

The Church of the Redeemer



DECEMBER 10, 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

A Parish in The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina
The Right Rev. Daniel P. Richards, Bishop
The Very Rev. Catherine Tatem, Rector

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Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand (as you are able).

Processional Hymn #66

“Come thou long expected Jesus”

*The service continues on **page 355**
in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

Kyrie Eleison

S-96

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. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

The Response

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 Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

You may be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Catherine L. Tatem

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

BCP 358

Prayers of the People: Form II

BCP 385

Confession

BCP 360

The Peace

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

People: ***And also with you.***

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord God 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. (Isaiah 40)

Offertory *Advent Dialogue* Scott

Doxology Hymn 380, verse 3

The people stand while the people's gifts are brought forward.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

Sanctus S-130

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Agnus Dei S-164

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn #343 "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"

Post Communion Prayer BCP 366

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world in the Name of Christ

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Announcements for December 10, 2023

Prayers of the People

Our parish has a faithful and strong prayer ministry. If you want to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Phyllis Webb: 864-630-2353 or phylwebb@charter.net

We ask your prayers for:

Claire Allen	Elizabeth Koontz	Elyette Taylor
Debbie Bauer	Betty Lupo	Melanie Tinnelly
Blake Brown	Lynne Massengill	Vivian Tyler
Betsy Chambers	Renee Morgan	Bill Wagner
Scott Derrick	Doug Parrott	Mark Wansley
Leslie Entwistle	Lee Quinn	Bob Weinstein
Jack Jackson	Ed & Wayne Roberts	Margaret White
Aislinn Johnson	Jim Skardon	Nathan
Hank Johnson	Steve & Jackie Smith	

...and for those whose needs are known to God alone.

We give thanks and praise for:

For the repose of the soul of:

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

Church of the Incarnation, Gaffney

For Gary Powell, missionary in Ukraine.

For those serving in the military, especially:

Matthew Howard, Elijah Johnson, Andrew Lupo, Chris McDowell, Michael Reardon, Christopher Tyminiski

For students, especially:

Riley Hawkins, Kaitlyn Massengill, Caroline Phillips, John Phillips, Charles Poe, George Poleski, Andrew Reardon, Kimberlee Warren

Christmas Outreach at Redeemer!

Deadline for donations is today!

There are 2 ways for us to help make Christmas more joyous for those in need in Greenville County.

1. Salvation Army/Toys for Tots

We are hosting a clothing and toy drive for
0-24 month old babies
and
8-12 year old boys & girls.

Bring in any *new and unwrapped clothing and toys*
and drop them in the bin in the narthex.

2. Miracle Hill Rescue Mission Overcomers Christmas

80 bath towels (as of 12/7 we have received 52 and need 28 more)

Miracle Hill will provide gift bags for the 80 men in their residence and recovery program and we are providing the bath towels.
Place your donation in the designated bin in the Narthex.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!
Questions email Lori at Lhredeemer@gmail.com



Christmas in the Park

Help spread the word to families in need this Christmas!

Free Christmas Dinner

Santa and Toys!

Sunday, December 10 2:00-5:00 pm

Simpsonville Activity & Senior Center
310 W. Curtis St.
Simpsonville, SC 29681

No application necessary, must bring children to receive toys.

Flyers are located in the Narthex.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS at REDEEMER

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

Sunday, December 24th

Advent IV
9:30am service

Christmas Eve
6:00pm service

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day
9:30am service

Christmas Flowers

Our Christmas preparations have begun!
If you would like to contribute to the
Christmas flowers, it is time to do so.

**Contributions received by Dec 19 will be
listed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve.**

We truly appreciate your contributions and
encourage you to make them as thanksgiving for God's blessings
or as memorials to loved ones.





Happy Birthday!

- 10 Janet Poleski
- 13 Heather Johnson
- 15 Lori Hawkins

Adult Christian Education

This week Adult Christian Ed will continue our study of the book of Ephesians next at 10:45am in the vestry room. Please join us!

Godly Play and Childcare

The nursery is available for those ages 4 and under and is staffed every Sunday. Children are welcome to stay in the church or go to the Education Hall.



Godly Play is available for those ages 3 to 2nd grade this Sunday and on the 10th and 17th. Classes meet at 9:30am in Room 209. There will be no Godly play on December 24 or 31st. We will resume on January 7th.



Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for joining us for worship and fellowship this morning. Please stop by the visitors' table to say hello and sign the guest book.

How might we be part of your faith journey?



Green Beans this month for Samaritan House!

We are collecting 150 cans of green beans this month for Samaritan House. Please add your donations in the wagon in the narthex. Thank you!

Thank you to Lauren and Joe McCullough for providing the live greens for our Advent wreath making last Sunday!

Thank you to Clark and Celia Jernigan for hosting our Parish Christmas Party and to all who participated!

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER: DECEMBER 10— 16

Sunday, December 10	9:30 AM 10:45 AM 2:00 PM	Holy Eucharist (in-person and live stream) Adult Christian Education - Vestry room Hispanic Service - Purser Hall
Monday, December 11	6:00 PM 8:00 PM	ACOA - Purser Hall ALANON - Transept
Tuesday, December 12	11:00 AM	Daughters of the King at the Hankinson's
Wednesday, December 13	9:30 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Holy Eucharist AA Meeting - Purser Hall Finance Meeting - Workroom Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, December 16	11:00 AM	AA Meeting - Purser Hall ALANON - Vestry Room

	THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 10	NEXT WEEK: DECEMBER 17
Verger	Margie Hankinson	John Helm
Usher	Josh Hawkins	Steve Webb
Crucifer	Robin Mill	William Meade
Lector 1	Betty Boesch	Bill Heizer
Lector 2	Judy Planck	Bill Lee
Altar Guild	Susan Butler & Margie Hankinson	Debbie Price & Edie Parrott
Flower Guild	Lauren McCullough	Robin Mill
Counters	Betsy Chiles & Bill Lee	Meg Coffey & Steve Webb
Video	David Poleski	John Helm
Coffee Hour Snacks and Treats: Today: Hankinsons December 17 (open) December 24 (open) December 31 (open)		Readings for Sunday, December 17 First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Response: Psalm 126 Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28
<p><i>Thank you to Betsy Walt for providing snacks at the coffee hour last Sunday, December 3rd. We appreciate your hospitality!</i></p>		
<p><i>Today's altar flowers are given by The Reverend Catherine Tatem To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 15th anniversary of her ordination to the priesthood.</i></p> <p>If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in honor of someone special in your life, the 2023 altar dedication book is on the communication table. We ask for a donation of \$40 to offset the cost of the flowers. Thank you for your generosity.</p>		

For other opportunities to share your gifts of ministry, contact the ministry leader or the parish office to volunteer. You might want to help the current person or become the leader:

Acolytes:	Lori Hawkins	Lectors:	Bob Bouton
Altar Guild:	Margie Hankinson	Outreach:	Lori Hawkins
Card Ministry:	Meg Coffey	Ushers:	Steve Webb
Counters:	Jane Bouton	Vergers:	Daniel McCullough
Flower Guild:	Lauren McCullough	Video:	Rick Hankinson

Clergy and Vestry:

Rector: The Rev. Catherine Tatem	RevCTatem@gmail.com/864.350.4270
Senior Warden: Jack Blackburn (2023)	blackburnjh@gmail.com/864.414.7675
Junior Warden: Rick Hankinson (2024)	hankinsonsc@gmail.com/864.569.2615

Betty Boesch (2023)	Kathryn Swilley (2025)	Rebekah Webb, Treasurer
Jane Bouton (2025)	Celia Jernigan (2024)	Jack Blackburn, Assistant
Meg Coffey (2024)	David Poleski (2025)	Treasurer
Cynthia Eason (2023)		Debbie Price, Clerk

Parish Staff:

Parish Administrator: Eliza Lynn	corgsc29605@gmail.com
Director of Youth & Family Ministries: Lori Hawkins	lhredeemer@gmail.com
Organist & Choirmaster: Robert Powell	Robpowl306@gmail.com
Sexton: Gabriel Santamaria	

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and by appointment.

