

WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

VISITING OR CHECKING US OUT TODAY? THINKING OF JOINING?

Redeemer may be the place for you. Here's how to connect:

JOIN US for coffee and hospitality after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services.

ASK QUESTIONS and fill out a welcome card at our Welcome Table, found in the Narthex (Lobby). If you like, sign-up for a name tag. Greeters, ushers, clergy, and friendly people would love to talk to you!

CHILD CARE is available in the Playroom each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am through 12:15 pm. During 10:00 am worship services, children (**grades 1-4**) are invited to the Chapel for Children's Liturgy during the Liturgy of the Word and Godly Play (**age 3-6**) begins in the St. Joseph room at **9:45 am**. Both groups will return to services at The Peace. Also during the 10:00 am services, toddlers are in the St. Francis room (pick up in the Playroom) and infant care is in the Playroom. Questions about kid's programming? Text Minister for Families, Brad Gough @ 859-322-6468.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED? Contact Anny Stevens-Gleason, Minister for Incorporation and Worship: anny@redeemer-cincy.org or 513.321.6700

RECTOR'S BLOG: GOD IS WITH US - "If we never learned anything else about Jesus, if we never learned anything else about Christmas, if we never learned anything else about God - 'God is with us' would be sustenance enough.

God is with us. This means that God is present. It also means that God is with us rather than against us. And in Jesus Christ it means that God is willing to be one with us, to be in solidarity and communion with us as we are, right this moment.

What's more, God's presence means that you matter to God; that you matter at all. Think about this for a moment. What does it mean when someone shows up for you? When they are present for you and with you? It means you matter to them. And what does it mean when you show up for someone? It means they matter to you. It means their life and fate are significant to you."

Read Phil's blog in it's entirety at redeemer-cincy.org/rectors-blog-god-is-with-us/.

WEEKDAY SERVICE

Wednesday: 6:00 pm Eucharist (returns January 1, 2020)

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

DOWNTOWN BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays, 12:00 pm, Diocesan Offices. Thoughtful reflection on the upcoming Sunday scripture readings. (Returns Wednesday, January 8.) To learn more, please email philip@redeemer-cincy.org.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays, 10:00 am, Parlor. Thoughtful reflection on the book of Genesis. (Returns Thursday, January 2.) To learn more, please email philip@redeemer-cincy.org. Childcare is provided.

We strive to share our mission of radical welcome and hospitality with the world through photos and video. From time to time we document church events for use in publications, website, and social media. By your presence, you grant Redeemer unrestricted rights to use and publish, transmit or telecast images, and or likenesses that may be taken of you for use in communications related to the church. Please contact Nancy Schwartz, Minister of Communications, with any questions at 513.321.6700 or nancyschwartz@redeemer-cincy.org.

PASTORAL CARE: Redeemer Clergy are here to support you pastorally. If you are, or will be, in the hospital or are confined to home, please be in touch with us. We will be glad to arrange a visit, bring communion to you, and/or speak by phone with you. Call the church office at 513.321.6700 during business hours. If your need is urgent after business hours, call the office and follow the prompts for emergency circumstances.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Baptisms are scheduled throughout the year on specific Sundays (dates available at redeemer-cincy.org). Contact Minister for Worship and Incorporation, Anny Stevens-Gleason.

Blessings of Commitments and Marriage require consultation with clergy (see contact info, below). For arrangements and set-up requirements, contact one of our Wedding Coordinators, Sheila Maxwell, max04@fuse.net, Kathe Kissel, kckissel23@gmail.com.

Funeral and Memorial Service planning may be done in advance or when a death is reported to the church. Contact the Rev. Joyce Keeshin.

Communion for the sick or home-bound (or pastoral visits to the hospital) are arranged through the Rev. Joyce Keeshin.

To add a name to the prayer list, you may fill out one of the prayer request cards found in the narthex (lobby) and drop it in the plate, or contact the Rev. Joyce Keeshin.

THE CLERGY AND STAFF OF REDEEMER ARE HERE FOR YOU

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Ryan Andrews, Michael Firesheets, Brett Flodder, Chuck Hardy, Kate Haralson,

Alan Henning, Megan Johnson, Kyle Roberts, Andrea Rogers,

Betsy Schram, Jim Votaw, Kelli Wisecup



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019

WEEK FOUR: LOVE



Ignite Love

Light four candles.

Read

When Joseph woke up, he did just as the angel of God commanded and took Mary as his wife. + Matthew 1:24

Reflect

Love is hardly ever synonymous with 'easy.' By marrying a pregnant Mary, Joseph's love and vulnerability broke 'all the rules' - and that's just where the radical love of God leads us. Have you seen love break down barriers? Are there areas in your life (or in the world) that could use that kind of love?

Practice

Write and deliver the most radical love letter you can muster to the person you know needs to hear it most (perhaps this 'someone' is you). If it's handwritten, all the better, but digital works, too. The one requirement is it has to scare you a little, or at least make you nervous. Practice leaning on God's love - the source of all radical, vulnerable, rule-breaking love - as Joseph did. The worst that can happen (and the best that can happen) isn't up to you. And that's good news!



Welcome to Redeemer! We have a vision of a worshipping community that **knows Jesus and grows in love**. A community that is **united** in relationships of holy connection and communion. A community **growing** with people of every age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic situation, and political persuasion. A community **inspired** by our understanding of why we are Christian, why we are Episcopalian, why Redeemer matters to us. A community **sent** into the world, rooted and grounded in love, to serve all people with humility, compassion, and faithfulness. Come, join us on the journey.

DECEMBER 22: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 am RITE I EUCHARIST (Sanctuary)

Sermon: The Rev. Philip DeVaul

In the traditional language of *The Book of Common Prayer*.

9 am RISE & SHINE (Parlor)

The Rise and Shine discussion group will gather with Brad Gough to discuss the topic: "The Christianity of Consumerism." We will use scripture and the recent news regarding Pope Francis decrying our 'virus like' Christmas Culture.

9:00 am Hygge Spaces (Narthex, Office Reception Area)

Look around the church and find the cozy corners we've set up for you to gather together, enjoy a cup of coffee, and share conversation. Places where you can *be you, be seen, and belong*.

10 am RITE II EUCHARIST (Sanctuary)

Sermon: The Rev. Philip DeVaul

Redeemer's Adult Choir offers the music of Holst, Poston, and Archer. On the organ we will hear pieces from L. H. Bristol, Jr. and A. Carter.

10 am THE BANQUET (Great Hall)

Sermon: The Rev. Mitchell Bojarski

11:15 am Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Kids ages 3 - grade 8 are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Pageant. Join us after 10 am worship today, parts and costumes will be assigned!

11:15 am Hygge Spaces (Narthex, Parlor, Office Reception Area)

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5 pm CELTIC EUCHARIST + HOLY BAPTISM (Chapel)

Sermon: The Rev. Philip DeVaul

An intimate, contemplative service, celebrated in our beautiful chapel.

PAGEANT REHEARSAL - Rehearsals for this year's pageant at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve will be held **TODAY at 11:15 am** in the nave/sanctuary.



MORNING PRAYER CONTINUES - Please join us weekly on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 am** in our beautiful chapel for Morning Prayer. (Returning Tuesday, December 31).

BEATs & YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTIES - Both our BEATs and Youth Christmas parties are **tonight at 6:00 pm** in the Great Hall. 5th-12th graders are invited to come together for dinner and a competition, before splitting up into BEATs and Youth groups for a gift exchange and more fun. Contact Minister for Families, Brad Gough, brad@redeemer-cincy.org for more information.

PARKING: Parking is on the street. Please pay attention to the signs indicating proper parking zones. Handicapped parking is available in the front on Erie, in the back parking lot, and on the south side of Raymar.

ACCESSIBLE REDEEMER: The front entrance has a ramp and there is an elevator inside the back door and to the left. Accessible restrooms are located in the Lobby inside the front entrance. The nave is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Large print bulletins are available for worship at 10 am in the nave. Please ask an usher for assistance.

WE INVITE AND WELCOME ALL • WE INSPIRE GROWTH IN FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST • WE REACH OUT WITH LOVE AND SUPPORT TO THOSE IN NEED

DECEMBER 29: THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8 am RITE I EUCHARIST (Sanctuary)

Sermon: The Rev. Mitchell Bojarski

In the traditional language of *The Book of Common Prayer*.

10 am RITE II EUCHARIST (Sanctuary)

Sermon: The Rev. Mitchell Bojarski

On the organ we will hear pieces from Pietro A. Yon, G Hancock, and J. S. Bach.

10 am THE BANQUET (Great Hall)

Sermon: The Rev. Philip DeVaul

5 pm COCOA AND CAROLS (Chancel)

Officiant: The Rev. Philip DeVaul

Lessons, Carols, and hot chocolate in a casual setting.



COCOA & CAROLS - Join us **Sunday, December 29 at 5:00 pm** in the chancel (the area where the clergy and choir sit) for our second annual Cocoa & Carols service. All are welcome as we celebrate the First Sunday after Christmas in a more casual and cozy setting with hot drinks, scripture, and song!

EPIPHANY EUCHARIST - On **Monday, January 6 at 12:00 pm** in the chapel we will celebrate the Feast Day of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ with a Holy Eucharist service. Plan to join us.



THEOLOGY CIRCLE JANUARY MEETING - The Theology Circle will continue their discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor's "Holy Envy" **Sunday, January 5 at 6:00 pm in the Library**. All are welcome. For more information, contact Ed Ewbank, edewbank@yahoo.com.

CARNIVAL & CHILI COOK-OFF - All are invited to Redeemer's annual indoor Carnival and Chili Cook-Off on **Saturday, January 11 from 5-8 pm**. Visit redeemer-cincy.org/blog/carnival-and-chili-cook-off/ for more information.



WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Join us today in welcoming our newest member, **Vera Jean Brokamp**, the daughter of Lauren and J. Brokamp and the granddaughter of Sherri and Jeff Brokamp, who joins us through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at 5:00 pm in the Chapel.

FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT REDEEMER-CINCY.ORG

SAVE THE DATE!

Look for more details on these events on our website: redeemer-cincy.org.

January 15, Wednesday: Dementia Inclusive Dinner and Training. 6:30 pm.

January 16, Thursday: Dementia Inclusive Lunch and Training. 11:30 am.

January 18, Saturday: Feast Day: The Confession of Peter. 6:00 pm. Chapel.

January 25, Saturday: Second Half Potluck & Trivia. 6:00 pm. Great Hall.

February 3, Monday: Stephen Ministry Open House & Potluck. 5:30 pm. Parlor.

February 7-8: Women's Retreat Weekend. Transfiguration Retreat Center.

February 16, Sunday: Annual Parish Meeting. Following Combined Worship at 9:00 am. Great Hall.

February 16-22: Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Hosting Week.

February 25, Tuesday: Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras.

February 26, Wednesday: Ash Wednesday. 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm.

February 28-29: Men's Retreat Weekend. Transfiguration Retreat Center.

March 5, Thursday: Lenten Evensong. 7:00 pm. Nave/Sanctuary

March 16, Monday: Refresh Your Soul 2020. 9:00 am - 3:15 pm. Cintas Center.

March 29 - April 4: Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Hosting Week

April 5, Sunday: Palm/Passion Sunday

April 6-9: Holy Week

END OF YEAR GIVING - Please note: all 2019 donations to Redeemer must be received by **noon on December 27** to be included in the 2019 giving year. Questions about giving? Contact Finance Officer, Debbi Alsfelder, debbi@redeemer-cincy.org.



HOLD YOUR MEAC DONATIONS - Madisonville Education and Assistance Center (MEAC) thanks you for your donations of food, clothing, and personal care items this year. Please

note that MEAC has suspended this program for the rest of the month and will begin accepting donations again in the new year. The collection bins will return to the reception area once donation collection has resumed. Thank you for holding on to your donations until then.

NEW PARISHIONER BUILDING ACCESS CODE: We will again be changing the Parishioner Access Code on **January 1, 2020**. If you are someone who uses this code to access the building, please contact your Ministry Head for more information or Director of Building & Facilities Operations, Mary Jo Schottelkotte, maryjo@redeemer-cincy.org.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

December 24

4:00 pm • Festive Holy Eucharist + Children's Christmas Pageant

6:00 pm • Festive Holy Eucharist

10:30 pm • Carol Singing Musical Prelude

11:00 pm • Festive Holy Eucharist

December 25

11:00 am • Holy Eucharist

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