

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: REAL COMFORT - “I have heard it said by more than one person in my vocation that a pastor’s job is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. I have always had problems with that. My experience is that almost any person I meet is some mixture of comfortable and afflicted. At any given time, we are unsettled about some things, settled about others, rising to some challenges, failing at others, and consistently in need of some respite in our lives.

Tossing people into the categories of *Comfortable and Afflicted* flattens them out and denies the complexity of their living in the world. We are every one of us afflicted – assaulted by an evil that seeks to undo our understanding of God’s presence in the world, of our belongingness to one another, and of the essential beauty and belovedness of all creation.”

Read Phil’s blog in it’s entirety at redeemer-cincy.org/rectors-blog-real-comfort.

WEEKDAY SERVICE

Wednesday: 6:00 pm Eucharist

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

DOWNTOWN BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays, 12:00 pm, Diocesan Offices. Thoughtful reflection on the upcoming Sunday scripture readings. 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. 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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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019

WEEK TWO: PEACE



Ignite Peace

Light two candles.

Read

The one who is coming after me is stronger than I am. I’m not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. + Matthew 3:11

Reflect

One of the greatest forms of peace can be found in relinquishing, in letting go, in giving things over to God. Where in your life are you holding on too tightly? Where could you benefit from letting go, from opening up your hands and heart to divine presence and grace?

Practice

1. On a slip of paper (‘peace paper’), write down a conflict or area of life that you’re having trouble with lately.
2. Go around the table and share what you wrote. After each person shares, everyone’s invited to take a deep breath and repeat this sentence with sincere intention (like, really mean it!): *We release this burden to God.*



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 8: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 am RITE I EUCHARIST (Sanctuary)

Sermon: The Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane

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: “Where Faith Intersects Science.” We will use scripture and the news regarding the recently passed *Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2019*.

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*.

9 am BIG QUESTIONS YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP (Youth Room)

All high school youth are invited to gather to discuss topics like: What does the Bible say about non-believers? Is hell a real place?

10 am RITE II EUCHARIST (Sanctuary)

Sermon: The Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane

Redeemer’s Adult Choir offers the music of Gaudimel, Goldschmidt, and Mendelssohn. On the organ we will hear pieces from J. S. Bach and Tambling.

10 am THE BANQUET (Great Hall)

Sermon: The Rev. Philip DeVaul

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

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5 pm CELTIC EUCHARIST (Chapel)

Sermon: The Rev. Philip DeVaul

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

MEAC CHRISTMAS DINNER - Redeemer will offer a special Christmas dinner for our neighbors in Madisonville with our Mission Partners at Madisonville Education and Assistance Center (MEAC) on **Monday, December 9 at 5:00 pm**. Volunteers are needed to help this event run smoothly. For more information and to sign-up to volunteer, visit our website at redeemer-cincy.org/blog/meac-christmas-dinner.

REDEEMER PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - Redeemer Preschool will hold an **Open House on Saturday, December 14 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**. Stop by for a visit and invite your friends and neighbors to do the same. Visit redeemerpreschoolhydepark.com for more information.

PAGEANT REHEARSAL – Rehearsals for this year’s Christmas Pageant at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve will be held on **Sunday, December 15 and 22 at 11:15 am** in the nave/sanctuary.

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.*

DECEMBER 15: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 am RITE I EUCHARIST (Sanctuary)

Sermon: The Rev. Gary Lubin

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

9 am RISE & SHINE (Parlor)

Join us for discussions that are relevant to our lives through the lens of a current topic and scriptural references. Interested in weekly Rise & Shine email updates? Contact Brad Gough, brad@redeemer-cincy.org.

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

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PRAYER DURING ADVENT - This Advent we offer the following practices at Church of the Redeemer to guide our community to grow more centered in Jesus and share his loving, liberating, life-giving way in the world:

Morning Prayer: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:30 am, Chapel.
Noonday Prayer: Mondays & Fridays, 12:00 pm, Chapel.

GIVING TREE - Our Giving Tree (set up in the narthex/lobby) is supporting the mothers and their children at First Step Home again this year. Tags are on the tree, while they last, and have gift details for either a child or a mother. Please limit the cost of each gift to \$25 and return the gifts **unwrapped** no later than noon next **Sunday, December 15**. For more information visit our website: redeemer-cincy.org/blog/giving-tree/.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS- This service, held this **Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 pm** in the nave/sanctuary, is an adaptation for Advent of the famous King’s College, Cambridge Festival of Lessons and Carols. Using the form of the Festival we will explore the season of Advent with anthems from our choirs and hymns from our hymnal.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - Would you like to contribute to the beautiful flowers that decorate the church at Christmas? You can do so in honor and/or thanksgiving of loved ones. Use our online form at redeemer-cincy.org/blog/christmas-flowers/ or one of the Flower Offering envelopes in the narthex/lobby. Deadline for donations is next **Sunday, December 15** to ensure they will be listed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

December 14, Saturday: LGBTQ+ Fellowship Christmas Party. 2:00 pm. Home of Anny Stevens-Gleason.

December 21, Saturday: PWC Ramp Build. 8:00 am—1:00 pm.

December 22, Sunday: Pageant Rehearsal. 11:15 am. Sanctuary.

December 24, Tuesday: Christmas Eve Worship. 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 11:00 pm.

December 25, Wednesday: Christmas Day Worship. 11:00 am.

December 29, Sunday: Cocoa & Carols. 5:00 pm. Chancel.

January 11, Saturday: Carnival and Chili Cook-Off. 5:00 pm. Great Hall.

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.

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

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.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN) HOSTING WEEK - Our next IHN hosting week begins next **Sunday, December 15**. Sign-up is online at tinyurl.com/y6xty74m. We still need volunteers on Friday and Saturday. For more information, visit our website at: redeemer-cincy.org/interfaith-hospitality-network.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – Join Church of the Redeemer on **Tuesday, December 17** for an evening of caroling and spreading good cheer. We will gather at the church (in the reception area on the church level) before **5:45 pm**. Learn more at redeemer-cincy.org/blog/christmas-caroling.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: *Comfort on the Longest Night* – All are welcome to this gentle, contemplative service on **Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm** in the nave/sanctuary. This worship service will include opportunities for the lighting of candles amidst prayers and conclude with Holy Eucharist. Learn more at redeemer-cincy.org/blog/blue-christmas/.