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: #BLESSER - "Of course we want God to bless us. Of course we want to experience the blessing – which is to say the grace and mercy of the One God. We want to know the benefit and favor of the God who is Love. But if we think Blessing is something for us to possess rather than something for us to share, we do not understand Blessing, and we do not know God. The purpose of receiving God's blessing is that we are then equipped to bless others. We are not simply recipients of blessing: We are participants in blessing, working alongside God in the practical life of manifesting grace and mercy in the world God is making."

Read Phil's blog in it's entirety at *redeemer-cincy.org/rectors-blog-blesser.*

SUNG COMPLINE: Every other Sunday, January through April, beginning this evening. **9:00 pm in the chapel**. Join us as we close the evening in prayer.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday: 7:30 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday: 6:00 pm Eucharist
Thursday: 7:30 am Morning Prayer

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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VESTRY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Charles Fellows, *Senior Warden;* Emily von Allmen, *Junior Warden*
Rob Kranz, *Treasurer;* Audrey Sesler, *Asst. Treasurer;* Pattie Kovach, *Clerk of Vestry*
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 First Sunday after the Epiphany:
Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 12, 2020

Inspired
SERVE, JOIN A GROUP, BRING A FRIEND

At Church of the Redeemer, to be engaged in the life of this community , we encourage you to live by *The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life.*

The ideal way to learn *The Way of Love* is in a community of love, support, and accountability. We pray you find that here at Church of the Redeemer.

BLESS

Share faith and unselfishly give and serve

"Freely you have received; freely give."
– Matthew 10:8

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: We will, with God's help.
– Book of Common Prayer, 305

For Reflection and Discernment

- What are the ways the Spirit is calling you to bless others?
- How will (or does) blessing others – through sharing your resources, faith, and story – become part of your daily life?
- Who will join you in committing to the practice of blessing others?

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.

JANUARY 12: THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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: "Christian Conviction and Politics." We will use scripture and the recent news regarding Christianity Today running an op-ed denouncing President Trump.

10 am RITE II EUCHARIST (Sanctuary)
Sermon: The Rev. Philip DeVaul
Redeemer's Adult Choir returns in full from their Christmastide break and on the organ we will hear pieces from J. S. Bach and Adolphe Marty.

10 am THE BANQUET (Great Hall)
Sermon: The Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane

11:15 am FORUM (Great Hall)
Inspired to Serve: Engaging in the *Way of Love* - The Rev. Philip DeVaul will lead us on a deeper look at BLESS: *Share faith and unselfishly give and serve.*

5 pm CELTIC EUCHARIST (Chapel)
Sermon: The Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane
An intimate, contemplative service, celebrated in our beautiful chapel.

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Join us today in welcoming our newest member, **Robert Reese Startsman**, the daughter of Laura and Daniel Startsman, who joins us through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at **10:00 am** in the nave/sanctuary.

MARTIN TOWNSEND TO VISIT THIS MONTH - The Rt. Rev. Martin G. Townsend will join us, along with his wife, Barbara, at Church of the Redeemer for the weekend of **January 17-19**. He will share a story and a meal as we celebrate The Confession of Saint Peter at our **Feast Day on Saturday, January 18, 6:00 pm**, in the chapel. He will also preach at the **10:00 am service** in the nave/sanctuary and at the **Celtic Eucharist at 5:00 pm**.

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.*

JANUARY 19: THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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)
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*.

10 am RITE II EUCHARIST (Sanctuary)
Sermon: The Rt. Rev. Martin G. Townsend
Redeemer's Adult Choir offers the music of Candlyn and Friedell and on the organ we will hear pieces from J. S. Bach.

10 am THE BANQUET (Great Hall)
Sermon: The Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane

11:15 am FORUM (Great Hall)
Inspired to Serve: Engaging in the *Way of Love* - The Rev. Philip DeVaul will lead us on a deeper look at PRAY: *Dwell intentionally with God daily.*

5 pm CELTIC EUCHARIST (Chapel)
Sermon: The Rt. Rev. Martin G. Townsend
An intimate, contemplative service, celebrated in our beautiful chapel.

DEMENTIA INCLUSIVE CINCINNATI TRAINING - This training, provided in cooperation with ERS offers two options: **Wednesday, January 15, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm** or **Thursday, January 16, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm**. Both times include a meal. Sign up online at: *redeemer-cincy.org/blog/dementia-inclusive-training/.*

STEPHEN MINISTRY - The role of Stephen Ministers is to give care. They listen empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply stressed by everyday life, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders (they wear special nametags so you will know who they are) to learn more about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION: Save the date for our first Mardi Gras Celebration on **Shrove Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 pm in the Great Hall**. Join us for games, prizes, and fun for all ages! New Orleans style dinner will be served along with pancakes for kids. There will also be a raffle to benefit Redeemer youth mission work. Don't miss what promises to be an annual community event!

BREAD GUILD TRAINING: On **Saturday, January 25 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm** in the staff lunchroom, our Bread Guild will offer a training on how to bake the bread we use weekly at the Eucharist. If you are at all interested in serving on this ministry (they are looking for new bakers), we recommend you plan to attend and see what all is involved in the process.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

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

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

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

February 25, Tuesday: Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras. 6:00 pm. Great Hall.

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

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. Eucharist Daily, 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm.

April 10, Friday: Good Friday.

April 11, Saturday: The Great Vigil of Easter. 8:00 pm. Nave/Sanctuary.

SECOND HALF POTLUCK & TRIVIA– The first Second Half social gathering of 2020, *Potluck & Trivia,* is scheduled for **Saturday, January 25 at 6:00 pm** in the Great Hall. For more information about our Second Half group, contact the Rev. Joyce Keeshin, *joyce@redeemer-cincy.org* or Dawn Neely, *neelycinci@gmail.com*.

MEAC DONATIONS NEEDED - Madisonville Education and Assistance Center (MEAC) is again accepting donations. Because of a generous grant, they are well stocked with food items for a month or so. They are asking for donations of **toiletries, shampoo, lotion, and dental floss**. The collection bins for these items can be found in the reception area on the office level. Thank you for your generosity.

BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY RECOMMENDS:
THE COURAGE TO CONNECT **LENTEN RETREATS -** These two day retreats at Transfiguration Spirituality Center will weave together Christian contemplative awareness of how our bodies keep score; how race operates as a floating signifier, tied to body-memory; and how antiracism is a spiritual practice.

Women's Retreat
February 7-8
Registration Deadline: January 26

Men's Retreat
February 28-29
Registration Deadline: February 16

Register now at **redeemer-cincy.org/blog/lenten-retreats**

MLK Day 2020 - The Martin Luther King Day March begins on Monday, January 20 at **10:30 am** outside the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. At **11:00 am** in Fountain Square there is an Interfaith Prayer Service (the Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane will offer prayer) and afterwards the march will continue to Music Hall for the MLK Commemorative Program. All of these events are free and open to the public. Learn more at *mlkcoalition.org*.