



ECHOES

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

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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The Very Rev. Catherine Tatem

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“When”

In the marriage liturgy, we pray to “give [the new couple] grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other’s forgiveness and yours.” The concluding “Amen” in the prayer means “so be it.”

When. The prayer about offering grace includes the word when, not if. Couples, friends, people with whom we work and interact – we will hurt each other, intentionally or not. We acknowledge our “manifold sins,” meaning our many or abundant sins. With abundance, we separate ourselves from God’s good and extravagant intentions for our lives. (!)

Lent is a gift of grace to us, then, as a time set aside to examine our lives and to renew “our repentance and faith (Book of Common Prayer, p. 265).”

Each year, as individuals in community, we think again about our faults, repent of them, and seek one another’s forgiveness and God’s complete forgiveness. I think about times

that I have reached out and said an intentional “I’m sorry.” I have asked your forgiveness, God’s forgiveness, and now, for amendment of life, I need not repeat my mistake, recognizing that God accomplishes this change in me. My part, and our focused discipline in Lent, is to continue to recognize our faults and flaws.

When. Fortunately, “when” is not only about our patterns of behavior, but also about God’s abundant outpouring of forgiveness and grace upon us. When we ask for forgiveness with intent to amend our lives, God responds. God yearns for relationship with us, and awaits our turning toward our Creator.

Lent is our “when” time, not “if.” When we observe with devotion this season, we will know a closer walk with our Lord, our God.

Thanks be to God for “when!”
Amen!

In Christ,
Catherine+

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From the Sr. Warden:

Thank you to all members of the vestry for choosing me to be senior warden for 2023. It is an extreme honor and I pledge to serve our church to the best of my ability. Please reach out to me with any concerns or words of encouragement you might have throughout the year. I do promise to carefully listen and to follow through as appropriate.

The Diocese of Upper South Carolina requires that all vestry members, as well as certain other members/volunteers of Redeemer, complete the Safe Church studies once every three years. This was not high on my list of things to do, but I had to do it. Tuesday February 14th was my day as I worked my way through the required five modules. They were Safe Church, Safe Communities: (1) Organizational Rules and Policies, (2) Introduction & Theological Background, (3) Healthy Boundaries, (4) Inclusion and (5) Mandated Reporter. Much to my surprise I became hooked and by early afternoon I had completed all modules and had received corresponding certificates. A: All modules were good, but the two that stood out to me were: Healthy Boundaries and Inclusion. These two modules, in particular, will help guide me as your Sr. Warden. I would encourage you to consider this training.

I am writing this message Shrove Tuesday morning and am looking forward to our pancake, sausage and jambalaya dinner this evening. The vestry will then gather for our monthly meeting. Please keep in mind that your vestry meets the third Tuesday of each month and that all church members are welcome to attend those meetings.

Again, in closing, I want to thank the members of the vestry for your confidence in me. I am truly looking forward to working with this talented group, and all members of Redeemer, as we do God's work in Greenville and beyond.

Blessings to all,

Jack Blackburn
Senior Warden

Spruce up the grounds!

Joint effort between Building & Grounds and the Garden Club for a parish wide effort.

(No we are not planting spruce trees!)



We can use your help to clean up the landscape of the church.

April 1, 9 AM - ??...depends on how many hands show up.

Bring your favorite tools and gloves.

Questions, call Rick Hankinson. I am the vestry member that has the commission of buildings and grounds. I am not the gardener. We could use someone who does know about gardening to become the grounds coordinator. Let me know if you are willing, please.

From the Jr. Warden:

Is Lent a pain?

I think it should be, but not for the sake of pain. Christ went into the desert and set an example for us of what it may take to change. His purpose wasn't to suffer but to wrestle with who he was.

I picture it more like the song written by Dewey Bunnell of America:

“You see I've been through the desert on a horse with no name
It felt good to be out of the rain
In the desert you can't remember your name
' Cause there ain't no one for to give you no pain.”

Many times, Christ had to “get away” and speak to his Father. To change can sometimes be best accomplished by getting away from yourself.

Making yourself uncomfortable can open you up to becoming better. Two Chinese symbols that are often shown together are danger and opportunity.

Lent can give you an opportunity to purposefully make yourself uncomfortable, getting away from “self,” and perhaps becoming a better disciple.

Rick Hankinson
Junior Warden

Redeemer Garden Club

WHEN: Following coffee hour on **Sunday, March 12**

WHERE: Home of Louise & Bill Heizer, 105 Fishbrook Way, Simpsonville 864/288-8279

PROGRAM: What to do in your yard now to make it beautiful this spring and summer

- what to prune now vs. what to prune later
- insect & weed control
- plant dividing
- planting annuals
- care of cast iron plants & autumn ferns

HANDS-ON PRACTICE: Saturday April 1 at 9 AM—??
Redeemer grounds clean-up party to prepare for Easter!



From Lori:



Thank you to everyone that came out for Shrove Tuesday. There was plenty of delicious food, fellowship, and fun; we served over 60 people!

Thank you so much to Janet Poleski for making her amazing Jambalaya and to Robin Mill for bringing the yummy bread! Many, many thanks to our kitchen and clean up crew made up of: Ken Wood, Hooper Skardon, Will Derrick, Ann and Sarah Meade, and Joseph Ethan and Riley Hawkins. Thank you to Rick and Margie Hankinson for all your help with setting up.

Winners for the door prizes were: Betty Boesch- \$25 Target gift card, Don Howard- \$25 QT gift card, and Morgan Helm-\$25 visa gift card...Congratulations!



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place following the 9:30 service.

Don't forget to bring your basket and meet us on the playground!

Nursery will be available at both 9:30 and 11:30 Easter services.

Community Outreach

Laundry Love Update,

submitted by Margie Hankinson

Our first monthly Laundry Love outing was a great success. We served about ten people in two hours, putting in the quarters for the washing machines and dryers. Most importantly, we had a good time actually talking to people who live near our church. Some had heard about our Laundry Love through their visits to Samaritan House, and others were just there, doing their weekly Saturday morning wash. They enjoyed a wrapped bakery treat and conversation while the washers hummed away.

Thanks to Catherine+, Bob & Jane Bouton, and Betty Boesch who joined me for our first Laundry Love.



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Lori Hawkins, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*
Deborah Dunlap, *Parish Administrator*
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Vestry Members

Jack Blackburn (2023)- *Senior Warden*
Rick Hankinson (2024) – *Junior Warden*
Rick Hankinson - *Buildings & Grounds*
Jane Bouton (2025) *Membership*
Betty Boesch (2023) *Worship*
David Poleski (2025) *Christian Education*
Meg Coffey (2024) *Fellowship*
Cynthia Easton (2023) *Communication*
Celia Jernigan (2024) *Pastoral Care*
Jim Briggs (2025) - *Outreach*
Kathryn Ethridge (2025) *Stewardship*
Debbie Price *Vestry Clerks*

Rebekah Webb - *Treasurer*
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Jack Blackburn – *Assistant Treasurer*

Echoes:

a monthly newsletter from
The Church of the Redeemer.

- Deadline for submissions is usually the 22nd of each month.
- Submit written information to the parish administrator at corgsc29605@gmail.com.

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Good Friday Offering

The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created.

Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.

For 101 years, Episcopalians have generously shared their love, compassion, and financial gifts to support the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond.



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In case of emergency

by Diane Campbell

Jack Blackburn has graciously donated two Narcan nasal sprays to the Church of the Redeemer. Narcan is used for a person having a suspected opioid overdose which can lead to respiratory failure. It is an emergency situation. One unit of this medication will be placed on top of the AED outside of the church office (out of the reach of children). The other will be in the office. Instructions on how to administer it will be inside the binder that stays on top of the AED case. (Please do not remove the binder from this area). Feel free to take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with these instructions in the event you would need to use this medication on someone.

There is also a video that can be accessed on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnjgrRNMfKM>

March Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
March 5	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
March 12	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
March 19	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
March 26	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45



In February our chapter of the Daughters of the King hosted a brunch for the women of the parish, and shared our own chapter's video of what being a Daughter means to us. Many thanks to all who came, and special thanks to those who helped with set-up, food, technical support, clean-up, and nursery! We enjoyed fellowship and watched the national video showing the amazing scope of the order throughout the world.

The object of our order is the extension of Christ's kingdom and the strengthening of the church's spiritual life. To that end, we invite you to explore a closer relationship with Christ through a study offered by the Redeemer chapter of the Daughters of the King.

Living Into the Baptismal Covenant: *A 12 part course of guided study, spiritual formation and personal discernment focused on answering the call to prayer, service, and the spread of Christ's kingdom through evangelism. This study is being offered for prospective members of the Daughters of the King.*

Week 1 - Living Into Our Christian Calling What is a Christian? What does Christ expect from us? We turn to the scriptures to explore and discuss in terms of our own lives.

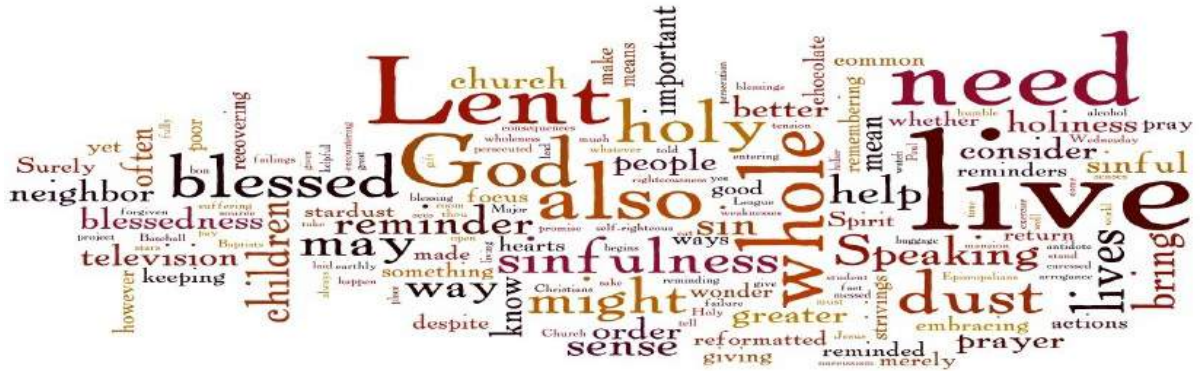
Where and When: Come to the parlor at any of the following dates and times:

Sundays at 3:00 p.m., starting Sunday, March 5, or

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., starting Wednesday, March 8, or

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., starting Saturday, March 11.

This course will be led by various members of our DOK chapter. Study materials are provided. Please let us know you plan to participate so we can plan accordingly! Call or text Carol Hallman at 864-275-4075, or e-mail cphallman@yahoo.com.



Lenten Happenings

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: February 21 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Ash Wednesday Services: February 22 – 9:30 AM and 6:00 PM

Soup Supper & Lenten Study (Tuesdays): February 28-March 28, 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Palm Sunday – April 2 at 9:30 AM

Maundy Thursday – April 6 at 6:30 PM

Good Friday – April 7 at Noon and 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday – April 9 at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Tuesday Night Lenten Study topic: God is still with us

From Ukraine:

Pastor Catherine,

May God bless you and your church! I would like to inform you that we received funds for our church and were able to start a new service in us - POINT OF UNBREAKABLE. Every day, there are people on duty in the premises of our church who receive people who ask for help or just come to drink warm tea or charge their mobile phone. For this purpose, we purchased various electric extension cords and tools, made a special information plate and purchased fuel. Since our electricity is often cut off due to shelling from Russia, we have a generator for such needs.

Thank you and your community for your generous support of our ministry in Sumy.

God's blessing!



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 \$40 and you can specify your preferences. During Lent, we have greenery.



The Lenten greenery is given to the glory of God.

March 12: Lenten greenery is given in thanksgiving for the wedding of Hayley Mazur & Jacob Hayes on March 11, 2023 by Diane & Bill Campbell and Julie & Kevin Hayes.

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Vestry Meeting

The next vestry meeting is Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 PM in the Vestry Room.

The minutes for monthly vestry meetings are posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets on **Monday, March 13** at 6:00 PM in the parish workroom (second Monday of each month)

Thank you everyone for providing such wonderful morning snacks!!

Coffee Sign-up



March 5	Meg Coffey
March 12	Betsy Walt
March 19	Charlene Moyer
March 26	John Helm

We ask your ongoing prayers for missionary Gary Powell as he spreads God's light and hope to people in war torn Ukraine. Gary's ministry takes him into the dangers of war zones and the many destructions of the ongoing war. He is following God's call and asks for our intentional prayers.



Financial Corner— January 2023

Tithes & Offerings

Budget	\$34,620.91
Actual	\$25,210.44

Expenses

Budget	\$21,519.80
Actual	\$21,994.22

Net Total

Budget	\$13,442.35
Actual	\$3,743.88

Server Schedule

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Verger	John Helm	Bill Heizer	Wallace Lightsey	Robin Mill
Ushers	Bill Lee	Josh Hawkins	Ken Wood	Steve Webb
Crucifer	Sarah Meade	William Meade	Robin Mill	Debbie Price
Lector 1	Rick Hankinson	Bill Heizer	Betty Boesch	David Poleski
Lector 2	Robin Mill	Bill Lee	Wallace Lightsey	Robin Mill
Altar Guild	Ann & Sarah Meade	Betsy Walt & Susan Butler	Debbie Price & Edie Parrott	Janet Poleski, Judy Derrick, Joanie Mullin
Flower Guild	Robin Mill	Cynthia Eason	Lauren McCullough	Louise Heizer
Counters	Carol Hallman & Bill Lee	Meg Coffey & John Helm	Jane Bouton & Steve Webb	Carol Hallman & Bill Lee
Video	Jane & Bob Bouton	Jim Briggs	Rick Hankinson	John Helm

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March Birthdays

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 6 Wayne Roberts | 24 Don Howard |
| 8 Greg Brown | 24 Will Jennings |
| 8 Bricelyn Canty | 24 Judy Moline |
| 8 Sophie Christie | 25 Mark Moline |
| 15 Marybeth Bledsoe | 26 Cameron Jernigan |
| 15 Josh Hawkins | 26 Katherine Jernigan |
| 15 Ed Pro시오 | 26 Lizzie Zeager |
| 21 Meredith McCook | 29 Liam Harwood |
| 22 Jackie Smith | 29 Suzanne Webster |
| 23 Carolyn Irwin | 30 Patti Lee |
| 23 Sharon Parrott | 30 Charlie Poe |
| | 31 Skylar Papadopoulos |

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear or is incorrect, please notify corgsc29605@gmail.com to update our records.

Opportunities to share your gifts of ministry:

- Counters: Jane Bouton
- Ushers: Steve Webb
- Video Service: Rick Hankinson
- Vergers: Daniel McCullough
- Acolytes: Lori Hawkins
- Lectors: Bob Bouton
- 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!



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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Christian Education is held after the Sunday service on most Sundays.			1 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Holy Eucharist 12 pm AA 6:30 PM—Choir	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am Al-Anon (Transept)
5 9:30am Holy Eucharist 2:00pm Hispanic Service	6 6:00 pm ACOA 7:00 pm ALANON	7 DOK 11:00 AM Parlor Soup Supper-Lenten Study 5:30—7:00 PM	8 9:30am Holy Eucharist 12 pm AA 6:30pm Choir	9	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am Al-Anon (Transept)
12 9:30am Holy Eucharist 2:00pm Hispanic Service	13 6:00pm Finance 6:00 pm ACOA 7:00 pm ALANON	14 Soup Supper-Lenten Study 5:30—7:00 PM	15 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Holy Eucharist 12 pm AA 6:30 PM—Choir	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am Al-Anon (Transept)
19 9:30am Holy Eucharist 2:00pm Hispanic Service	20 6:00 pm ACOA 7:00 pm ALANON	21 Soup Supper-Lenten Study 5:30—7:00 PM	22 9:30am Holy Eucharist 12 pm AA 6:30pm Choir	23 6:30pm Vestry	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am Al-Anon (Transept)
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or Wednesdays at 9:30 am.
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