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***Life at Redeemer***

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## December 28, 2025

### 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](mailto: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

The outdoor phase of our construction project involves the renovation of the playground area and the addition of a columbarium. We sent out RFPs (Request for Proposals) to several area general contractors, including the firm that is currently doing our interior building renovations. Unfortunately, the bids have come back much higher than we were expecting. The construction budget for the outdoor work was based on two rounds of estimates done during the design phase from an independent estimator. However, additional county requirements for stormwater management and tree protections and annual rising costs have led to this situation. We are currently working with our architects, engineers, and the general contractors to determine how we can reduce these costs and plan for a path forward.

### Meeting Our Yearly Expenses

Today is the last day to make an extra donation to Redeemer to help meet our year-end financial obligations. You can put your special gift in the offering plate today or give today electronically at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCTK/home> (click on "General Fund") or use the QR code above. Thank you so much for helping to support the ministry and services of our church!



### Prayer List Updates

To keep our prayer list current, we will be removing names added prior to December 2025 as of the first Sunday in January. For names that you would like to remain on the prayer list, please contact the church office at [church@redeemermclean.org](mailto:church@redeemermclean.org) or by calling 703-356-3346. While we are prepared to pray indefinitely, we ask that you please update the church office monthly if you have added a name, in order to keep the prayer list up to date. We will remove the name if we do not hear from you. We appreciate your understanding.

### Transition Team Update

The Redeemer transition team started meeting mid-December. Your transition team is working to define our collective priorities, values, and aspirations as we enter the New Year. This work will provide valuable insights from the congregation and inform our call process for a new pastor. The committee members are: Tricia Engle, Jason Eckberg, Samantha Brainard, Johannes Wiklund, and Bonnie Barndt-Maglio. Stay tuned for updates from the team—including a congregation-wide survey in mid-January, followed by a number of additional activities such as focus groups and one-on-one interviews. Thank you in advance for your support and feedback throughout!

### Redeemer Renaissance Preschool & After-School Open House January 8

Join us from 10:30 to 11:30 am or 5:30 to 6:30 pm for an Open House showcasing all Redeemer Renaissance has to offer! Classes for 2's, 3's, and 4's are offered morning and all-day classes. Registration for the 2026-2027 school year will begin in January of 2026. For questions or more information, please call 703-365-3567

### Redeemer Renaissance 2026-27 Registration

Registration for the Preschool & After-School will happen on the following dates:

- January 12th-16th: Returning families
- January 19th- 23rd: Waitlist priority/new families

We can't wait to welcome you!

To schedule a tour or for more information:  
703-356-3567

# ***Please Remember to Pray....***

## **For Healing**

Aaron  
Bettina  
Carin & Bill  
Carol  
Charlotte  
Chris  
Christina  
Emily  
Jana  
Jean  
Jeff  
Jesse  
Joe  
Jon  
Kim  
Mandy  
Marie  
Michael  
Nancy and Peter  
Sam  
Scott  
Teddy  
Debbie G.  
Joan and Ed  
Joe G.  
Steve M.  
Trevor W.  
Achikian, Maral  
Augustenborg Epstein, Erica  
Ayers, Kyle  
Bates, Barbara  
Blakey, Patrick  
Blankenship, Bob  
Born, King "Song"  
Bornmann, Keith  
Boyer, Carol  
Boyer, Charlie  
Brown, Richard  
Capodanno, Sophie  
Carter, Nicole  
Cavallo, Michael  
Cooke, Martin  
Cox, Mary  
DeGioia, Jack  
De la Luz Rodriguez, Octavio  
Devine, Daniel

Diaz, Martin  
Duval, Louis  
Eifler, Ruth  
Etkin, Nancy  
Geissl, Irene  
Glindemann, Ginger  
Glindemann, Keith  
Graham, Jim  
Green, Paul  
Gross, Kathy  
Harner, Julie  
Heuer, Mark  
Hopkins, Harley  
Hughes, William  
Jackson, Shirley  
Jephson, Patrick  
Johnson, Ted  
Juzbasich, Leo  
Keating, Kathleen and Michael  
Kennedy, Will  
Maheshwari, Mohan  
Martin, Beverly  
Martin, Trevor  
McElroy, Tyler  
Miller, Coletta  
Moe, Mike  
Myers, Kathy  
Pittman, Larry  
Pleasant, John  
Pujol Rodriguez, Esther  
Reblitz, Jennifer  
Rovito, Ramona  
Ryding, Karin  
Scheinblum, Terry  
Schiedt, Mary Jane  
Schmid, Rahizza  
Schneck, Pastor Tony  
Shaefer, Phil  
Stear, Carolyn  
Stolar, Bob  
Teutler, Alexander  
Teutler, Olga  
Vanderhoof, Brenda  
White, Jerry  
Williams, Tim  
Wright, Jim  
Wu, Jian  
Yesko, Edmund

## **For Comfort and Peace**

Peggy  
Collins, Josephine  
Hanna, Claire  
Portis, Carol

## **For Comfort in Death**

The family & friends of Stephanie Foster  
The family & friends of Vernon Henkel, Jr.  
The family & friends of Frank Nauman  
The family & friends of Terry Retter

## **For Safety**

All refugees  
All our military & diplomatic people  
throughout the world  
All those who serve to protect our country  
Armas, Jesús  
The Uriel family

## **For all healthcare workers and first responders**

Dominic, Elizabeth, and Ian  
Sharon  
Tara and family  
Kuhagen, Leslie  
Kutscher, Karin  
Laredo, Sandra

## **For Comfort and Strength**

Ari  
Dave  
Katelyn  
Anna and Stephen  
Sarah and Jenny  
Franks, Hannah  
Martin, Ramona  
Taylor, Charles  
Weber, Amy and Emerson and Fynn  
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 Zion 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.**