

The Church of the Redeemer



DECEMBER 17, 2023

THE THIRD 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
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Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand (as you are able).

Processional Hymn #56 (verses 1,2,3) “O come, O come Emmanuel”

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

Kyrie Eleison

S-96

Collect of the Day: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The Response

Psalms 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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: "May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians)

Offertory *Bethlehem Wind* Martin

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 #325 "Let us break bread together"

Post Communion Prayer BCP 366

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #76 "On Jordan's Bank"

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 17, 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
Debbie Bauer
Blake Brown
Betsy Chambers
Scott Derrick
Leslie Entwistle
Jack Jackson
Aislinn Johnson
Hank Johnson

Sarah Kilpatrick
Elizabeth Koontz
Betty Lupo
Lynne Massengill
Renee Morgan
Doug Parrott
Lee Quinn
Ed & Wayne Roberts
Jim Skardon

Steve & Jackie Smith
Elyette Taylor
Melanie Tinnelly
Vivian Tyler
Bill Wagner
Mark Wansley
Bob Weinstein
Margaret White
Nathan

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

We give thanks and praise for:

For the repose of the soul of: Robert Walker

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

St. Thomas, Eastover

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...Thank you, Redeemer!

Thank you to those that were able to give Christmas donations
to local area groups in need.

For Miracle Hill's Overcomers Christmas:
we asked for 80 towels and 80 disposable razors.
You gave 83 towels and 221 razors!

Toys for Tots:
we collected a total of 86 items including toys and clothes.
We ask and you always provide!

Thank you again for your continued generosity,
and for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

“Rose” Sunday

⁴*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.* ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

From Philippians 4.4, above, we get the meaning of the rose Advent candle that is lit today. We take a little break from our Advent preparations and remember that we are waiting and preparing for Jesus. Aside from Christmas buying and baking, how might your heart prepare for Jesus in this next week?

Give yourself the gift of a few moments with the God of peace.



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

Please Join Us!

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 dedications in thanksgiving for God's blessings
or as memorials to loved ones. Please use the Christmas Flower form enclosed.





Happy Birthday!

22 Betsy Chiles
22 Carolyn McCullough
23 Kevin Hayes

Adult Christian Education

This week Adult Christian Ed will continue our study of the book of Ephesians 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.
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!

Upcoming Events:

January 7th – Baptisms – See Mother Catherine if you're interested in being baptized.

January 19-20th – Vestry Retreat

January 28th – Annual Meeting

February 4th – Bishop's visit

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER: DECEMBER 17— 23

Sunday, December 17	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 18	6:00 PM 8:00 PM	ACOA - Purser Hall ALANON - Transept
Tuesday, December 19	6:30 PM	Vestry Meeting - Vestry Room
Wednesday, December 20	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 12:00 PM 6:30 PM	Men's Study Breakfast Holy Eucharist AA Meeting - Purser Hall Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, December 23	11:00 AM	AA Meeting - Purser Hall ALANON - Vestry Room

	THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 17	NEXT WEEK: DECEMBER 24
Verger	John Helm	Bill Heizer
Usher	Steve Webb	Ken Wood
Crucifer	William Meade	TBA
Lector 1	Bill Heizer	David Poleski
Lector 2	Bill Lee	Robin Mill
Altar Guild	Debbie Price & Edie Parrott	Judy Derrick & Joanie Mullin
Flower Guild	Robin Mill	All Arrangers
Counters	Meg Coffey & Steve Webb	Carol Hallman & Bill Lee
Video	John Helm	Jane & Bob Bouton

<p>Coffee Hour Snacks and Treats:</p> <p>Today: Meade Family December 24 (open) December 31 (open) January 7 Daughters of the King</p>	<p>Readings for Sunday, December 24</p> <p>First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Response: Canticle 15 Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38</p>
<p><i>Thank you to Rick and Margie Hankinson for providing snacks at the coffee hour last Sunday, December 10th. We appreciate your hospitality!</i></p>	
<p><i>Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God.</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>	

	CHRISTMAS EVE 6PM	CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30AM
Verger	TBA	n/a
Usher	Josh Hawkins	
Crucifer	William Meade	
Lector 1	Bob Bouton	TBA
Lector 2	Bill Lee	TBA
Altar Guild	Edie Parrott & Joanie Mullin	
Flower Guild	All Arrangers	
Counters	Jane Bouton	
Video	Jane & Bob Bouton	n/a

Readings for Christmas Eve		Readings for Christmas Day	
First Reading:	Isaiah 9: 2-7	First Reading:	Isaiah 62: 6-11
Response:	Psalms 96	Response:	Psalms 97
Second Reading:	Titus 2: 11-14	Second Reading:	Titus 3: 4-7
Gospel:	Luke 2:1-14	Gospel:	Luke 2: 1-20



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:

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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.