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 SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS: Today is the second Sunday of Christmas. The Christmas season ends tomorrow evening (12th night) the eve of Epiphany, which we celebrate on Tuesday. May the Lord continue to grant you great joy and peace as we close out this glorious season of the year.

Monday-2026 CHRISTENDOM LECTURES: Our 2026 Christendom Lectures will begin tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary. Our conference will begin with a lecture from Dr. Victor Lee Austin of Ft. Worth, Texas, at 7:00 and after a break, we'll have Pastor Jeff Meyers (Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, St. Louis) speaking at 8:30.

Tuesday-2026 CHRISTENDOM LECTURES: Our 2026 Christendom Lectures will continue at 8:30 a.m. with a matins service, followed by our first session at 9:15, with Dr. Jason Staples (professor at North Carolina State University). After a break, at 10:45, Pastor Meyers will give his second lecture. This will be followed by a question and answer session.

Tuesday Evening: We will begin with a talk from Dr. Jason Staples and after a break, Pastor Meyers will deliver his third address of the conference.

Wednesday-2026 CHRISTENDOM LECTURES: The last session of our conference will begin with a matins service at 8:30 a.m., and after a break, Dr. Austin will give his last lecture. After our last break, we'll have the last session, with Pastor Wilkins bringing the last talk. A question and answer session will conclude the conference.

Wednesday Evening: FAMILY FOLK DANCE: Our Christendom Lectures will conclude with a Family Folk Dance, Wednesday evening at 7:00. All ages are welcome to come and have a great time – so plan to be here!

Next Sunday-SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: We will again have our special "Second Sunday" service next Sunday evening at 6:00. Again we'll sing some new hymns, have a time of prayer and a brief study on our nation's history – AND Pizza fellowship afterwards! Make plans to join us!

UPCOMING:

2026 CHRISTENDOM LECTURES: We will host our 26th annual Christendom Lectures, this coming January 5-7, 2026 "Surprised by God". Our speakers are: Victor Lee Austen, canon theologian of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, Texas; Jason Staples, assistant professor at North Carolina State University and author; and Jeff Meyers, author, pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri. It's going to be another great conference. Mark your calendars and plan to come!

CALENDAR

January 4 - Second Sunday of Christmas

5-7 – 2026 Christendom Lectures

6 - Feast of Epiphany

7-10 - Gloria Sancta Conference, 2026

11 – First Sunday of Epiphany

Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.

14 - Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

18 – High School Fellowship after evening worship

February 1 – High School Fellowship after evening worship

8 – Parish-wide fellowship meetings, no evening service

15 – High School Fellowship after evening service

17 – Shrove Tuesday celebration

18 – The Season of Lent begins

Ash Wednesday noon Prayer Service

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 4, 2026

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 #60 (SH) "Angels We Have Heard on High"

+ 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: "Blessed be the LORD God of Israel,"

Cong: "For He hath visited and redeemed His people."

Minister: "Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For Yahweh has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. Yahweh has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

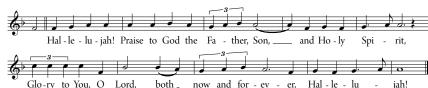
Minister: "Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God"

Cong: Almighty & most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; & we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord have mercy upon us & restore us according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; 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:

+The Congregation will please stand



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 saying:"

+ SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

+ PRAYER OF ADORATION

+ CANTICLE #1 (SH) "Benedictus"

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON 1 Kings 3:4-15

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 98

THE EPISTLE Ephesians 1:3-14

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

† HYMN #156 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

+ READING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:40-52

Minister: "The Gospel of our Lord.

Cong: "Praise be to You, O Christ."

+ THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA



READING OF THE TEXT:

Isaiah 9:1-7

SERMON "The Light that Destroyed Darkness"

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #154 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

(the congregation will sing this hymn)

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

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

HYMN #160

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

+ 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 #164

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.*

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

+ HYMN (Insert).

"Nunc Dimittis" (Vickers)

+ BENEDICTION

+ THREE-FOLD AMEN

+The Congregation will please stand

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