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Life at Redeemer

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January 25, 2026

Welcome to Redeemer

We welcome you to our worship service this morning! Please sign the guest book that is found in our entry area or the red attendance book found in the pews. If you include your email address, we will keep you informed of any upcoming events. You can also email us at church@redeemermclean.org.

Holy Communion Open to All

We offer Holy Communion at all of our worship services. Please follow the instructions of the pastor when it is time to come forward. If you are not comfortable taking Holy Communion for any reason but would like to come forward for a blessing, then just cross your arms and the pastor will bless you. All are welcome to the Lord's Table.

Construction Project Update

A reminder that the office visitor's entrance during the workday on Mondays to Fridays is now Door #15 on the Chain Bridge Road side of the building. If you have been issued a door fob, it will still work at Door #10 on the Westmoreland Street side of the building. However, as additional construction work is done in that entrance area, there may be times you will be redirected to Door #15. Visitors and members should not use Door #1, the preschool main entrance on the Chain Bridge side, during daytime hours Monday through Friday due to our safety and security procedures for the preschool.

Patricia Reblitz

Redeemer member Patricia Reblitz passed away on December 22, 2025. At the time of her death, she was living at the Ashby Ponds retirement home in Ashburn, VA and, prior to that, was a resident of Vienna, VA. Her remains will be buried in a family grave site in the Chicago area. She was 85 years old at the time of her passing.

Welcome Pastor John Teitman

With thanksgiving, we welcome Pastor John Teitman to the pulpit January 25, February 1, and February 8. Pastor Sharon Core is away these three Sundays—a long-planned bucket list trip with her husband Nick to New Zealand and Australia.

Constitution Updates

At last summer's Church-wide assembly, modifications to the ELCA Model Constitution were introduced. Some of these changes are required, while others are optional. Council has reviewed the updates and has created a proposed updated version of the Constitution that we will vote to adopt at the Annual Meeting on February 22nd. We are also taking this opportunity to update portions of the Constitution that are out of date (and not required). Please look for an email that was sent on Wednesday, Jan. 21 that provides the proposed Constitution changes. Questions can be sent to president@redeemermclean.org.

Thomas V. Conway

Redeemer member Thomas Conway, beloved husband and father, passed away peacefully at home with family in Arlington, Virginia, at the age of 80 on January 1, 2026. He was a member of Redeemer for over 20 years. For more information please go to: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/arlington-va/thomas-conway-12695301>. In lieu of flowers, it was Tom's wish that those concerned kindly consider donating in his memory to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer or the Animal Welfare League of Arlington.

Sign Up to Host Coffee Hour

Everyone is welcome to host Sunday morning Coffee Hour. Get your friends, family, or ministry group together and sign up! It is a great way to meet people, welcome visitors, and inform people about your ministry or group. All coffee supplies, training, and written instructions are provided. If you have any questions, contact Kim Wenk at kbwenk@gmail.com. Scan the QR Code or go to bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour to sign up.



Social Justice & Equity Book Club Mondays at 7:30 pm

Redeemer's Social Justice & Equity Book Club started a new book, *The Black Box* by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., for the new year on January 12. Anyone is welcome to join us and this would be a good time to do so! We meet every Monday via Zoom @ 7:30 pm-8:30 pm. Contact Teresa Schellenger at jpschellenger@aol.com if interested.

Tuesday Morning Women's Faith Group

The Women's Faith Group will gather on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am to study the book *An Unlikely Lent* by Rachel Billups.



If you would like to join us, in person in Redeemer's conference room or via Zoom, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/49dN7MM> or by scanning the QR code.

Thursday AM Bible Study Study of Book of Isaiah Starting January 29

Redeemer's Thursday Bible Study group will begin a study of the book of the Isaiah on January 29. The group meets at 8 am on Thursday morning via Zoom. For more information and the Zoom link, please contact Doug Scheffler at doogscheffler@aol.com.

Hearing Tips During Worship

If you are having difficulty hearing during worship services, we have a sheet with recommendations to help improve your experience. Just stop by to pick up a copy from one of the sound system operators in the back of the sanctuary.

Redeemer Renaissance 2026-27 Registration

Registration for the Preschool & After-School is now open for all families!

We can't wait to welcome you!
To schedule a tour or for more information:
703-356-3567

Metro D.C. Synod Seekers Retreat for Grades 3-5 March 14 to 15

Youth in grades 3, 4, and 5 are invited to a weekend retreat. Throughout Saturday and Sunday, we will rotate through different stations to experience God through Bible study, games, arts and crafts, science, and service. This year's theme is "Growing God's Garden"

The event begins at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 14 (check-in begins at 9:00 am) and concludes with worship on Sunday, March 15 at 12:00 pm.

For this event, parents are required to accompany their own children as Redeemer staff or chaperones will not be attending. To register, and for more information, please go to <https://www.youngfaithmatters.com/events-retreats/seekers-grades-3-5>.

SAVE THE DATE

February 15

- Bishop Hirsch: On this Sunday, the new Bishop of the Metro D.C. Synod will join us during services followed by a lunch.

February 17

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: 6 to 7 pm

February 22

- Redeemer's Annual Meeting: This will be held following the 11:00 service. Please join us!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

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| Sun., 1/25 | <i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i> | | |
| | 8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am | (<i>Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services</i>) | |
| | 8:30 am – 12:00 pm | Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers | |
| | 9:45 am – 10:45 am | Faith Formation & Confirmation Classes | |
| | | High School “Bagels & Bible” Class (Teen Center) | |
| | | Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom) | |
| | 10:55 – 11:25 am | Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B) | |
| Mon., 1/26 | 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm | Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom) | |
| Tues., 1/27 | 9:30 am – 10:30 am | Women’s Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom) | |
| Thurs., 1/29 | 8:00 am – 9:00 am | Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom) | |
| | 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) | |
| | 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm | Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B) | |

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Emily
Jean
Scott
Trevor W.
Capodanno, Sophie
Cavallo, Michael
Daley, Liam
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Etkin, Nancy
Geissl, Irene
Glindemann, Ginger
Glindemann, Keith
Green, Eve
Harner, Julie
Johnson, Ted
Koenig, Tammie
Lawrence, Ann
Neece, George
Pittman, Larry
Rovito, Ramona
Stauffer, John
Williams, Timothy
Wu, Jian
Yesko, Edmund

For Comfort and Peace

Christina K
Shupp, Lloyd

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Thomas Conway
The family & friends of Mary Lou Cummings
The family & friends of Mark Heuer
The family & friends of Frank Nauman
The family & friends of Patricia Reblitz

For all healthcare workers and first responders

Laredo, Sandi

For Safety

All refugees
All our military & diplomatic people
throughout the world
All those who serve to protect our country

For Comfort and Strength

Ari
Chris & Family
Sakellarides, Liz and Dmitri
Those who suffer from depression
Those who suffer from mental illness

Prayer List Note:

To add names to this list, you may email or telephone the church office. We want all our prayers to be current — so please keep us up to date on those whom you have added to our prayer list. With the exception of safety prayers for our military, we will remove names after one month unless we hear from you. We are prepared to pray indefinitely.

Prayers for the World, our Nation, and our Community

We pray for people in countries around the world that experience violence, war, and/or political division.

We pray for people who live in areas where there have been disasters of any kind.

We pray for improved relationships among all nations.

We pray for our elected leaders that they lead with compassion while making hard decisions.

We pray for the unemployed and the underemployed and all federal workers.

We pray for all those facing persecution and oppression.

Each month we will offer prayers for one of our congregations in the Virginia Conference.

We are part of the Virginia Conference of the ELCA Metro DC Synod.

We pray for Bethel Lutheran Church, Lovettsville, and their pastor, Andreas Armstrong.

**We also have a prayer partnership with Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Mary
in Ulyanovsk, Russia, and their pastor, Zhanibek Batenov.**