

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--THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM! We rejoice this morning to have the baptisms of two of our latest covenant children. Lillian Kate Rockett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rockett and Farrah Gwendolyn Gautreaux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. CeJay Gautreaux. Please pray that Lillian and Gwen will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY: We will again have a fellowship meal today after our morning worship. All are invited to join some of our COTR families for a great time of food and fellowship in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday--SESSION MEETING: The elders will have their regular monthly meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Please pray for God's blessing as they meet together.

Saturday--BABY SHOWER: All ladies are invited to a baby shower in honor of Joanna Gunter this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. til noon, at 2119 Dogwood Dr., Monroe. Make plans to attend!

GENERAL:

BOOKS OF THE MONTH: Here are the books available for this month:

A Son to Me by Peter Leithart – \$15.00

Rejoice and Tremble by Michael Reeves – \$10.00

The Secret Six by Otto Scott – \$10.00

If you would like to order any (or all!) of these great books, please bring a check for the full amount of your order to the church office by this Tuesday, August 24.

UPCOMING:

LADIES' FIRST TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Our First Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study will resume Tuesday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. Make plans to come!

FALL SESSION OF THE SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION: The Fall Session of our School of Cultural Restoration will begin Wednesday evening, September 22. Our classes for the fall session will run for five consecutive weeks, ending on Wednesday evening, October 20. Once again, we'll begin each Wednesday with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by our classes at 6:10 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

THE 2021 CREC COUNCIL MEETING: Please remember that COTR is hosting the 2021 CREC Council meeting this coming October (October 25-28) here at our church building. Pray that the Lord will bless all the arrangements and the planning that is on going and that the Council meeting will go well.

CALENDAR

August 25 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.
28 – Baby shower for Joanna Gunter, 10:00 a.m., 2119 Dogwood Dr.

September 7 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
10 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
12 – Second Sunday Service, 6:30 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards
22 – Fall Session of the School of Cultural Reformation begins
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:10 p.m.
29 – Fall SCR Session, class #2
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:10 p.m.

October 5 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
6 – Fall SCR Session, class #3
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:10 p.m.
8 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
10 – Fall Parish-wide Fellowship meetings
No evening worship
13 – Fall SCR Session, class #4
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:10 p.m.
20 – Fall SCR Session, class #5
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:10 p.m.
25-28 – CREC Council Meeting, 2021

November 1 – All Saints Day celebration
2 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
12 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Anna Pryor, Abby McCarty
Floater: Evelyn Myers

Toddler: AM: Sarah Freeland, Bethany Wilkins
Floater: Carson McBrooms

NEXT WEEK:

Rebekah Landry, Stephanie Gullette
Annabelle Huber

Joseph Bailey, Ronnie Medlin
Carter Lang

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 22, 2021

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 #70 *“Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”*

† 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: “Blessed is he who has the God of Jacob for his help”

Cong: “Whose hope is in the Lord his God.”

Minister: “Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.”

Amen.

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

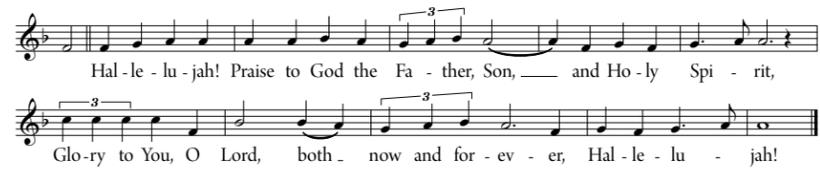
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have willfully broken Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all our sins. Turn our hearts back to You and for the sake of Your holy Son, lead us by Your Spirit in the ways of righteousness and peace. 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 #11 (SH) *“The Venite”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 29:11-19

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 14

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:22-33

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #235 *“Thou Art Coming, O My Savior”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Mark 7:1-13

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!

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *“Nullifying the Word of God”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #449 *“The Law of God is Good and Wise”*

(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 #550 *“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”*

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