

## 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–HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** We give thanks for all our faithful fathers and for the blessings we have received through their faithful labors and example. May the Lord grant you great joy in and blessing on this day.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** We rejoice this morning to have the baptisms of Lillian Yvonne Haisty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Haisty and Edmund Sherwood Maddox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Maddox. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless Lillian and Edmund and that they will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

**HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP:** We will again have a time of fellowship for all our high school students this evening after our evening service. After pizza, we will be watching Alfred Hitchcock's film noir thriller *Notorious* with Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman, and Claude Rains. All high schoolers are invited so plan to come!

**Thursday–SUMMER LADIES' BOOK SWAP:** The first meeting of our "Summer Ladies' Book Swap" will be held this coming Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Jeremy and Courtney Bennett (807 N 5th St, West Monroe). Come and enjoy a time of fellowship with other ladies and bring a book to recommend. It doesn't have to be a physical book but we'll take those if you have them! This is the first of three meetings this summer (June 25, July 23, and August 6). The theme for this month is "a book that you think about often." It's going to be fun so plan to come!

### GENERAL:

**CONGRATULATIONS!** We rejoice in the safe birth of Emma Claire Mayfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josh Mayfield this past Monday. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

**THANK YOU!** Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our 2026 Jubilate Deo so successful. Special thanks to Jarrod Richey, Denise McClain, Jackie Peacock and to all those who hosted guests, prepared meals, and welcomed visitors and made them feel at home; thanks to our teachers, assistants, helpers, cleaner-uppers and taker-downers – thanks to everyone who did all the "little jobs" that make conferences go well and smoothly. Thank you all for the sacrificial service that was a blessing to so many. It was an amazing week – but it couldn't have happened without the help of all of you!

### UPCOMING:

**IMAGO DEI ART CAMP:** Don't forget to register for the first annual Imago Dei Art Camp, July 27-31. Registration fee is \$200 which includes supplies. All high school aged students (13-18) will be able to participate in a variety of visual art projects which will include painting, drawing, print making, calligraphy, and more!; culminating in the Imago Market and the Collective Showcase. Registration fee is \$200 (which includes supplies) and is limited to 50 students – so register today!

**ATHANASIUS PRESS BOOKSTORE:** Don't forget that the AP bookstore offers you the best in theological reading and study – including Jeff Meyers' latest Answers in a Hour book, *What Did God Promise to the Jews?* This amazing book can be yours for only \$8.00. Come to the church office to get your copy and to see all the other books you need in your library!

## CALENDAR

June 21 – Happy Father's Day!  
High School Fellowship after evening worship  
25 – Summer Ladies' Book Swap

July 4 – Independence Day  
5 – High School Fellowship after evening worship  
7 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
10 – Moreau-Clarke Wedding  
12 – Second Sunday  
Pizza fellowship afterwards  
19 – No High School Fellowship  
23 – Summer Ladies' Book Swap  
27-31 – Imago Dei Art Camp

August 1 – Imago Market and Showcase  
3-7 – Poiema Retreat, Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina  
6 – Summer Ladies' Book Swap  
9 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
Pizza fellowship afterwards

### NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

**Infant:** AM: Megan Mason, Ava Booth  
Floater: Marley Amos

**Toddler:** AM: David Dlugosh, Adam Jones  
Floater: Adam Hilleke

### NEXT WEEK:

Melissa Cross, Amelia Nash  
Molly Kate Eley

Joshua Mayfield, Mike Dlugosh  
Solomon Richey

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## THE LORD'S SERVICE

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# JUNE 21, 2026

10:00AM MORNING SERVICE

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## THE LORD CALLS US TO DRAW NEAR

MINISTER: “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us worship God.”

† HYMN #526 *“O Lord, by Thee Delivered”*

† 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: “Let the peoples praise You, O God;”

**Cong: “Let all the peoples praise You.”**

Minister: “Sing joyfully to God, all the earth! Play music to the glory of His Name! Set forth glory: His praise! Bless our God, O peoples, make the sound of His praise be heard.” **Amen.**

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

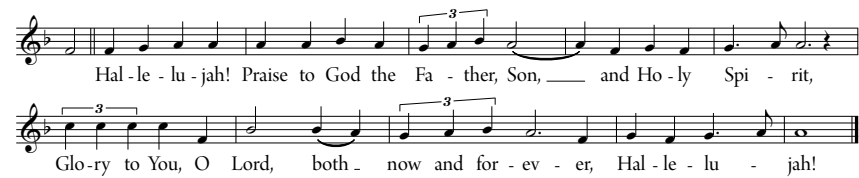
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

**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




Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,  
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

**Congregation:**



And with thy spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation:**



We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

**Congregation:**



It is meet and right so to do.

†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 #8 (SH) *“Beatitudes”*

## THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

**Cong: “Thanks be to God.”**

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 104:24-35a

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6:12-23

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

**Cong: “Thanks be to God.”**

† HYMN #152 (SH) *“O Sing a New Song to the Lord”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 10:21-33

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.

**Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”**

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

† READING OF THE TEXT:

Ephesians 4:11-16

SERMON

*“Training for Maturity”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #131

*“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

(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 #116

*“Thou Art the Way”*

† 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 #185 (SH)

Thanksgiving for the Wine

Passing the peace of Christ

*“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”*

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