

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–OFFICER NOMINATIONS OPEN TODAY: We will be receiving nominations for the office of elder and deacon beginning today through Sunday, November 2. Each nominee must be nominated by three members of the congregation. Please give your nominations to one of our elders.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: We will again have High School Fellowship after evening service this evening. All High Schoolers are invited to come!

Tuesday–SESSION MEETING: The elders will have their stated monthly meeting this Tuesday evening at 6:30. Please pray for God’s wisdom to be given to our elders as they meet together.

Wednesday–FALL SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION: The fourth session of our Fall SCR meetings will be held this Wednesday evening beginning 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 (meeting in the sanctuary)
 - “The Major Metaphors of the Scriptures” taught by Remy Wilkins)meeting in the choir room)
- Great food, great classes, and great fellowship! Make plans to attend!

Friday–HOCKEY NIGHT! We will have a group going to the Monroe Moccasins’ game this coming Friday. If you would like to reserve a ticket, please call the church office by this Wednesday!

GENERAL:

CONGRATULATIONS! We rejoice in the safe birth of Ranger Moses Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Bennett. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

UPCOMING:

OFFICER NOMINATIONS: We are again beginning the process to elect new deacons and elders. The elders have opened up a season for receiving nominations running from Sunday, October 19, to Sunday, November 2. The process will be like the procedure we followed in our last election: 1) men will be nominated by members of the congregation (each nominee will require at least 3 members of the congregation to nominate him – nominations should be given to one of the elders); 2) the nominees will be examined by the Session to determine readiness for service; 3) the nominees will go through officer training; 4) and at the end of training, the nominees will be examined by the elders to determine which of the nominees will be placed before the congregation for consideration for the offices of elder and deacon. As always we ask that you pray that the Lord will lead us in choosing those men who are fit and qualified – those whom He has chosen to lead our congregation.

ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION: We will have our All Saints Day celebration on Saturday, November 1. Please sign up to help. Sign up sheets are in the foyer or on Realm. There will be a costume and a desert competition (for all ages). It’s going to be a great time, so mark your calendars and plan to come!

CALENDAR

October 19 – High School Fellowship after evening worship
21 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.
22 – Session 4 of our Fall SCR classes, meal at 5:15; classes begin at 6:05
24 – Hockey Night, Monroe Civic Center
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-Collins Wedding
25 – College & Career Fellowship
27 – Happy Thanksgiving!
30 – First Sunday of Advent
Dr. Scott Anoil teaching in Sunday School & preaching in our morning service

December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent
High School Fellowship after evening worship
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!
28 – No Evening Service
29 – Cross-Hicks Wedding

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Jennifer Lizenby, Tara Maddox
Floater: Molly Nash

Toddler: AM: David Dlugosh, Adam Jones
Floater: Eli Cychosz

NEXT WEEK:

Megan Wilkins, Grace Maddox
Savannah Nash

Paul McCoy, Remy Wilkins
Isaac McCoy

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THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

OCTOBER 19, 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 #212 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

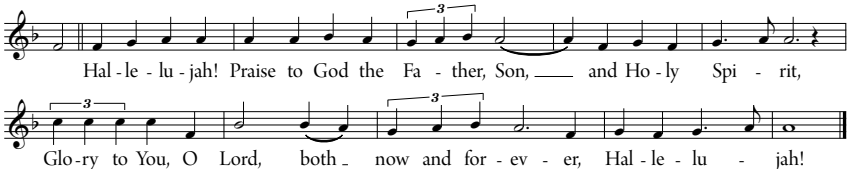
† SALUTATION:
Minister: “Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.”
Cong: “And with your spirit”
Minister: “In the day I called, and you answered me,”
Cong: “You made my soul fierce with strength.”
Minister: “They will acclaim you, Yahweh, all the kings of the earth, for they have heard the words of your mouth. And they will sing of the ways of Yahweh, for the great glory of Yahweh! For exalted is Yahweh, and the lowly one he sees, and the haughty one from afar he knows. If I walk in distress, you make me live, against the nose of my enemies: You send your hand, and you save me with your right hand.” Amen.

THE LORD CLEANSES US

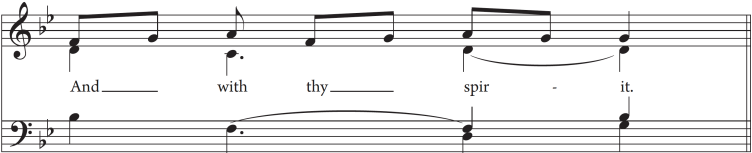
CONFESSION OF SINS:
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”
Cong: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before You our sinful natures and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your 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 #15 (SH) “A Song of Praise”

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 #122 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

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

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA



READING OF THE TEXT:
Ephesians 4:7-16

SERMON
“Be Children No Longer”
Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #125 (SH) “Lord, Our Lord in All the Earth”
(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 #204 (SH) “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

† 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 #273 “Christ Hath a Garden”
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