

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–WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** This morning prior to our service we have the privilege of welcoming new members into COTR – the Sharp family (Matt and wife, Sharon, and children Elisha, Abby, Joshua, Daniel, John, Enoch, and Caleb). Caleb will be receiving the sign and seal of baptism. Please pray that the Lord will continue His mercies to the Sharps as they worship and serve Him together with us!

**HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP:** After our evening service tonight we will again have a time of fellowship for High School students. All high schoolers are invited, so plan to come!

**Monday-Tuesday:** Wycliffe Presbytery will hold its bi-annual meeting tomorrow and Tuesday, in Ft. Worth, Texas. Please pray for our elders as they deliberate together.

**Wednesday–FALL SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION:** Our Fall SCR meetings continue this Wednesday evening with a light supper at 5:15 p.m. catered by Mrs. Micah McCoy (**\$4 per child, \$6 per adult**). The classes will begin at 6:05 p.m. (finishing around 7:00). The classes offered for this session are:

- “The Hobbit” taught by Will Gunter and
- “The Major Metaphors of the Scriptures” taught by Remy Wilkins.

You can’t beat great food, great classes, and great fellowship. Make plans to attend!

**Saturday–MONROE SYMPHONY CONCERT:** The Monroe Symphony will hold its second concert of the 2025-26 season (“Time and Remembrance”) here at COTR this coming Saturday evening, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. The program will include Mendelssohn’s Fingal’s Cave Overture, Haydn’s “London” Symphony, and will feature James Boldin as soloist in Mozart’s Horn Concerto No. 2. And, of course, our symphony will be conducted by Maestro John Hodges. Plan to come!

**Next Sunday–FALL PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIPS:** Our Fall Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held next Sunday afternoon and evening. Check with your parish elder for the time and place of your parish fellowship meeting. Because of our parish fellowships, we will not have our evening service next Sunday.

**NO EVENING SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY:** We will not have our evening service next Sunday in lieu of our Fall Parish Fellowship meetings.

CALENDAR

- October 5 – High School Fellowship after evening worship
- 6-8 – Wycliffe Presbytery Meeting
  - 8 – Session 2 of Fall SCR classes, meal at 5:15, classes begin 6:05
  - 11 – Monroe Symphony concert, 7:00 p.m., sanctuary
  - 12 – Fall Parish-wide fellowships
  - No Evening Service
  - 15 – Session 3 of our Fall SCR classes, meal at 5:15, classes begin at 6:05
  - 22 – Session 4 of our Fall SCR classes, meal at 5:15; classes begin at 6:05
  - 29 – Session 5 of our Fall SCR classes, meal at 5:15, classes begin at 6:05

- November 1 – All Saints Day
- 9 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
  - Pizza fellowship afterwards
  - 15 – Walters-Metoxin Wedding
  - 22 – Nash-Mayfield Wedding
  - 27 – Happy Thanksgiving!
  - 30 – First Sunday of Advent

- December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent
- 11 – DYC Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.
  - 14 – Third Sunday of Advent
  - Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
  - Pizza fellowship afterwards
  - 21 – Last Sunday of Advent
  - 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.
  - 25 – Merry Christmas!

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

**Infant:** AM: Emily Hilleke, Amy Higginbotham  
Floater: Mylah Merritt

**Toddler:** AM: Rachel Huber, Heidi Lang  
Floater: Boaz Hilleke

NEXT WEEK:

Emily Nash, Sarah Freeland  
Sophie Nash

Nicholas Dlugosh, Bruce Huber  
Spencer McBroom

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THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

OCTOBER 5, 2025

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 #132  
“Wondrous King, All-Glorious”

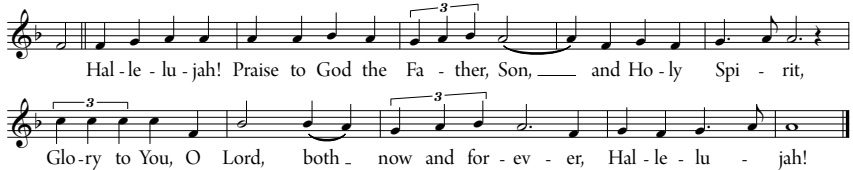
† SALUTATION:  
Minister: “Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.”  
Cong: “And with your spirit”  
Minister: “I say to the LORD, You are my God,”  
Cong: “O LORD, Give ear to our cry for mercy.”  
Minister: “Yahweh, My Master, the strength of my salvation, You overshadow my head in the day of the weapon. Do not give, Yahweh—the yearnings of the wicked; his scheme you must not promote; lest they be exalted. Deliver me, Yahweh! From the man of evil, from the man of violence, keep me!” Amen.

THE LORD CLEANSES US

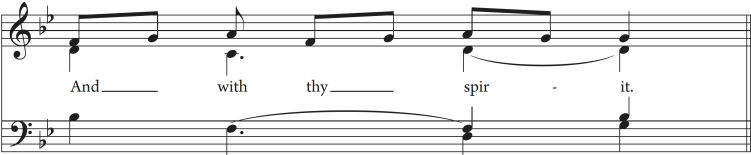
CONFESSION OF SINS:  
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”  
Cong: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before You our sinful natures and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, & in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, and for the sake of Your dear Son, grant that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ 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.  
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 #14 (SH)  
“A Song of David”

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON  
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”  
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”


CONGREGATIONAL PSALM  
Psalm 15

THE EPISTLE  
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”  
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #174  
“Praise the Savior Now and Ever”

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

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA



READING OF THE TEXT:  
1 John 2:12-17

SERMON  
“Love Not the World”  
Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #304  
“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”  
(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 #272  
“Behold! The Mountain of the Lord”

† 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  
Thanksgiving for the Wine  
Passing the peace of Christ

“Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”

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 #178 (SH).  
“Built on the Rock the Church”

† BENEDICTION

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

†The Congregation will please stand