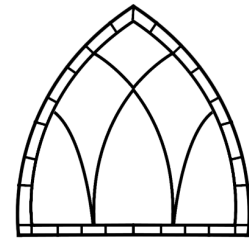


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE REDEEMER
Shelby, NC



Holy Eucharist, RITE II
December 24, 2024
5:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m. Prelude

Christmas Carol Sing Along

10:00 p.m. Prelude

Justin Richard Silent Night

Shelby Brass

*French Horns: Jackson Lipe
 Jeff Carter
 Olivia Carter
 Lucenda MacArthur*

*Trombones: Willis Ledbetter
 Garry Cabaniss*

*Trumpets: Junior Boakye
 William Newton*

Musical Selections

<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	Mendelssohn
<i>Angels From the Realm of Glory</i>	Smart
<i>The First Noel</i>	French 18th Century
<i>We Three Kings</i>	Hopkins
<i>It Came Upon A Midnight Clear</i>	Willis
<i>What Child is This</i>	Old English Air
<i>Away In A Manger</i>	Mueller
<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	Wilhousky

The congregation stands.

Processional #83 "O come, all ye faithful" (Stanzas 1-3, 6)

ADESTE FIDELES

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia! To us a child is born.

People: Come, let us adore him. Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria—Hymn #96 “Angels we have heard on high”

GLORIA

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain
Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

New Testament Reading

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands.

Sequence Hymn #78 "O little town of Bethlehem" (Stanzas 1-2)

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The Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn #78 "O little town of Bethlehem" (Stanzas 3-5)

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The congregation is seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Anita Ware

The congregation stands.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

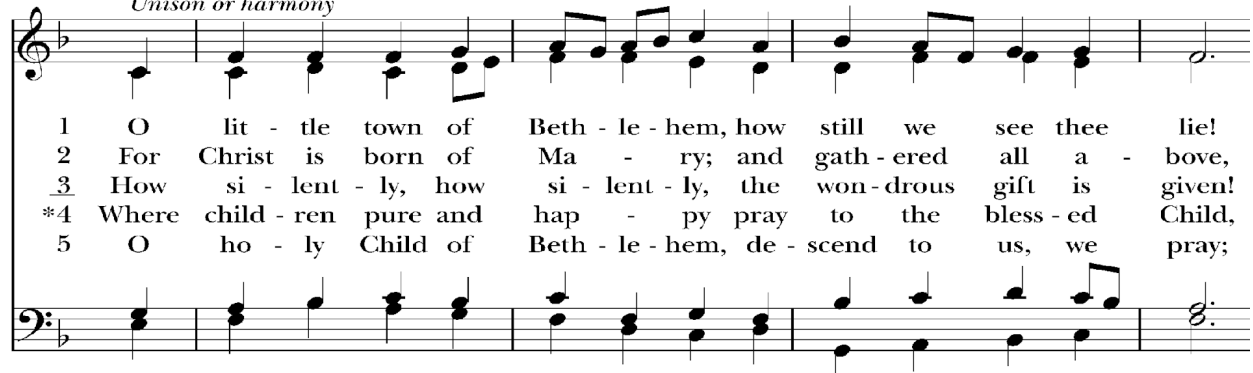
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

“O little town of Bethlehem”

FOREST GREEN

Unison or harmony



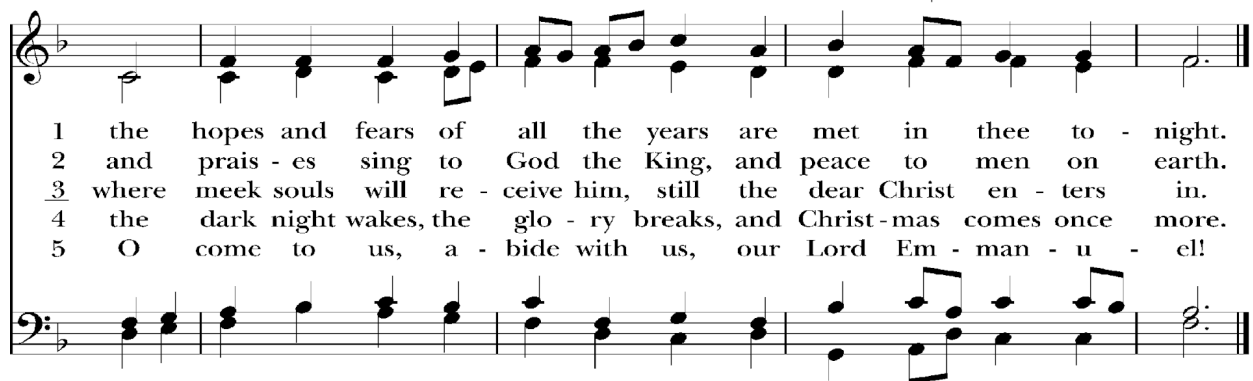
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No car may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

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The People may kneel for the prayers.

Prayers of the People

Setting by Marty Haugen

Presider: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.



God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

The response "God of mercy, hold us in love" is sung once at the beginning of the prayers and again after each petition. The final response, "Keep us, hold us, gracious God", is sung to the same melody.

In peace, in peace we pray to you: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For peace and salvation, we pray to you: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For peace between nations, peace between peoples: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For us who are gathered to worship and praise you: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all of your servants who live out your gospel: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all those who govern that justice might guide them: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all those who labor in service to others: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Grant weather that nourishes all of creation: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all the beloved who rest in your mercy: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Help us, comfort us, all of our days: **Keep us, hold us, gracious God.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

+ The Holy Eucharist +

Offertory Music

The congregation stands.

Doxology Hymn #43, Stanza 6

Tallis Canon

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him 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. *The Presider adds the Proper Preface*

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:

Presider and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People may kneel or remain standing. Then the Presider 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,

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

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**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ Our Passover is Sacrificed for us.

All are welcome to receive a blessing if you prefer not to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Consecrated Bread and Wine are then distributed to all who desire. While at the altar, a priest will give you a wafer of bread. Wine is available in 3 ways:

Common Cup – *The chalice-bearer passes the consecrated wine, which is drunk directly from the common cup.*

Intinction – *The chalice bearer passes a small cup of consecrated wine for you to intinct (dip) your wafer, allowing you to receive the bread and wine together.*

Hymns During Communion

#66 “Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

CAROL

#105 “God rest you merry, gentlemen”

GOD REST YOU MERRY

#109 “The first Nowell”

MENDELSSOHN

Post Communion Prayer

Presider and People: 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.

Candle Lighting

The people kneel, lighting candles in their midst, tipping the unlit candle to the lighted candle. After all candles are lit, the people join in singing the hymn.

Hymn #111 “Silent night, holy night”

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Blessing

The congregation stands

Hymn #100 “Joy to the world! the Lord is come”

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Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

“Silent night, holy night”

STILLE NACHT

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

“Joy to the world! the Lord is come”

ANTIOCH

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse - ing found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Anita Ware, Priest

The Rev. Pam Bright, Deacon

The Rev. Michele Wiltfong, Deacon

Guest Organist: *Quintin Knight*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:00 p.m.

Crucifer: Judy Hopkins

Lector: Dick Baker & Frank Lattimore

Chalice Bearers: Judy Hopkins & Dick Baker

Ushers: Sandy Smith & Mary Carlson

10:30 p.m.

Crucifer: Cheryl Richard

Lector: Martha Richard & Becca Causby

Chalice Bearers: Cheryl Richard & Martha Richard

Ushers: Dick Baker & Jane Wood



Christmas Flower Dedications



In Thanksgiving for

Given By

Jonathan and Allie Hull on their first anniversary

Noel and Lucinda MacArthur

Our children, grandchildren, family;
Rob, Caroline; Nancy, Eddie; Susan

Alan and Janet Roebuck

Adam, Andrea, Henry, Isabel, Callum and Stuart
Short

Anne Short

Rick and Tina Wiggins; Stanton Wiggins and
Callie Longo; Kendal Wiggins and Sean Bird

Rebecca Whelan

Melanie, Jon, Allison, Caroline McKown Buyck,
Pam Bright; Janet Roebuck; Anne Short

Mary M. Walker

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

Anita Ware

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor and memory of our families and the blessings of our life together. Alan and Janet Roebuck



Christmas Flower Dedications



In Memory Of

Given By

John L and Jean M Button
Lew and Marie Evans

John and Peggy Button

George and Nancy Coltrane Dicks Blanton;
Nancy Dicks Blanton Siegel
Ed and Edith Hamilton

Catherine Friedberg
and Lydia Matthews

James H. and Hazel Ervin
Daniel H. and Madge Trammell

The Short Family

Jim and Catherine Porter; Al Roebuck; Jeanette and Floyd Bost
Mike Roebuck; Sarah Laney; Morgan Clark
Tripp Mabry; Doug Boyette; Alec Stachowicz

Alan and Janet Roebuck

Richard Morgan Bowles

Mary Walker

Jude Raymond Whelan; Elizabeth and Stewart Wilburn
Bill, Frances and Jeff Carter; Caroline and Raymond Whelan,
Sue Rash

Rebecca Whelan

Mike Ware

Anita Ware

Christmas Flower Dedications



In Honor Of

Given By

David and Becca Causby

Noel and Lucinda
MacArthur

Redeemer staff and parish; Shepherd's table volunteers

Alan and Janet Roebuck

Members of the Altar Guild and the Church of the Redeemer

Anne Short

In honor of all those we have loved in our lives, i.e., relatives, friends, teachers, spouses, pets, neighbors, co-workers

John Skelly

The Vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

Anita Ware

This Week at Redeemer:

Wednesday, December 25

- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel followed by coffee in the connector hallway
- 11:30 am-12:30 pm Shepherd's Table / Food pantry combined distribution

Thursday, December 26 - No Events this Week

Both Compline on Zoom and Holy Eucharist & Healing Service will resume in January

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

First Sunday After Christmas (December 29th)

- 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation with Anita in her office
- 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour in Narthex
- No Formation this Sunday!

New Years Eve (December 31st)

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Moveable Feast in the Small Parish Hall. Please RSVP to

RevAnita@redeemershelby.com by Friday, December 27th! Please bring a side, salad or dessert to share. Main entree will be provided! A Moveable Feast is a gathering of friends for food, fellowship and Eucharist around the table.

New Years Day (January 1st, 2025)

- 12:30 p.m. New Year's Day Eucharist in Chapel

Sunday, January 19:

- Annual meeting immediately following Holy Eucharist



“Life is short. We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.”

— Henri-Frédéric Amiel

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!