

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER! We welcome all who are visiting with us this morning. We are delighted to have you with us. Please fill out one of our visitor cards so that we can get to know you. If you have any questions about COTR, feel free to ask one of our elders, our ministers, or members. We're glad you're here!

Today--THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We rejoice this morning to have three baptisms (Sawyer Douglas Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Braden Smith and Glendon Paul and Mary Lane Gunter, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Gunter). Please pray that Sawyer, Paul, and Mary will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: We will again have a fellowship meal today after our morning worship. All are invited to join some of our COTR families for a great time of food and fellowship in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday--PENTECOST SESSION OF SCR: Classes for the fall session of SCR begin this Wednesday evening. We'll begin with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by our classes at 6:15 p.m. This week's chef is Mrs. Phyllis Brode who will be serving jambalaya (thank you, Phyllis!). Afterwards, Jarrod Richey will be teaching a class on listening to great music (in the choir room) and Pastor Wilkins will teach a class on "Understanding Biblical Symbolism" (in the sanctuary). Both classes are free & open to the public. Make plans to attend.

Thursday--SESSION MEETING: The elders will have their regular monthly meeting this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Please pray for God's blessing as they meet together.

GENERAL:

BOOKS OF THE MONTH: Here are the books available for purchase this month:

The Baptized Body by Peter Leithart – \$8.00

From Silence to Song by Peter Leithart – \$9.00

The Messianic Character of American Education by R. J. Rushdoony – \$20.00

If you would like to order any (or all!) of these excellent books, please bring a check for the full amount of your order to the church office by Tuesday, September 21.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS: The elders have opened nominations for the offices of Deacon and Elder. Please carefully consider the requirements for these offices set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. Each nominee must receive at least 3 nominations to qualify for consideration. Those nominated will be given a time of instruction in the qualifications and the work of the office. Session will then examine each nominee to determine fitness for service before approving them to stand for election. We will receive nominations through Sunday, October 3

UPCOMING:

MONROE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The Monroe Symphony Orchestra will be performing its first concert of the season (Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring") here at COTR on Saturday evening, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and plan to come!

LANGS' 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY! We will have a 60th wedding anniversary celebration for Russel and Lou Ann Lang on Saturday, October 9, in the Fellowship Hall. Dancing begins at 4:00 p.m. followed by a light supper at 5:00 p.m. Plan to come!

THE 2021 CREC COUNCIL MEETING: Please remember that COTR is hosting the 2021 CREC Council meeting this coming October (October 25-28) here at our church building. Pray that the Lord will bless all the arrangements and the planning that is on going and that the Council meeting will go well.

CALENDAR

September 22 – Fall Session of the School of Cultural Reformation begins
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:15 p.m.
23 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.
29 – Fall SCR Session, class #2
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:15 p.m.

October 2 – The Monroe Symphony Orchestra, 7:00 p.m., sanctuary
5 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
6 – Fall SCR Session, class #3
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:15 p.m.
8 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Dr. Duke Pesta speaking on CRT, 7:00 p.m.
9 – 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration for the Langs, 4:00 p.m.
10 – Fall Parish-wide Fellowship meetings
No evening worship
13 – Fall SCR Session, class #4
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:15 p.m.
20 – Fall SCR Session, class #5
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:15 p.m.
25-28 – CREC Council Meeting, 2021
31 – Fifth Sunday, no evening service

November 1 – All Saints Day celebration
2 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
12 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
25 – Happy Thanksgiving!
28 – The First Sunday of Advent

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Tammy Seal, Tara Maddox
Floater: Gloria Cycosz

Toddler: AM: Jennifer Lizenby, Stephanie Bailey
Floater: Brode Huber

NEXT WEEK:

Micah McCoy, Amy Booth
Molly Kate Eley

Amelia Nash, Rachel Huber
Xander Spires

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

10:00AM MORNING SERVICE

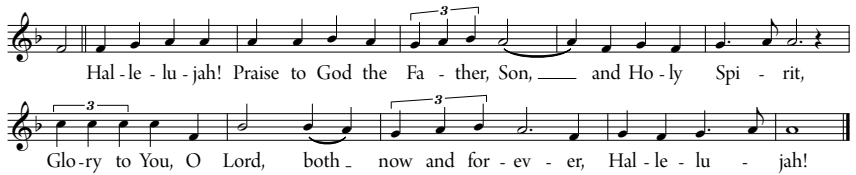
THE LORD CALLS US TO DRAW NEAR

MINISTER: “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us worship God.”
† HYMN #3 (2nd) “From All that Dwell Below the Skies”
† SALUTATION:
Minister: “Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.”
Cong: “And with your spirit”
Minister: “This is the day which the Lord hath made.”
Cong: “Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”
Minister: “Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever” Amen.

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

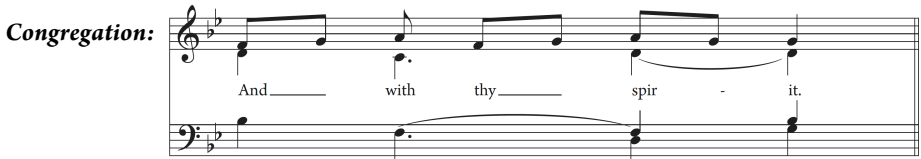
CONFESSION OF SINS:
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”
Cong: Most merciful God: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean; we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires, that we are not able to understand, but which are all known to You. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
†ASSURANCE OF PARDON:
Minister: “Arise and hear the good news of God’s forgiveness: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

†OPENING ACCLAMATION:



†ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):
Minister: The Lord be with You.

Congregation:



Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Congregation:



Minister: “It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee. O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God: Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:”

†The Congregation will please stand

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #14 (SH) “A Song of David”

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON Jeremiah 11:14-20
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM Psalm 54

THE EPISTLE James 3:13-4:10
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #69 “Lord, With Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37
Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”
Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “Seeking Glory for the Glory of God”
Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #120 (SH) “How Blest is He”
(the congregation will sing this hymn)

† DOXOLOGY (We lift our hearts, voices, and hands in praise to God)

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†The Congregation will please stand

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

HYMN #453 “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:
Minister: Lord, in your mercy,
Congregation: Hear our prayer.

† THE LORD’S PRAYER: page ix (SH)

† NICENE CREED:
WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

AND WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST; the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets and in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER:

Words of Institution
Thanksgiving for the Bread
Communion Hymn #362 “Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”
Thanksgiving for the Wine
Passing the peace of Christ

Minister: “The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Amen.

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

† HYMN #5 (SH) “Nunc Dimittis”

† BENEDICTION

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

†The Congregation will please stand