



*Our Mission: Sharing Christ's love with the greatest number of people*



*Life at Redeemer*

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## February 22, 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](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 (Requests for Proposals) to several area general contractors, including the firm that is currently doing our interior building renovations. Unfortunately, the bid for the playground renovation has 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 the cost for the natural play area and develop a plan for a path forward.

### Redeemer's Annual Meeting Today at 12 pm

Redeemer's Annual Meeting will be held today following the 11:00 service. We will review the proposed budget for 2026, hear a detailed update on our Construction Project, elect new members of council, review and vote on changes to our Constitution, and get an update from our Transition Team that is working to prepare us to call a new pastor.

Your support through attendance and voting are critical to Redeemer's immediate and long-term path forward and success in sharing Christ's love with the greatest number of people. As a reminder, all confirmed youth are voting members. Please join us!

### Wednesday Dinners and Services during Lent

#### February 25

- Lenten Dinner: 6:15 pm
  - Hosted by Redeemer's Choir
- Lenten Evening Prayer: 7 pm

#### March 4

- Lenten Dinner: 6:15 pm
  - Hosted by TableTalk
- Lenten Evening Prayer: 7 pm

#### March 11 | March 18 | March 25

- Lenten Dinner: 6:15 pm
- Lenten Evening Prayer: 7 pm

### Meal Train for Timothy Williams

Redeemer member Timothy Williams is fighting cancer and had his first surgery on February 17. Please pray for him and his family. Until March 7, the family will need dinner for three people daily. To be part of their meal train, please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/73o79n>.

**Redeemer Day of Prayer  
March 2**

You're invited to join others to pray on March 2. The theme for this quarterly Day of Prayer at Redeemer is to heal divisions in our world and in our lives, working toward peace and care for all people. You can pray at Redeemer or from home or office.

Sign up for a half-hour time slot at <https://bit.ly/4aB0YvT> or call the church office (703-356-3346). A resource document consisting of prayers written by Redeemer members and others, scripture selections, and audio files is available at <https://bit.ly/4c3VP22>.

**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](mailto:kbwenk@gmail.com). Scan the QR Code or go to [bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour](https://bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour) to sign up.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Lent: Quiet reflection and repetition.**

Lent is a quiet season: providing a time to reflect, pray and meditate. Some find the repetitive nature of knitting or crocheting an aid to meditation and reflection. If you do, and would like to knit a scarf for charity, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will have yarn and scarf kits available in The Crossroads starting on February 15th. Kits include yarn, directions for a knit or crocheted scarf, and online knitting and crocheting resources.

**Redeemer Renaissance  
Preschool & After-School Open House  
March 14 – 10:30 to 11:30 am**

Join us from 10:30 to 11:30 am 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.

**YOUTH**

**Sweetie Pi Dance  
March 13 – 6 to 7:30 pm  
Hosted by Redeemer Renaissance**

Join us to bring out your child's best through music at the Sweetie Pi Dance for RLC & Redeemer Renaissance families! Bring your sweets to experience the magic where dance meets the charm of Sweetie Pi in the form of pizzas and pies. Please go to <https://bit.ly/4aL5wjx> to let us know you'll bring a pie to share. Pizza will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Confirmation Retreat  
March 21  
Sign up Deadline March 1**

Those in Confirmation are invited to attend a day retreat on March 21. The programming is from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Retreat Center in Jefferson, Maryland. This retreat includes lunch, team-building/outdoor activities (low-ropes course, hiking, and/or archery), and confirmation programming.

Transportation will be provided. An additional chaperone will be needed!

The cost is \$25 per youth. For questions or to sign up, please contact [grace@redeemermclean.org](mailto:grace@redeemermclean.org) by March 1.

**Redeemer's Social Justice & Equity Book Club  
Mondays – 7:30 pm  
New Book March 2**

The Social Justice & Equity Book Club is just finishing up another great book, *The Cost of Free Land* by Rebecca Clarren, and we will be starting a new book on March 2, *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. Anyone is welcome to join us and this would be a good time to do so! We meet every Monday via Zoom @ 7:30pm - 8:30pm. Contact Teresa Schellenger at [jpschellenger@aol.com](mailto:jpschellenger@aol.com) for Zoom details if interested.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### *Including Hybrid Options*

Sun., 2/22	<p><i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i>              8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am              8:30 am – 12:00 pm              9:45 am – 10:45 am</p> <p>10:45 am – 11:45 am              10:55 am – 11:25 am              12:00 pm</p>	<p><i>(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)</i>              Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers              Faith Formation and Confirmation Classes              High School “Bagels &amp; Bible” Class (Teen Center)              Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom)              Youth Service Project (Fellowship Hall)              Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)              Redeemer’s Annual Meeting              Social Justice &amp; Equity Book Club (Zoom)              Women’s Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)              Lenten Dinner              Lenten Evening Prayer Service              Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)              Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)              Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)</p>
Mon., 2/23	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	
Tues., 2/24	9:30 am – 10:30 am	
Weds., 2/25	6:15 pm – 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	
Thurs., 2/26	8:00 am – 9:00 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm	

## PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### **For Healing**

William  
Cavallo, Michael  
DeGioia, Jack  
Devine, Dan  
Etkin, Nancy  
Green, Eve  
Harner, Julie  
Johnson, Ted  
Koenig, Tammie  
Kunec, Ingrid  
Lawrence, Ann  
Martin, Patty  
Neece, George  
Pittman, Larry  
Stauffer, John  
Whilden, Jennie  
Williams, Timothy  
Wu, Jian

### **For Comfort and Peace**

Christina K  
Shupp, Lloyd

### **For Comfort in Death**

The family & friends of Kenneth Broderdorf  
The family & friends of Mark Heuer  
The family & friends of Shirley Jackson  
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**

Chris & Family  
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 Christ the King Lutheran Church, Great Falls, and their interim pastor.**

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