Redeemer is filled with some incredible prayer warriors. Redeemer is your home away from home filled with people that love and care about you. Let us be a blessing in your life and lean on us for support. We will also celebrate all the joy and thanksgivings that God has bestowed upon you. May we all enter this next season at Redeemer together, full of love, peace, and support.

## Garden Club



Our August meeting was held at the lakeside home of Jane and Bob Bouton. Their large yard and garden areas contained a wide variety of trees, flowers and vegetables. There was lots to see and discuss including their water conservation measures and their ongoing efforts to prevent deer from sampling the fruits of their efforts!

Our next activity will be held on September 11th during the church picnic. We will gather in the yard outside the administrative wing workroom window facing the library to plant a flowering viburnum shrub and three small pugster butterfly bushes. Meg Coffey will be in charge.

Our October meeting will be organized by Annette Burdette.

All are welcome. We hope you will join us. Contact Louise Heizer with questions at 864-288-8279.

## THANK YOU

I want to thank the congregational members for their continued support for the food/meals part of the Pastoral Care Ministry. When called upon, you always came through with flying colors! Your food donations make such a difference to so many people. Even though our church members are very proud and don't like to admit that they need help, the food taken to those in need has been so appreciated; indeed, the recipient's reaction has often been quite emotional. They realize that their church family has them in their prayers. The people being brought the food have certainly been thankful, but I truly believe what was most important was the fact that the church showed their love and remembered them in their time of need. It was not an empty promise that the church made to help their brother and sister. It was a promise that the church took action on. As the holiday season approaches, the needs of homebound church members often becomes greater. Please be ready to help during these festive times – maybe by baking an extra loaf of bread or a casserole, or cooking a double recipe of soup – to make these truly festive times for everyone. Otherwise, the holidays might not be so festive if it weren't for your support.

Remember... we pledge our hands, feet, hearts, and bodies in response to Jesus' command to help others and go the extra steps to show God's love.

Greg Brown Vestry (2022)

## School Supply Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that donated school supplies for Pleasant Valley Connection (PVC.) Not one but two, carloads of supplies were taken to PVC! Because of your generosity, the children have the tools they need to start the school year off on the right foot.



Thank you  
for your kindness!

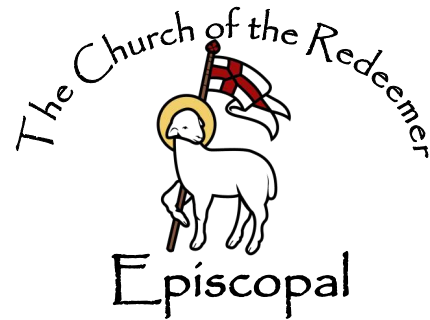
## Labor Day Recognition

Sunday, September 4th during the 9:30 service, we will have a special Labor Day blessing. Bring in a symbol of your labor (ruler, whisk, stethoscope, etc...) to lay at the altar as we honor and recognize the American labor movement.

## Upcoming events for the youth

**September 18 Christian Education resumes.** We will discuss the readings of the day and talk about how they relate to our daily lives.

**September 25 EYC resumes from 5-7pm.** We will gather in The Dove's Nest, where we will share a meal, play games, and have a discussion.



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## The Rev. Catherine Tatem - Rector

Lori Hawkins, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*  
Deborah Dunlap, *Parish Administrator*  
Gabriel Santamaria, *Sexton*

## Vestry Members

Daniel McCullough (2022) - *Senior Warden*  
Betty Boesch (2023) - *Junior Warden*  
Annette Burdette (2022) - *Grounds*  
Robin Mill (2022) - *Outreach*  
Rick Hankinson (2024) - *Outreach*  
Greg Brown (2022) - *Membership*  
Stephany Austell (2023) - *Member*

Rebekah Webb - *Treasurer*  
rwebb5476@gmail.com  
Jack Blackburn - *Assistant Treasurer*  
Debbie Price - *Clerk*

***The Vestry meets the second Monday  
of each month at 6:30 p.m.  
in the Vestry Meeting Room.***  
*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 the Parish Administrator - corgsc29605@gmail.com.

## Sing a song!

For our trivia fans ~  
So far in 2022 we have  
sung 84 different hymns!  
We have sung only 9  
hymns more than once.



We definitely make a  
joyful noise in our services. Hymns are  
carefully chosen according to the readings and  
psalm, by theme and by season.

### Do you have a favorite hymn?

Let our organist and Choirmaster, Bob Powell,  
know, or, let Mother Catherine know, so we  
can schedule some favorites – even if we’ve  
sung them already this year.

## All Christian Education starts again on September 18.



Christian  
Education

## Diocesan Connection:

The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South  
Carolina is looking for lay leaders.

There are positions on The Disciplinary  
Board, Diocesan Executive Board, Deputy of  
the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal  
Church in 2024, and/or Trustee for the  
University of the South.

**The Disciplinary Board:** The Disciplinary  
Board consists of four clergy members and  
three lay members who serve rotating four-  
year terms. The Disciplinary Board  
convenes when it is necessary to consider  
cases of clergy misconduct under Title IV of  
the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

### Diocesan Executive Council:

- ◆ Embraces the diocesan vision of *Making, Equipping and Sending Mature Disciples of Christ*
- ◆ Members have church or community experiences relevant to diocesan initiatives
- ◆ Seeks a balance of membership, particularly in geographic and church-size representation
- ◆ Seeks to expand leadership opportunities for diocesan-wide ministry as extensively as possible, therefore, the candidacy of spouses and immediate family members of clergy, and, immediate family members of present council members, is discouraged.

**Trustee for University of the South**—one  
Lay Trustee for one four year term

**81st General Convention of the Episcopal  
Church in July 2024** in Louisville,  
Kentucky. Several positions are available.

If you are interested, please speak with  
Catherine about details.

## SEPTEMBER Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
September 4	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
September 11	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Psalm 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
September 18	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Psalm 79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
September 25	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14

### *Did you know ...*

The Order of the Daughters of the King® was founded in the Episcopal Church in 1885 and now has over 25,000 members, with chapters in 19 countries.

COR has both a senior chapter and a junior chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

St. Therese Chapter extends membership to adult women who are communicants of The Church of the Redeemer. New members take their vows at a Service of Admission, following a period of discernment of at least 12 weeks. We are a group of women living a Rule of Prayer and Service to our neighbors. Prayer requests are kept confidential, whether given directly to a Daughter or placed in the Prayer Request box located in the Narthex.

St. Agnes Chapter is the Junior Daughters chapter at Redeemer; membership in the Junior Daughters is extended to all baptized girls ages 7 - 21. They make a promise to pray daily and serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

For more information about The Order, ask anyone wearing the Cross of The Order. It looks just like the one you see on the logo.

For His Sake,  
Carol Hallman, President  
St. Therese Chapter



*St. Therese Chapter, DOK, meets Tuesday,  
September 6, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor.*

## Redeemer Book Study

*Book Study? Bible Study? It all comes together on the third Wednesday of the month!*

The current Book Study is actually a Bible study with a twist. T. D. Jakes' book, "When Women Pray," provides a jumping-off point to study more fully the ten women identified as significant for their prayers. Jakes also refers to the power of prayer and the influential role of prayerful women in our present time. We turn to related scripture and use other resources as well, to examine the significance of their stories and how we can apply them to our lives. We have had some lively discussions regarding the author's choices, assumptions and even biases (!) in some of the examples Jakes uses as he relates passages from the Bible to our own lives; but we "look for the pearls" as one of our group put it, to come away inspired and often finding a deeper significance to the events studied that day.

In our next session we will look first at Naomi. But we wouldn't have Naomi's story without Ruth. Read the four chapters in the Book of Ruth for the full story. And then we will turn our attention to the New Testament, to the Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4: 1-42).

Feel free to drop in and just listen, or join in the discussion if the Spirit moves you. We will meet in the Parlor at 10:30 a.m. on September 21.



The congregation helped our talented organist/choir director Bob Powell celebrate his 90th birthday on August 14.! We are so fortunate to have Bob on board...the celebration was even extended to our winged friends who visit our Garth.

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labor.” If you look in the prayer book, you will see that this action is done “under the cover,” if you will, of music. If you look in the Redeemer, we have been trying to honor the doxology in its later place, and presenting our life, labor/offerings during the music of the Offertory. How is that going? Yes, I agree, it’s been a little awkward or even clumsy. I’m not sure that our current practice is helping us experience the “making holy” piece that is supposed to be happening. After much prayer, and intentional consideration of our liturgical actions at Redeemer, we’re going to –

Change. Yes, change, and this might be a welcome, or at least understood, change. We will return to our sung doxology during the presentation of the offering plate after the conclusion of the Offertory hymn or anthem. Within the liturgy, we are presenting ourselves under the cover of music, and it is an action that we understand and, I think, appreciate. This change back to the familiar will allow us to focus better on worship at this point of the service. And now you have a more complete explanation of what we have been doing, why we might make this change back, and what it has to do with worship and thanksgiving – Eucharist.

We will begin this old/new practice on September 18th . Please join joyfully into this change. Ask me any questions that you have, and let’s prayerfully move forward. And for those wondering, we are not moving the doxology; in my mind, we are adding another one, another chance to say “praise God!”

In Christ,

Catherine+

**Altar Guild** The Altar Guild is slowly but surely returning to a state of normalcy following our years of extreme care due to Covid.

You may have noticed that the acolyte is now holding the basin and towel for the minister to wash her hands before preparing the "table," and we are now bringing the elements (wine and wafers) forward from the back of the church.

If you would like to participate in bringing the elements forward, please let me know.

Margie Hankinson [margiehank@gmail.com](mailto:margiehank@gmail.com)



# Altar Flowers



Have a special event or a tribute you'd like to make to a loved one? Make an Altar Flower Dedication and let us all know what is dear to you. It's only \$35 and you can specify your preferences. Here's what the September dedications look like:

September 4	Open
September 11	Open
September 18	Open
September 25	Open

**SAVE THE DATE**

**September 6** DOK Meeting  
**September 10** Bricelyn Cantey Memorial  
**September 17** Pat Blackburn Funeral  
**September 11** Parish Picnic  
**September 21** Book Study

## Vestry Meeting

The next vestry meeting is Monday, September 12th at 6:00 PM.

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

Parish Picnic is September 11 after the service.

We need volunteers for set up and clean up for the Parish Picnic at church in the parking lot.

Please contact Meg Coffey at 864-525-6681 or [megcoffey@yahoo.com](mailto:megcoffey@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

Thank you everyone for providing such wonderful morning snacks!!

## Coffee Sign-up



**Finance Committee**  
 The Finance Committee meets on **MONDAY, September 12 th**, at 6:00pm (the second Monday of each month)

<b>Financial Corner</b>		<b>through July 2022</b>
<b>Total Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>		
Budget	\$23,560	
Actual	\$23,049	
Difference	\$511	
<i>Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.</i>		

## Server Schedule

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25	
<b>Verger</b>	Betty Boesch	Greg Brown	Meg Coffey	Margie Hankinson	
<b>Ushers</b>	Wallace Lightsey	Bill Lee	Steve Webb	Daniel McCullough	
<b>Crucifer</b>	Riley Hawkins	Joseph Ethan Hawkins	Sarah Meade	Robin Mill	
<b>Lector 1</b>	David Poleski	Betty Boesch	Rick Hankinson	Bill Heizer	
<b>Lector 2</b>	Wallace Lightsey	Bill Lee	Robin Mill	Wallace Lightsey	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann & Sarah Meade	Betsy Watt & Susan Butler	Debbie Price, Marige Hankinson,, Joanie Mullin	Janet Poleski Judy Derrick	
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Cynthia Eason	Robin Mill	Lauren McCullough Carolyn Pro시오	Louise Heizer	
<b>Counters</b>	Carol Hallman & Bill Lee	Meg Coffey & Jane Bouton	John Helm & Steve Webb	Bill Lee Jane Bouton	
<b>Video</b>	Bob & Jane Bouton	David Poleski	Rick Hankinson	John Helm	

### Opportunities to share your gifts of ministry:

Counters (Jane Bouton)    Ushers (Steve Webb)    Video Service (Rick Hankinson)  
 Vergers (Daniel McCullough)    Acolytes (Wallace Lightsey)    Lectors (Katie Houston)  
 Altar Guild (Margie Hankinson)    Flower Guild (Lauren McCullough)

If you are considering helping at a service, please contact the leader, or call the parish office to volunteer. **Thank you to all volunteers! We are grateful for you!**



## September Birthdays & Anniversaries



- |                      |                    |                            |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Jerry Houston      | 12 Jack Jackson    | 22 Jim Brooks              |
| 1 Wayne & Ed Roberts | 13 Malain Houston  | 23 Bill Johnson            |
| 3 Ann & Jim Briggs   | 15 John Warren     | 25 Raina Harwood           |
| 6 Paulette Carpenter | 16 Jan Connors     | 25 Bill Lee                |
| 9 Bryan Christie     | 16 Sue Skardon     | 25 Courtney Papadopoulus   |
| 9 Riley Hawkins      | 17 Hooper Skardon  | 27 Kathryn Etheridge       |
| 9 Charlie Zacher     | 18 Michael Reardon | 28 Katie & Larry Broderick |
| 10 Sandra Brown      | 21 Jane Bouton     | 30 Lauren Broderick        |
| 10 Evan Mill         | 21 Robin Mill      |                            |

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear or is incorrect, please notify [corgsc29605@gmail.com](mailto:corgsc29605@gmail.com) to update our records.

# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 11 am AA Purser Hall) 11 am AL- Anon  (Transept)
4 8:30 am Online Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 2:00pm Hispanic Service	5 6:00 pm ACOA 7:00 pm ALANON	6 11:00 DOK Meeting	7 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Holy Eucharist 12 pm AA	8	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am AL- Anon  (Transept)
11 8:30 am Online Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 2:00pm Hispanic Service	12 6:00pm Finance Meeting 6:30pm Vestry Meeting 6:00 pm ACOA 7:00 pm ALANON	13	14 9:30am Holy Eucharist 12 pm AA 6:30pm Choir	15	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am AL- Anon  (Transept)
18 8:30 am Online Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 2:00pm Hispanic Service	19 6:00 pm ACOA 7:00 pm ALANON	20	21 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Holy Eucharist 12 pm AA 6:30pm Choir	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am AL- Anon
25 8:30 am Online Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 2:00pm Hispanic Service	26 6:00 pm ACOA 7:00 pm ALANON	27	28 9:30am Holy Eucharist 12 pm AA 6:30pm Choir	29	30 OFFICE CLOSED	



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***or Wednesdays at 9:30 am.***  
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