



CHURCH
OF THE
REDEEMER
EPISCOPAL

ECHOES

February 2024

From the Rector...

As a kid in church, I said the refrain “sit, stand, kneel,” in my head during church, noticing when our congregational actions followed that refrain. As an adult, one of the things that I appreciate in our worship services is the movement that we do – not always, “sit, stand, kneel” in order, but we definitely do all of those movements, and more. We bow our heads or our bodies, form our hands for prayer, sometimes clap, and engage our ears for listening and our voices to sing and pray. Not every church is like that. When planning a funeral service with another denominational church’s minister, he looked over the bulletin, slammed his fist on the table and exclaimed, “she even wants the people to speak!” And he stormed out of the room. In case you’re wondering, yes, a close family friend was going to lead the prayers *of the people*.

Our worship actions reflect our theology. As Paul writes to the Corinthians, *For the body does not consist of one member but of many.... As it is, there are many parts, but one body (1 Cor 12.14, 27).*

We are all ministers in the one body of Christ. Our catechism, that is, teaching, is this, from *The Book of Common Prayer (855)*: “The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.” That we all have a role in worship is part of who we are in Christ. It is our prayer book that recaptured some of the practices of the ministry of all people.

Prayer books reflect our beliefs and our piety, so the places in the liturgy that we sit, stand, and kneel in worship has changed. These changes are written in the rubrics (directions) of the prayer book, and in The Episcopal Church, our authorized worship comes from the prayer book, a strong source of our unity in faith. And priests are accountable for the correctness of our liturgy, of the ways in which we, together, worship. Now about those changes ...

We love change, right? No, we often don’t, and perhaps especially struggle with changes in the liturgy. We have muscle memory and mind memory for how we pray. While you might not have had “sit, stand, kneel” wandering through your head, we all become familiar with a particular pattern of worship, and change is hard. Of course we kneel to receive the Eucharist! And to pray!

Over the past few weeks, we have been practicing standing for the postcommunion prayer. So far, we have stood presumably “because the bishop said so.” However, our posture reflects the content of our prayers, and the ancient posture for prayer is standing. We stand in prayer for thanksgiving, praises, blessings, benedictions, and general prayers. The Council of Nicea in AD 325 *forbade* kneeling on Sundays, because each Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection. We kneel for prayers of repentance and supplication; many of us became accustomed to kneeling as a sign of humility and submission. In the postcommunion prayer we are offering God thanksgiving for the Eucharist and asking God to send us into the world; we are not repenting or showing submission to the bishop, so we stand. For the same reason, the preferred posture during the Communion Prayer is standing. We can stand at the communion rail!

I understand how strange making changes in our prayer postures may feel. New traditions and rituals take a while to set in. The rubrics in the prayer book guide us in theology and worship. Notice what the directions say: stand, sit, kneel. Let us pray.

As always, peace in Christ,

Catherine+

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Parish Celebrations & Community Calendars!**

BISHOP'S VISITATION



The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards will visit on February 4th

The bishop's visitation gives us the opportunity for Confirmation, Baptism, Reception into the Episcopal Church, and reaffirmation of our own baptismal vows. Our baptismal candidates, confirmands and their families have spent time in prayer and study to prepare for this occasion. On February 4th, Bishop Richards will baptize two children and confirm two young adults.

The Bishop's visit is a special time for our parish and we will celebrate together with a Holy Chow brunch after the service. Please sign up in the narthex or let Meg Coffey (megcoffey@yahoo.com) know what you plan to bring to share.

During our meal, there will be a time of conversation between parishioners and the bishop. What would you like to ask? The vestry will continue the conversation with the bishop after our Holy Chow. See you there!

**Congratulations to our newest members of the Redeemer Flock:
William Kenneth Reardon and Thomas Entwistle Reardon**

**Congratulations to our Confirmands:
Nathan Cooper Forbes and Sarah Elizabeth Meade**

Quick Look at FEBRUARY at COR:

- February 3rd – Laundry Love 10am-12pm
- February 4th – Bishop's Visit 9:30am
Baptisms, Confirmations and Holy Chow!
- February 9th – Trivia Night! Meal at 6:30, Trivia at 7pm
- February 13th – Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and Jambalaya 5:30-7pm
- February 14th – Ash Wednesday Services 9:30am, Noon & 6:00pm
- February 19th – Lenten Soup and Study Meal at 6:30, Study 7-8pm
- February 27th – Lenten Soup and Study Meal at 6:30, Study 7-8pm

Read further for more information!

BAPTISM OF EVAN JOSEPH



We welcomed Evan Joseph Haugh into the Redeemer flock through Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 7th.

What a wonderful gathering and reaffirmation of our baptismal vows!

Thank you to David Poleski for these wonderful photos and to the St. Theresa Chapter of the Daughters of the King for the lovely reception!

Please contact Mother Catherine if you or a loved one are interested in being baptized.



NEW YEAR, NEW VESTRY

With Abundant Thanks

On Sunday, January 28, we commissioned our new vestry members at our Annual Meeting. A vestry in the Episcopal Church is a leadership group, overseeing legal aspects of the parish’s life and serving as spiritual leaders. When we commission them, they agree “to exercise their ministry to the honor of God and the well-being” of the church. Volunteer work at a church is definitely a ministry, and we are thankful for the many volunteers that comprise the body, ministry, and life of the church.

On behalf of the congregation of The Church of the Redeemer, I offer sincere thanks to all who exercise their gifts of ministry in our parish life. At our Annual Meeting, we offered special thanks to our outgoing Senior Warden Jack Blackburn, Junior Warden Rick Hankinson, and outgoing vestry members Jack Blackburn, Betty Boesch, and Cynthia Eason. In honor of their service, a donation has been made to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) for a flock of chickens, a goat, and 2 beehives that will go to communities in developing countries. These gifts were made through ERD’s Gifts for Life. Thank you, Jack, Betty, and Cynthia.



- The Rev. Catherine L. Tatem

VESTRY 2024:

- Rector:** The Very Rev. Catherine Tatem
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- Senior Warden:** Rick Hankinson (2024)
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- Communications:** Bennett Helm (2026)
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- Vestry Clerk:** Debbie Price
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FINANCIALS CORNER		Month of December 2023
Tithes & Offerings		
MTD Budget \$29,597.27	MTD Actual \$24,400.10	
Monthly Expenses		
MTD Budget \$20,187.88	MTD Actual \$16,452.32	
Net Total		
MTD Budget \$9,409.39	MTD Actual \$7,947.78	

MEMBERS CORNER

Getting to know Celia Thomas Jernigan



College: University of Georgia (where I met Clark 🥰) & Medical College of Georgia

Occupation: Emergency Medicine Physician at St. Francis for 38 years

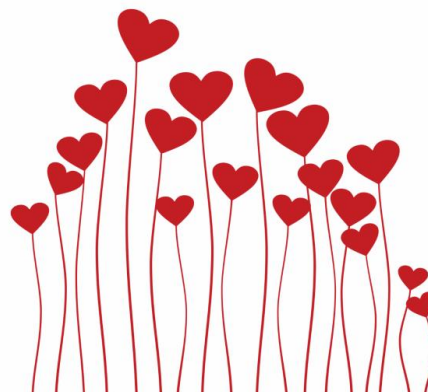
Favorite holiday: Christmas

Favorite thing about the Super Bowl: The commercials.

Favorite Memory of Church of the Redeemer: I love everything about Church of the Redeemer, especially raising my children with so many amazing Christian brothers and sisters. So many memories.....ski trips, Godly Play, Kanuga, Feast groups, Cursillo, Happening and DYLC for the kids, Baptisms and Confirmations, acolytes, Vestry, Eucharistic Visits, Eagle Scout projects, Wednesday morning services, Sunday morning services, rector search committee. I could go on forever with all of the things that have made and continue to make Redeemer my favorite place.

If you would like to submit someone to be in the members corner-please contact Kathryn Swilley at kethri0382@gmail.com

FINANCIALS CORNER		YEAR END 2023	
Tithes & Offerings			
YTD Budget \$282,100.00		YTD Actual \$284,170.81	
Expenses			
YTD Budget \$288,800.00		YTD Actual \$289,878.31	
Net Total			
YTD Budget -\$6,700.00		YTD Actual -\$5,707.50	
<i>Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.</i>			



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Christian Education

Sundays

The topic for Sunday morning Adult Christian Formation is "Prepare for Easter in Lent." Our Tuesday Lenten studies have us at the foot of the cross. Come and see how we get there on our 40-day Lenten journey, both honoring our Lenten disciplines and celebrating Sunday's focus on the Resurrection.

Evening Lenten Series

Everyone is welcome and invited to participate in our 2024 Lenten study: *Witness at the Cross*. Last year we really enjoyed a study of Holy Week by Amy Jill Levine. She wrote *Witness at the Cross*, as well. We will again dive into her book, watch the DVD, and engage one another in reflection and conversation. We begin our time together with soup and bread. Join in at whatever level is right for you: any combination of reading the book, watching and listening to the videos, or just the meal.

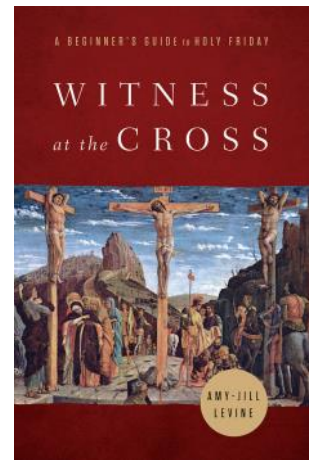
Come and see how the people at the cross each have distinct roles in the crucifixion. How do those roles speak to us today? Let's find out, together.

When: Tuesdays in Lent, except the first class will be Monday, February 19th (the vestry meets on the 20th): February 19, 27; March 5, 12, 19, 26

Where: Purser Hall

Time: 6:30 soup and bread (please sign up), 7 – 8pm study

Catherine has ordered 15 books and will order more as needed. Please let her know if you'd like one.



Godly Play and Childcare

Godly Play

Godly Play meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am in room 209.

It is a program of Christian education and spiritual formation for children ages 3- 2nd grade.

Two rooms are dedicated to Godly Play. Class begins and ends in room 209. The classroom is where we create art based on the weekly Bible lesson. We also have time for fellowship with our friends and fun with Legos. Room 212 is our Holy Space where worship takes place. The Holy Space is like a grown-up church, and presents Jesus on a younger level. We learn Bible Stories actively through word and hand carved manipulatives. We pray, wonder, and change the church calendar and altar cloths. We also share in The Feast, which is a simple snack and represents communion. Come join us!

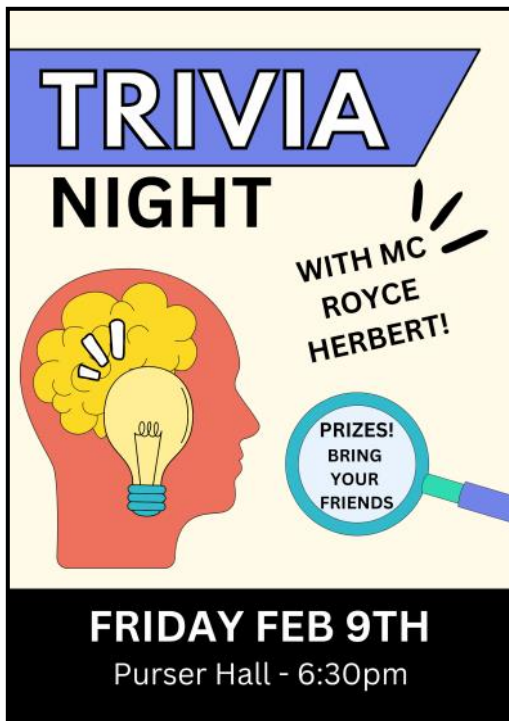
Nursery

Nursery is in room 208, and is available for those ages 4 and under.

Children are always welcome in church or the nursery.

We have 1 person on staff and are in need of volunteers.

TRIVIA AND JAMBALAYA



Time for Trivia!

Let's squeeze in a night of trivia before Lent.
Join us Friday, February 9 in Purser Hall

Hosted by our trivia expert and MC Royce Herbert

Arrival begins at 6:30pm,

Trivia starts at 7:00pm.

Bring an appetizer to share.

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors.

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place!

Seven people per team is optimal.

If you don't have a team, we will get you one!

BYOB if you desire.

(Beer and wine only, no hard liquor please.)

Sign up in the Narthex or email

Lhredeemer@gmail.com to let us know you're coming.

Shrove Tuesday!

Join us on Feb. 13 from 5:30-7:00pm in Purser Hall

Traditional pancakes and sausage
will be served. We will again have
Janet Poleski's Amazing Jambalaya!

There will be Door Prizes!

Mark your calendar as we have one last hoorah before Lent.

Invite your friends and family!

Sign up in the Narthex to let us know you're coming.

This is an EYC fundraiser for the older youth.

There is no charge to attend,
but donations are always appreciated.



Samaritan House: Mac-N-Cheese, please!

We are collecting 150 boxes of Mac-N-Cheese this month for Samaritan House.
Please drop off your donations in the narthex. Thank you!

LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday Services



There will be three services at Redeemer on Wednesday, February 14th

- ◆ 9:30am—Ash Wednesday service with Holy Eucharist
- ◆ 12:00pm—Ash Wednesday service only
- ◆ 6:00pm—Ash Wednesday service with Holy Eucharist

Participation in Ash Wednesday services is a powerful, meaningful way to begin Lent.

Holy Lent. Come and see.

The season of LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, a day on which we specifically repent our sins (things that separate us from God) and our mortality. Lent is then a journey of forty days, recalling Jesus' forty days in the wilderness and his overcoming the temptations of evil. We often fast from something for Lent, or add a spiritual discipline. Prayerfully consider what you might do. Give up, for example, social media for a day each week - or for a week, or add participating in Redeemer's Wednesday Eucharist, Christian Education offerings, or adding acts of service to others. Soon we are all invited to a Holy Lent. Come and see.

Update from Ukraine

Щасливого Нового року, Слава Божу, meaning Happy New Year and Glory to God in Ukrainian. I have read in bulletins of the celebrations at COR throughout the Advent season.

I wanted to share the name of a book that was given to me that I am currently reading from a U.S. pastor who recently visited Ukraine. He has a church out of Washington DC. The name of it is “Draw the Circle” by Mark Batterson. You may have already read it if not I highly recommend you do. I know that prayer is part of your lives as it is mine. Normally books of this nature are difficult to grasp but the message captivates me and I can't put it down. Perhaps it can be part of adult study.

The war goes on here with numerous air raid sirens we hear in Uzhhorod as a nation wide alert that lets the country know we are being attacked from Lviv, Kherson, Odessa and throughout the past few days heavily in Kyiv, the capital. Death and total destruction all around the country. That is why I lean so heavily into God and this book has so much meaning to me.

Blessings
His,
Gary

Gary Powell

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Laundry Love

“The Laundry Love initiative consists of regular opportunities to come alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with their laundry.”

That is the official definition of Laundry Love.

What it is at Redeemer is also chance to form relationships with our neighbors and spread the love of Christ.

Since we started Laundry Love, we have had fifteen two hour sessions on Saturday mornings. We have washed loads of clothes and made friends with those who rely on the laundromat. Listed on the Laundry Love national registry, we have had calls from social workers who have clients in need. We have had people arrive by cab (no vehicle), and people who have pulled clothes out of vans that appear to be their home.



Our numbers show that we have done approximately 475 loads of laundry for about 170 people. We have spent approximately \$1,650 on laundry and \$40 on snacks and bottled water. Because of generous contributions of quarters from both church members and friends who have heard about our initiative, we still have a large part of our grant money left. (Our grant \$3,000 from our Diocese.)

We have had nine adult church members, two friends, and two youth work with us. For more information about Laundry Love, contact Margie Hankinson: hankinsonsc@gmail.com

Sunday Morning Counters Needed

Would you like to give 15 minutes of your time once a month to help Church of the Redeemer with an important ministry?

Doing what, you might ask? By becoming a counter of Sunday tithes.

This involves counting the collection plate, on average once a month, taking about 15 minutes after each Sunday service. No training required! If you can count money, you can do this ministry!

Contact Jane Bouton at church, via email jjbouton@yahoo.com or at 864-907-5362 for questions or comments.

Please prayerfully consider this ministry to support Church of the Redeemer.

FELLOWSHIP & FLOWERS

Snacks are needed February 11, 18 and 25!

Please sign up to bring simple snacks for coffee hour after Sunday services.

There is a sign up sheet in the transept. Thank you!

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If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in honor of someone special in your life, the 2024 altar dedication book is on the communication table. We ask for a donation of \$40 to offset the cost of the flowers.

We appreciate your generosity.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Verger	Greg Brown	Meg Coffey	Margie Hankinson	TBD
Usher	Ken Wood	Josh Hawkins	Joe McCollough	Steve Webb
Crucifer	Robin Mill	Sarah Meade	Riley Hawkins	Debbie Price
Lector 1	Rick Hankinson	Betty Boesch	David Poleski	Bill Heizer
Lector 2	John Helm	Bill Lee	Robin Mill	John Helm
Altar Guild	Ann & Sarah Meade	Susan Butler & Margie Hankinson	Debbie Price & Edie Parrott	Janet Poleski, Judy Derrick, Joanie Mullin
Flower Guild	Lauren McCullough	Cynthia Eason	Lauren McCullough	Lauren McCullough
Counters	Jane Bouton & Carol Hallman	Meg Coffey & Betsy Chiles	Bill Lee & Steve Webb	Jane Bouton & Meg Coffey
Video	John Helm	David Poleski	Jane & Bob Bouton	Rick Hankinson

SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
First Reading	Isaiah 40:21-31	2 Kings 2:1-12	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Response	Psalm 147:1-12, 21c	Psalm 50:1-6	Psalm 62:6-14	Psalm 111
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Gospel	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 9:2-9	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:21-28

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 John Helm	8 Bill Campbell	24 Louise Heizer
5 Trip Ethridge	14 Ivy Entwistle	27 Lee Quinn
6 Scott Derrick	18 Jacob Lightsey	27 Ted Sanders



FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	23 10:00 AM - Laundry Love 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;"> The International Ballet continues to provide ballet lessons to children at Pleasant Valley Connection. They meet in Purser Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15-5:30 PM . </div>						
4 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (N) BISHOP'S VISIT Baptisms, Confir- mations, Holy Chow 2:00 PM -Hispanic Service (PH)	5 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 7:00 PM - ALANON (T)	6	7 8:30 AM - Men's Study Breakfast (F) 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 12:00 PM -AA (PH) 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal (CR)	8	9 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 PM -Trivia Night! (PH)	10 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
11 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (N) 10:45AM Adult Christian Ed (V) 2:00 PM -Hispanic Service (PH)	12 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 7:00 PM - ALANON (T)	13 10:30 AM - DOK (P) 12:00 PM - Clergy Lunch (T) 5:30-7 PM - Shrove Tuesday Dinner (PH)	14 Ash Wednesday 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 12:00 PM -AA (PH) Ash Wednesday service (N) 6:00 PM - Holy Eucharist (N) 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal (CR)	15	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17 11:00 AM - Funeral for Ann Meilander (N) 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
18 9:30 AM -Holy Eucharist (N) 10:45 AM Adult Christian Ed (V) 2:00 PM -Hispanic Service (PH)	19 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 6:30 PM - Lenten soup & study (PH) 7:00 PM - ALANON (T)	20 6:30 PM - Vestry Meeting (V)	21 8:30 AM - Men's Study Breakfast (F) 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 12:00 PM - AA (PH) 6:30 PM—Choir Rehearsal (CR)	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
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Key for facilities and spaces:

(T): Transept; (PH): Purser Hall; (P): Parlor; (N): Nave; (V): Vestry Meeting Room/Media Room;
(WR): Work Room; (F): Floating Location; (EH): Education Hall; (CR): Choir Room:

Note:

Sunday Services of Holy Eucharist are offered in-person and on-line;
Wednesday Holy Eucharist is offered in-person.



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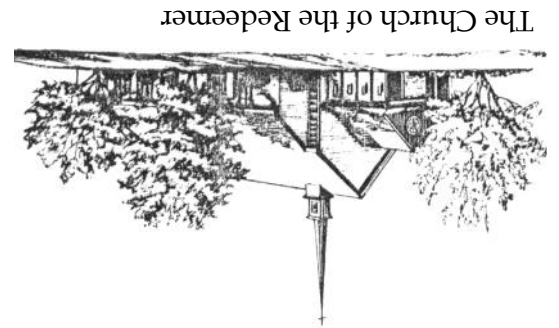
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Come Join Us!