

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--HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY: We will have a "Hospitality Meal" today after our morning service. If you have no plans for lunch, you are welcome to join some of our COTR families in the fellowship hall for a great time of food and fellowship.

Tuesday--RSA INFORMATIONAL MEETING: We will have a meeting to give the latest information about the Redeemer School of the Arts, this Tuesday evening at 7:00, here in our sanctuary. If you have any questions or interest in RSA, you'll want to be present this Tuesday evening.

Wednesday--SESSION MEETING: The Session will hold its monthly meeting this Wednesday evening at 6:30. Please pray for God blessing upon our elders as they meet together.

Friday--LOTUS INSTITUTE: This Friday, Matt Courtman will be speaking at the Lotus Institute (at the Lotus Club) at 11:45 a.m. Lunch will be served (\$10 per plate) so come if you're able!

FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY: This coming Friday evening we'll resume our "Fridays with Flannery" meetings. We'll be discussing the story "The Displaced Person" and meeting in the home of Adam and Charity Jones, 2722 Point Drive. Fellowship begins at 7:00 and our discussion will begin at 7:15. See you there!

UPCOMING:

MEN'S BOOK STUDY: The first Men's Book Study of 2024 will be held on Monday, January 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of the Lizenbys, 2004 Pargoud Blvd. We'll be studying "The Fourth Turning." Make plans to come!

PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: Our Spring "Parish-wide" fellowships will be held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, February 11. Please check with your parish elder/elders for the time and location of your parish fellowship.

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION: This year's Shrove Tuesday celebration will be Tuesday, February 13. Once again we'll have pancakes galore as well as many other breakfast delights and a great time of entertainment after our feast. Sign up sheets are in the foyer. Mark your calendars and plan to come!

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE: The season of Lent will begin on Wednesday, February 14 and, as usual, we'll be observing it with a noon prayer service here in the sanctuary. We'll begin at 12:05 p.m., so plan to come if you're able.

CALENDAR

January 23 – Informational meeting for RSA, 7:00 p.m.
24 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
26 – Lotus Institute, Matt Courtman speaking, 11:45 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

February 9 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
11 – Parish-wide Fellowship meetings, no evening service
13 – Shrove Tuesday Celebration
14 – Ash Wednesday noon prayer service,
18 – First Sunday in Lent
23 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
29 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.

March 8 – Renewal Center Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
10 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
22 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
29 – Good Friday service, 6:00 p.m.
31 – Easter Sunday, no evening service

April 7 – Second Sunday of Easter
12 – Renewal Center Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
26 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Connie Merritt, Megan Wilkins
Floater: Ava Booth

Toddler: AM: Julian Ferrington, Paul McCoy
Floater: Ben Hilleke

NEXT WEEK:

Elisabeth Brown, Sarah Richey
Kathryn Cross

Emily Gautreaux, Amy Hanson
Oz Wilkins

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 2024

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 #50 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

† 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: “The Lord has made known His salvation;”

Cong: “His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.”

Minister: “My eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.” *Amen.*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

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

Cong: Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against You and against one another in what we have done and what we have left undone. We confess that in Jesus our light has come, yet we have often departed from His ways and ignored His truth. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us all the remnants of darkness which shroud our lives. Illumine us by Your Word that we may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory and be confirmed in the ways of life and light for the honor of Your holy Son, Jesus, our Lord. 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.



Minister: Lift up your hearts.



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



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 #6 (SH) *“Te Deum”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Jonah 3:1-10

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1-11

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 7:29-35

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #20 *“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:

READING OF THE TEXT: Psalm 62



† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *“The Only God”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #82 *“Unto the Hill Around Shall I Lift Up”*
(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 #582 *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*

† 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 #126 (SH) *“Preserve Me O God”*
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