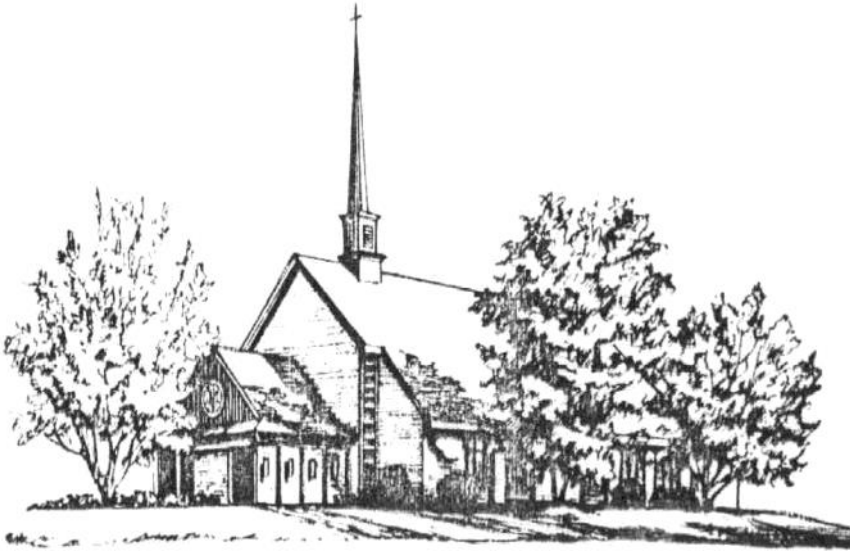


# *The Church of the Redeemer*



**DECEMBER 24, 2023**

## **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

A Parish in The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina  
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## Prelude

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand (as you are able).*

**Processional Hymn #56 (verses 1,6,7,8)**      “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:** Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

The Response

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 ‘I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: \*  
“I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.  
22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.  
23 I will crush his foes before him \*  
and strike down those who hate him.  
24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.  
25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.  
26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'"

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

*Please stand.*

**The Holy Gospel**

Luke 1:26-38

*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: "Mary said, 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.'" (Canticle 15)

**Offertory**      *Shepherds, Come A-Running*      Gerike

**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.*

**Fraction Anthem**      S-164

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

**Communion Hymn #302**      "Father, we thank thee"

**Post Communion Prayer**      BCP 366

**Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn #105**      "God rest you merry, gentlemen"

**Dismissal**

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

People:      ***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**

*Christmas Eve service is at 6:00 PM tonight and  
Christmas Day service is at 9:30 AM tomorrow.  
We look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with you!*

# THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Announcements for December 24, 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  
Craig & Gretchen Grounsell  
Rick Grounsell  
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  
Bill Wagner  
Mark Wansley  
Bob Weinstein  
Margaret White  
Nathan

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

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially** Evan Zeager (12/25), George Poleski (12/28), Judy Derrick (12/29), Greg & Sandy Brown (12/28)

**For the repose of the soul of:** Doris Elmore

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:**

St. Stephen's, Ridgeway

**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

## A wonderfully full and meaningful start to 2024 at Redeemer

We will have baptisms on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mother Catherine, if you have not already done so, to schedule baptism preparation for the family and godparents.

The bishop's visitation on February 4<sup>th</sup> gives us the opportunity for Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church, and reaffirmation of our own baptismal vows. If you are considering any of these options, please contact Mother Catherine or the office so that we can schedule appropriate education and preparation. How exciting it is for us to offer these covenantal opportunities!

Other important dates in early 2024:

January 19-20th – Vestry Retreat

January 28th – Annual Meeting



## Adult Christian Ed

Adult Christian Ed will continue Dec. 31st at 10:45am in the vestry room with your questions about Luke. Join us!

## Godly Play & 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. There will be no Godly play on Dec.24 or 31st and will resume Jan.7th.

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER: DECEMBER 24— 30

<b>Sunday, December 24</b>	9:30 AM 10:45 AM 2:00 PM 6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist (in-person and live stream) Adult Christian Education - Vestry room Hispanic Service - Purser Hall Christmas Eve Service & Holy Eucharist
<b>Monday, December 25</b>	9:30 AM 6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist ACOA - Purser Hall ALANON - Transept
<b>Tuesday, December 26</b>		Office Closed - contact the Rector for Pastoral Assistance
<b>Wednesday, December 27</b>	12:00 PM 6:30 PM	AA Meeting - Purser Hall Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, December 28</b>		Office Closed - contact the Rector for Pastoral Assistance
<b>Saturday, December 30</b>	11:00 AM	AA Meeting - Purser Hall ALANON - Vestry Room

	DECEMBER 24 9:30 AM	CHRISTMAS EVE 6PM	NEXT WEEK: DECEMBER 31
Verger	Bill Heizer	TBA	Betty Boesch
Usher	Ken Wood	Josh Hawkins	Bill Lee
Crucifer	TBA	William Meade	Robin Mill
Lector 1	David Poleski	Bob Bouton	Rick Hankinson
Lector 2	Robin Mill	Bill Lee	Bill Lee
Altar Guild	Judy Derrick & Joanie Mullin	Edie Parrott & Joanie Mullin	Margie Hankinson & Debbie Price
Flower Guild	All Arrangers	All Arrangers	Cynthia Eason & Robin Mill
Counters	Carol Hallman & Bill Lee	Jane Bouton	Betsy Chiles & Steve Webb
Video	Jane & Bob Bouton	Jane & Bob Bouton	Rick Hankinson
<b>Coffee Hour Snacks and Treats:</b>  Today: Charlene Moyer December 31 (open) January 7 Daughters of the King		<b>Readings for Sunday, December 31</b>  First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Response: Psalm 147 Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 Gospel: John 1:1-18	
<i>Thank you to the Meade family for providing snacks at the coffee hour last Sunday, December 17th. We appreciate your hospitality!</i>			
<i>Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by: Laurie Ethridge In memory of: Tommy Ethridge, Eleanor &amp; James Ethridge and Shirley &amp; Raymond Campbell And in thanksgiving for: New additions to my family in 2023, Jeanmarie &amp; Matt</i>			
<b>Welcome, Visitors!</b> 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. <i>How might we be part of your faith journey?</i>			

**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: <b>The Rev. Catherine Tatem</b>	RevCTatem@gmail.com/864.350.4270
Senior Warden: <b>Jack Blackburn</b> (2023)	blackburnjh@gmail.com/864.414.7675
Junior Warden: <b>Rick Hankinson</b> (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: <b>Eliza Lynn</b>	corgsc29605@gmail.com
Director of Youth & Family Ministries: <b>Lori Hawkins</b>	lhredeemer@gmail.com
Organist & Choirmaster: <b>Robert Powell</b>	Robpowl306@gmail.com
Sexton: <b>Gabriel Santamaria</b>	

### **Church Office Hours:**

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