

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--NO HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY: We will not have our "Hospitality Meal" today because so many of our families and our leaders (the Myers) are out of town. Lord willing, the meals will resume next Sunday.

Friday--FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY: Our next "Fridays with Flannery" meeting will be this coming Friday, October 27. We'll meet in the home of Adam and Charity Jones (2722 Point Dr.) and we'll be discussing the story "Good Country People." Fellowship begins at 7:00 p.m. and our discussion will begin at 7:15. See you there!

Next Sunday Evening--WILL GUNTER PREACHING: Next Sunday evening, we'll again have the privilege of having Mr. Will Gunter to proclaim God's Word in our evening service. Please pray for God's blessing upon His Word.

UPCOMING

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.) as well as volunteers to oversee our games. So go to Realm and volunteer to help out. Help make this our best celebration yet. Don't miss it!

CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE: We will again have our Lessons & Carols service on Christmas Eve (Sunday evening, December 24). Please mark your calendars and join us!

GLORIA SANCTA X: Gloria Sancta X will be held January 3-6, at Timberline Camp and Conference Center, in Lindale, Texas. All unmarried adults ages 18-28, are invited to attend. Mark your calendars so that you don't miss this outstanding conference.

2024 CHRISTENDOM LECTURES: Our 2024 Christendom Lectures will be held January 8-10, 2024. Our speakers this year are Joe Rigney (professor, New Saint Andrews College), Vishal Mangalwadi (founder-president of BOMI/Revelation Movement), and John Hodges (director for the Center for Western Studies in Memphis, Tennessee). This year we will have breakout sessions on music Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon being led by Scott Aniol (executive vice president of G3 Ministries), John Hodges, Jarrod Richey, and Glen Warner as well as a folk dance Wednesday evening. It's going to be a great event. COTR members may attend for free BUT YOU STILL MUST REGISTER! The deadline for registration is Friday, December 15.

CALENDAR

October 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.
16 – Monroe Symphony Orchestra, 7:00 p.m., COTR sanctuary
17 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
24 – Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service, 6:00 p.m.
25 – Merry Christmas!

January 3-6 – Gloria Sancta X, Lindale, TX
8-10 – 2024 Christendom Lectures
12 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Megan Wilkins, Angela McBroom
Floater: Annabelle Huber

Toddler: AM: Paul McCoy, Remy Wilkins
Floater: Carter Lang

NEXT WEEK:

Becky Nash, Jenni Maney
Layla Booth

Caroline Seal, Rachel Huber
Calhoun Trisler

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 22, 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 #80 *“How Firm a Foundation”*

† 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 Lord, open our lips.”

Cong: “And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.”

Minister: “The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all the peoples. Let them praise Your great and awesome name—He is holy.” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

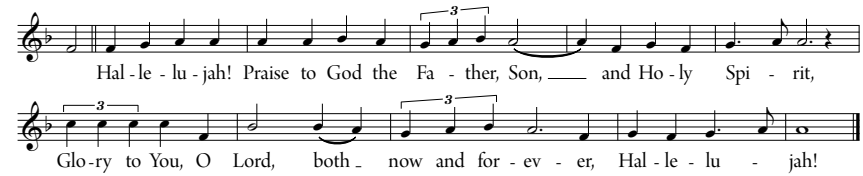
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

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.”

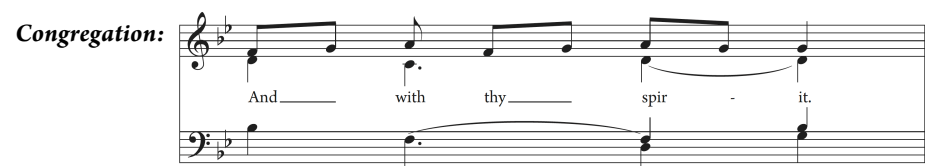
† OPENING ACCLAMATION:



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 45:1-7

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 20

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #122

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

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:

Psalms 37:34-40 & Matthew 5:6

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON **The Beatitudes:** “Blessed Are Those Who Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #155 (SH) *“Of Mercy and of Justice”*

(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 #76

“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”

† 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 #196(SH) *“Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise”*

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