Episcopal Church of
The Redeemer
230 Pennswood Road Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010
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The First Sunday of Advent
Choral Matins
with Holy Communion
November 29, 2026
9:30 am

Worship is our effort of praise and thanksgiving for what God has done that we cannot do for ourselves.

Welcome to The Redeemer. We're glad you're here!

The order for worship is found within this leaflet. The Book of Common Prayer page numbers for the liturgy are indicated throughout. If you are a visitor, we invite you to sign the guest book in the entrance or fill out one of the cards in the pew and make yourself known to those around you—parishioners and staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have about our liturgy, programs or facilities. Information on parish activities can be found in the enclosed *News from The Redeemer* and on www.TheRedeemer.org.

Worship at The Redeemer

Sunday
8:00am-Holy Eucharist
in Church

9:30am-Holy Eucharist
last Sunday of the month
Choral Matins with Communion
&via Livestream

5:00pm
1st & 3rd Sundays
Choral Evensong
during the academic year

8:00pm-Compline via Zoom

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00pm-Compline via Zoom

Prelude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* J.S. Bach

Please stand as the bells herald the start of the liturgy.

Introit Hymn 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel *Veni, veni Emmanuel*
verses 1&2 *congregation joins on refrain*

Hymn 57 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending *Helmsley*
sung by all during the procession

Opening Sentences BCP page 40
said by the officiant

Invitatory BCP page 42
sung by the officiant and choir setting Richard Ayleward

O Lord, open thou our lips,
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

The congregation is seated.

Texts for the Readings Psalm and Anthem can be found in the Worship Supplement.

Psalm 80:1-7 *Qui regis Israel (Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel)* Richard Webster
sung by the choir

Reading *from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9*

Following the reading:
Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle *Te Deum (Collegium Regale)* Herbert Howells

sung by the choir

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens, and all the Powers therein. To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually do cry: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee. The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee, the Father, of an infinite majesty, thine honourable, true: and only Son, also the Holy Ghost the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up for ever. Day by day we magnify thee; And we worship thy Name ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Reading *from The Gospel According to Mark 13:24-37*

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

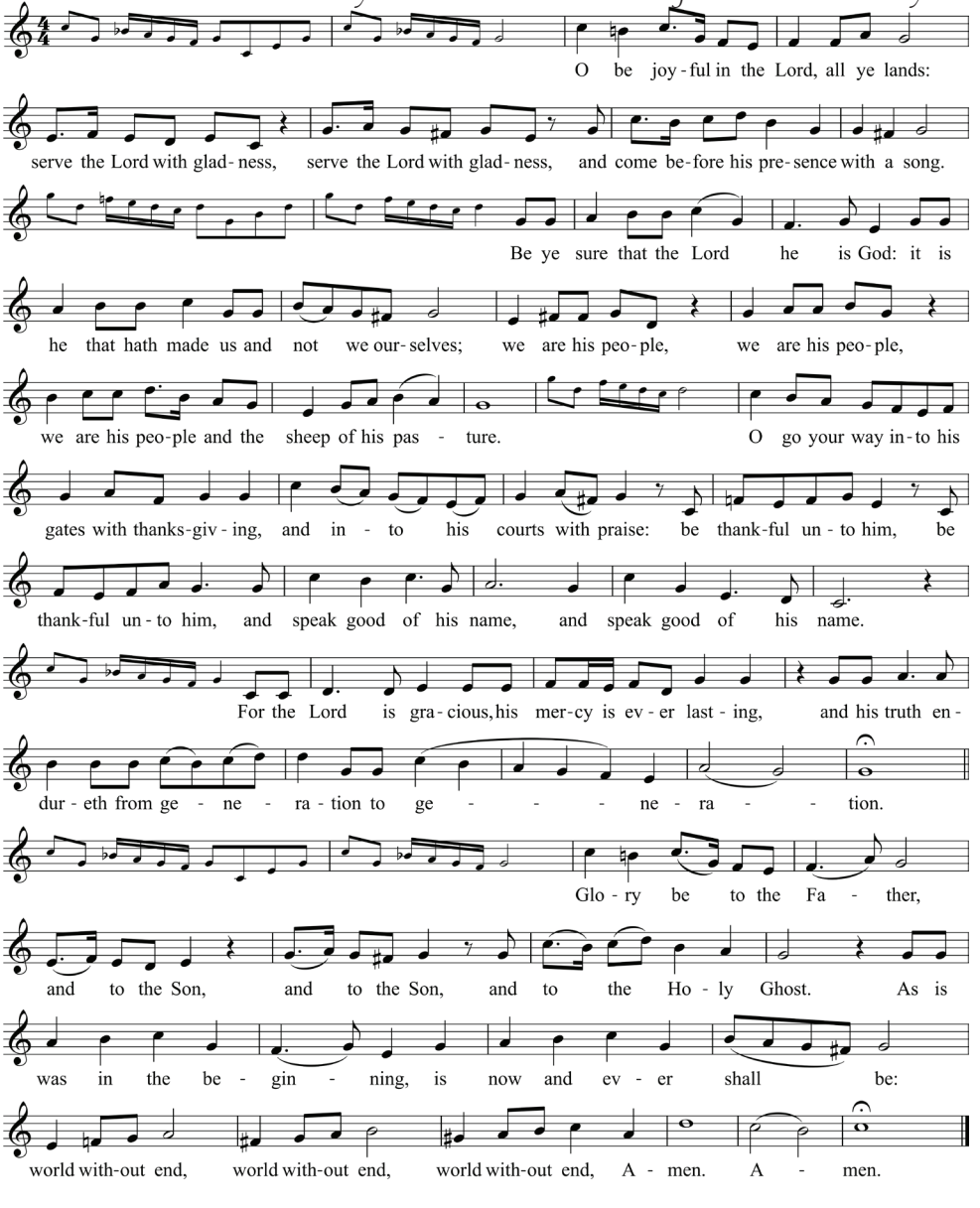
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the singing of the Canticle sung by all

During the singing of this Canticle the children follow the crucifer to Children's Chapel.

Canticle *Bryn Mawr Jubilate* Malcolm Archer

This canticle was commissioned by The Redeemer in celebration of our 175th Anniversary.



Sermon The Rev. Jo Ann B. Jones

Apostles' Creed BCP page 53

said by all, standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Lesser Litany and Responses BCP page 54

sung by the officiant and choir setting Richard Ayleward

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The congregation kneels.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

Suffrages BCP page 55

sung by the officiant and choir

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the State.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day

Said by the officiant.

The congregation stands.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

You are invited to exchange The Peace.

Offertory Sentence

Hymn 413 New songs of celebration *Rendez à Dieu*

sung by all, standing

During the singing of this hymn, the children return from Children's Chapel.

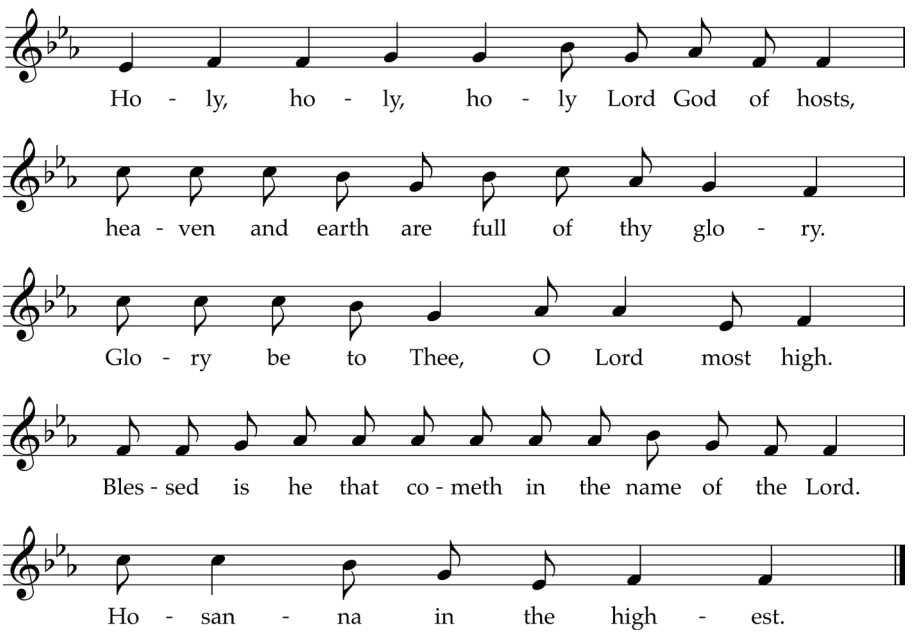
Prayer of Remembrance

The Great Thanksgiving BCP 367 Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . .
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy* John Merbecke
sung by all



The choir sits and the congregation remains standing and then the Celebrant continues
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;
The Celebrant continues
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer BCP page 54

said by all

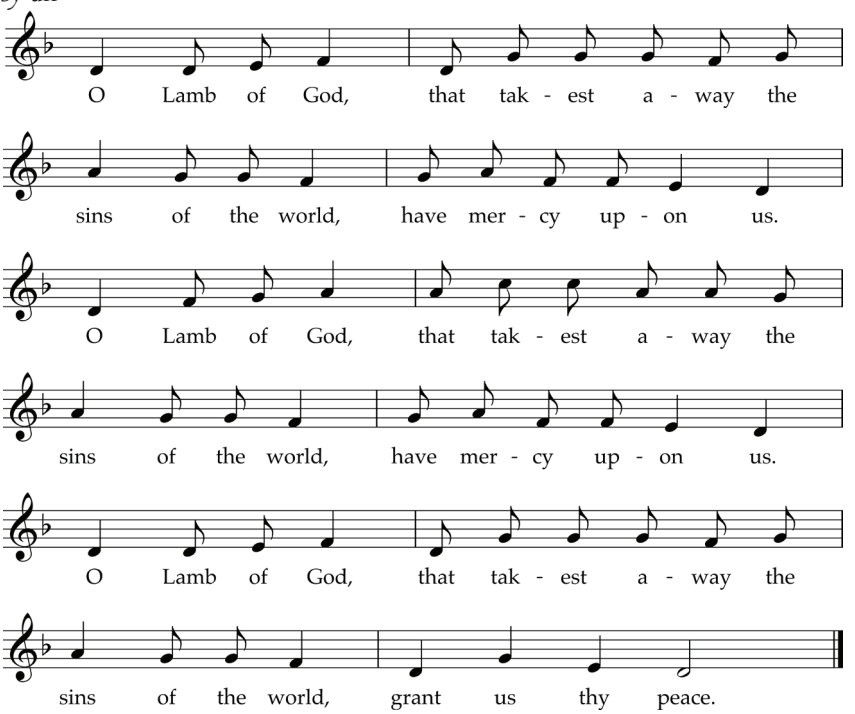
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread BCP page 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei *O Lamb of God* John Merbecke

sung by all



Celebrant The gifts of God, for the people of God.

The congregation is seated and is invited to proceed to Communion.

Anthem *E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Paul Manz

sung by the choirs

Hymn 53 *(if needed)* Once he came in blessing *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

sung by all, seated

From Communion to Community

Post–Communion Prayer, *standing* BCP page 365

The Presider says: Let us pray

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 640 Watchmen tell us of the night *Aberystwyth*
sung by all, standing

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The postlude is not an afterthought. It is a musical offering.
We encourage you to sit and listen to the postlude, or as your are exiting,
please be mindful of those who are listening.
We urge you greet one another at coffee hour in Burns Hall.

Postlude

Grace Notes. . .

small things that herald greater ones.

All by Byung-Chul Han: Speaking About God: A Dialogue with Simone Weil
Compiled by the Rector

The crisis of religion is a crisis of attention, a crisis of seeing and hearing. It is not God that is dead. The human to whom God revealed himself is dead.

The current crisis of attention comes from the fact that we only want to eat, to consume, instead of looking.

Contemplative attention is crucial for looking. It observes things without wanting to appropriate or absorb them.

Religion presupposes an attention to the things that elude availability, elude consumption, elude 'eating'. Unavailability is precisely what constitutes the Other, the object of our contemplative attention. [Contemplative attention] does not seek or hunt, but rather listens and lingers.

Thank you for worshiping with us in this service and although you may not be here with us, our hearts are open, our church and campus are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community. Please mail your offering envelope, give online at www.TheRedeemer.org/give, text TheRedeemer to 73256, Venmo (@TheRedeemer), or PayPal (Church of the Redeemer).

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Collect of the Day

Traditional - Rite I
Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Contemporary - Rite II
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Reading *from the Book of Isaiah 64:1-9*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7

Qui regis Israel (Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel)

1. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,
   thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep
   shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.
2. Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses
   stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.
3. Turn us again, O God
   shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
4. O Lord God of hosts
   how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?
5. Thou feedest them with the bread of tears
   and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
6. Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours
   and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7. Turn us again, thou God of hosts
   shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Reading *from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel *from The Gospel According to Mark 13:24-37*

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Anthem Texts

E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him
who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, almighty God,
who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming,
is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

Advent Service Music

John Merbecke's *Communion Service* was originally published in his 1550 *'Booke of Common Praier Noted,'* and is a landmark musical setting of the early English liturgy. Commissioned to provide musical uniformity for the first (1549) Book of Common Prayer, it pairs simple melodies - adapted partly from traditional Gregorian chant, and partly newly composed - with the then new English texts. Following Archbishop Thomas Cranmer's desire for clarity, Merbecke generally set one note per syllable so congregations could easily sing and understand the words.

Did You Know

Did you know, next week, the Stewardship 2027 campaign will begin mailing letters to households that have not yet submitted a pledge? This will be followed by personalized outreach from Redeemer volunteers. Submitting your pledge now helps us be good stewards of our resources by saving staff time, mailing expenses, and valuable volunteer time. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who has already submitted a pledge! If you haven't yet pledged, please help us save time and resources by making your pledge online today. www.theredeemer/pledge

Memorial Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by: Bill Wood in memory of: Mia Atherton Wood, William Philler Wood, Emily Chapman Wood, Marion Biddle Wood, Clement Biddle Wood, Jr.

Serving the Parish

8:00am
Lector: Blair Stambaugh
Eucharistic Minister: Arden Saligman
Altar Guild Team: Jane Hastings, Carol Harris, Charlotte MacLean, Sook He Yoo
Clergy: Jo Ann Jones-*Preacher*, Peter Vanderveen-*Officiant / Celebrant*
Flower Guild: Cecy Keller, Liz Nicholas
Ushers: Kent Silvers, Lisa McLean

9:30am
Lector: Jessica Harper, Bill Gross
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Lee
Acolytes: Johnathan Richter, Kieron Richter, Ollie Ravenscroft, Sophia Scott
Altar Guild Team: Jane Hastings, Carol Harris, Charlotte MacLean, Sook He Yoo
Choir: Chancel Choir
Children's Chapel: Glenn Beamer
Clergy: Jo Ann Jones-*Preacher / Officiant,* Peter Vanderveen-*Celebrant*
Flower Guild: Cecy Keller, Liz Nicholas
Greeter: Sally Moser
Director of Music & Organist: Andrew Senn
Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt
Livestream Operator: Jayden Thomas
Ushers: TBD
Vergers: Bob Mikrut-*Head Verger,* Liam Ravenscroft, Kay Stephan, Nick Zafiriou