

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: We will have a “Hospitality Meal” after our morning service in the fellowship hall. If you would like to have a great time of food and fellowship, plan to stay and eat with some of our COTR families after our service this morning.

PASTOR OLEG VOLKOV: In our evening service, we will have the privilege of having Pastor Oleg Volkov, from St. Petersburg, Russia, preaching God’s Word. Please pray that the Lord will bless His word as our brother proclaims it in our evening service.

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

Monday–MEN’S BOOK STUDY: Our bi-monthly Men’s Book Study (discussing Christopher Caldwell's *The Age of Entitlement*) continues tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Langs' home, 2144 Maywood Dr. All men are encouraged to attend for a great time of discussion and fellowship.

Tuesday–SESSION MEETING: The elders will have their regular monthly meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Please pray for God’s blessing.

Wednesday–FALL SCR CLASS: Our Fall SCR classes conclude this Wednesday evening. Our meal will begin at 5:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall (enjoying Micah McCoy’s incredibly delicious food) and the classes (“Why Christians Should Read Fiction” in the choir room and the “Significance of Our Liturgy” in the sanctuary) will begin at 6:05. Make plans to come!

UPCOMING

FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY: Our next “Fridays with Flannery” meeting will be Friday, October 27. Make plans to come!

ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION: Don’t forget to mark your calendars for our annual All Saints Day celebration coming Wednesday, November 1, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Shannon Trisler is heading up our celebration and has sign-up sheets for you on Realm. We’ll need side items to go with our chicken and sausage (vegetables, salads, sweets, breads, etc.). So go to Realm and sign up for food and other items that you can supply to help make this our best celebration yet. Don’t miss it!

CALENDAR

October 15 – Pastor Oleg Volkov preaching in our evening service
High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
16 – Men’s Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
17 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.
18 – Fall SCR, meal 5:15, class 6:05 p.m.
27 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
29 – Mr. Will Gunter preaching in our evening service

November 1 – All Saints Day celebration, 4:00 p.m.
3 – College and Career Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
5 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
10 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
12 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
19 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
22 – Happy Thanksgiving!

December 1 – College and Career Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
3 – First Sunday of Advent
High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
8 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
10 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
17 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
24 – Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service, 6:00 p.m.
25 – Merry Christmas!

January 8-10 – 2024 Christendom Lectures
12 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Jennifer Lizenby, Tara Maddox
Floater: Ava Booth

Toddler: AM: David Dlugosh, Adam Jones
Floater: Oz Wilkins

NEXT WEEK:

Megan Wilkins, Angela McBroom
Annabelle Huber

Paul McCoy, Remy Wilkins
Carter Lang

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THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 15, 2023

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 “*God the Lord a King Remaineth*”

† 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: “O magnify the Lord with me:”

Cong: “And let us exalt His name together.”

Minister: “*Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.*” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

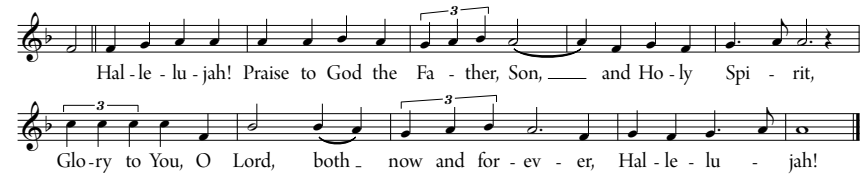
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty God, we implore Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow man. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit and mediation 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:

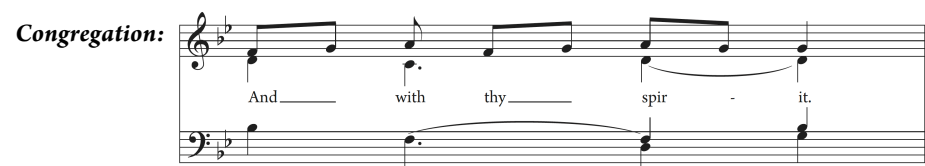


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

Congregation:



And with thy spir-it.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

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

Congregation:



It is meet and right so to do.

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 #10 (SH) “*God be Merciful Unto Us*”

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 149

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4-13

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #226

“*Rejoice, the Lord is King*”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

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:

Psalm 37:1-11 & Matthew 5:5

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Beatitudes: “Blessed Are the Meek”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #154 (SH)

“*The Lord is King Indeed*”

(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 #593

“*Jesus, I May Cross Have Taken*”

† 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 #271 “*How Sweet and Awful*”

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