

# *The Church of the Redeemer*



**DECEMBER 28, 2025**

**HOLY EUCHARIST AT 9:30 AM**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY**

The Church of the Redeemer is a parish  
in The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina.  
The Right Rev. Daniel P. Richards, Bishop  
The Rev. Catherine L. Tatem, Rector

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

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## **Prelude**

# **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn** “Of the Father’s love begotten” Hymn 82

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

**Opening Acclamation** BCP 355

**Collect** See Insert

**Song of Praise** Glory to God BCP 356

**The Lessons** See Insert

The First Reading

The Psalm

The Second Reading

The Gospel

**Sermon** The Rev. David Upton

**The Nicene Creed** BCP 358

**Prayers of the People Form VI** BCP 392

**The Peace**

**Announcements**

# **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

**Offertory Anthem** “In the bleak midwinter” Rich Simms, Soloist

*During the anthem, representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine to the altar. After the anthem, the people stand and sing:*

<b>Doxology</b>	Hymn 380 Verse 3
<b>The Great Thanksgiving</b> Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP 367
<b>Sanctus</b>	Hymn S-130
<b>The Breaking of the Bread</b>	
<b>Fraction Anthem</b> "Taste and See"	See Card in Pew
<b>Communion Hymn</b> "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"	Hymn 324
<b>Postcommunion Prayer</b> ( <i>Standing</i> )	BCP 365
<b>Blessing</b>	
<b>Recessional Hymn</b> "Joy to the world!"	Hymn 100
<b>Dismissal</b>	BCP 366
<b>Postlude</b>	

~ Please join us for coffee and conversation in the transept after the service. ~

**Children of all ages** are invited and welcome to be in church during the service, and we have pew "buddy bags" if your child would like some quiet play materials. An usher can give you one.

If you prefer, we also have a staffed nursery available for children ages 4 and under.

The nursery is in the Education Wing, Room 209.

We also offer a program of Christian education and spiritual formation called **Godly Play** designed for children ages 4 – 2nd grade....also in the Education Wing.

We'll show you the way!

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***We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or joining us for the first time.***

*We are glad you are here!*

*Please sign the Guest Book in the Lobby or fill out a yellow visitor's card located in the back of each pew so we can reach out to you!*

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**Adult Christian Formation returns next Sunday, January 4th.**

*Save the Date*

~ Redeemer's Annual Meeting is January 25, 2026, at the end of the service....followed-by a potluck meal in Purser Hall.

~ *The Bishop is coming!* The Bishop visits Redeemer February 1, 2026. The night before (Jan. 31, 2026), we will have a special dinner to celebrate and to kick-off a year of events for Redeemer's 75th anniversary. Details are forthcoming.

***Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of  
Greg & Sandy Brown.***



## **Prayers of the People**

### **We ask your prayers for:**

Claire Allen	Ann Mitchell	Bob Weinstein
Rhonda Cuneaz	Teresa Morelli	Margaret White
Sharon Entwistle	Joanie Mullin	Catherine Wilson
Craig & Gretchen Grounsell	Prentiss Palm	Jacquie Wolf
Rick Grounsell	Pat Pryor	Amber
Rick Hankinson	Vicky Reid	Bruce
Jack Jackson	Wayne Roberts	Debi
Aislinn Johnson	Linda Robinson	Maria
Hank Johnson	Steve & Jackie Smith	Mike
Beth Tamplin Jones	Elyette Taylor	Deb
Betty Lupo	Bill Wagner	Robert
Gloria Marcus	Lucille Watts	
Paul Massengill	Ellen Webb	

### **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; Church of the Nativity, Union

### **For Missionaries:**

Gary Powell in Ukraine; Rachel and Alonso Silva in Chile

### **For those serving in the military, especially:**

Elijah Johnson, Andrew Lupo, Chris McDowell

### **For students, especially:**

Kimberlee Warren, Asheton Skardon, Joseph Ethan Hawkins, Shea Kennedy, Jonathan Elmore, Sophee Elmore, George Poleski, Charlie Poe, Daniel Poe, John Phillips, Caroline Phillips, Raina Harwood, Emma McKeehan, Hollie Butler

***For those whose needs are known to God alone***

*Please contact Riley Morgan or Mother Catherine to provide updates to the prayer list.*

## Looking Ahead:

2026 brings Redeemer's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the bishop's visitation, and joining with the bishop in new studies. In 2025, we tackled reading the bible; if you're not finished, keep reading – you can do it! If you did finish reading the whole bible, celebrate! If you only started, celebrate! It is not too late to immerse ourselves in scripture; in fact, it's great spiritual practice for every day. See the information at [edusc.org/News/The Bishop's Bible-in-a year challenge 2025](https://edusc.org/News/The_Bishop's_Bible-in-a_year_challenge_2025) for lots of resources to continue with this challenge.

2026 brings a new bishop/diocesan study: *The Bishop Reads*. Below are some details. Let's do this! In his 103rd Convention address, the bishop spoke about four areas in which we will work together this year. One area is **Practice**, and *The Bishop Reads* is part of **Practice**. It is part of our obligation as mature Christians to know Christ. In each quarter, we'll read a book together as a diocese to know Christ better – to keep growing in Christ. In Quarter 1 (Q1), we will read the Gospel of John along with a supplement. You may choose from either of these two titles for the supplement:

- *God Dwells with Us: Temple Symbolism in the Fourth Gospel*
- *John for Everyone*

Here are the rest of the books for the year:

Q2: *The Rule of St. Benedict*

Q3: *Being God's Image: Why Creation Still Matters*

Q4: *The Way of the Heart*

Thank you, Bruce & Cynthia Eason, for providing today's Coffee Hour goodies. Below is the schedule for future gatherings if you would like to sign-up in the transept:

- ♦ January 4th-
- ♦ January 11th-
- ♦ January 18th-Carmen & Brent
- ♦ January 25th-



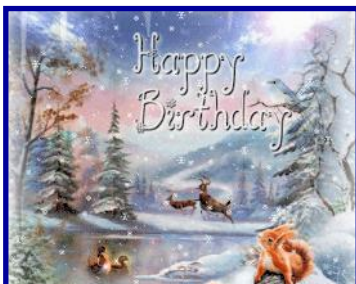
~ Thank you, Father David Upton, for being a part of our service today.

~ Please turn in your 2026 Pledge Card if you have not already done so.

~ It's not too late to make a special Christmas contribution to Redeemer. Thank you for your generosity!

~ The next Laundry Love is Saturday, Jan. 3rd from 10-12 near the corner of 81 and White Horse Road. Come join us!

28-George Poleski  
29-Judy Derrick  
1/2-Kyle Meade  
1/2-Trey Skardon



12/28-Happy Anniversary,  
Greg & Sandy Brown

	THIS WEEK: DEC 28	NEXT WEEK: JAN 4
<b>Verger</b>	Jane Bouton	TBD
<b>Usher</b>	Joe McCullough	TBD
<b>Crucifer</b>	Debbie Price	Robin Mill
<b>Lector 1</b>	Rich Simms	TBD
<b>Lector 2</b>	Rick Hankinson, David Poleski	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Poleski, Judy Derrick	Ann & Sarah Meade
<b>Flower Guild</b>	All Arrangers	Robin Mill
<b>Counters</b>	Carol Hallman, Steve Webb	TBD
<b>Video</b>	David Poleski	Bob & Jane Bouton

### Clergy and Vestry

Rector--The Rev. Catherine L. Tatem  
Senior Warden--Robin Mill (2027)  
Junior Warden--Jane Bouton (2025)

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Assistant Treasurer--Rebekah Webb  
Clerk--Ann Meade

Melody Daniel (2027), Cynthia Eason (2025), Ann Meade (2026), David Poleski (2025), Rich Simms (2026)

### Parish Staff

Director of Youth & Family Ministries—Lori Hawkins  
Organist & Choirmaster—Jon Moyer  
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**Church Office Hours are Monday-Thursday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.**

**Mother Catherine is readily available outside of these office hours. Please check with her for an appointment time.**

Interested in volunteering with one of our ministries? We'd love to have you!  
Contact us to join a group!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS  


**Acolytes:** Lori Hawkins  
**Altar Guild:** Margie Hankinson  
**Card Ministry:** Meg Coffey  
**Counters:** Jane Bouton  
**Flower Guild:** Lauren McCullough

**Lectors:** Bob Bouton  
**Outreach:** Lori Hawkins  
**Ushers:** Steve Webb  
**Vergers:** Robin Mill  
**Video:** Rick Hankinson