

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–FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY: We will have a fellowship meal after our service this morning. All our visitors and those who have no other plans are welcome to join with some of our COTR families for the noon meal in our fellowship hall.

Monday–POSTPONED SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION: We had to call off our Shrove Tuesday celebration last Tuesday due to the weather, postponing it until tomorrow night. So, we'll be having our party here, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Plan to come for some great food, fellowship, and outstanding entertainment!

Wednesday–SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION: The Lenten Session of our "School of Cultural Restoration" begins this Wednesday evening. We will have a light supper at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (\$4.00 for adults/\$2.00 for children) and classes will begin at 6:00 p.m. We have two classes meeting simultaneously: "Learning to Read the Bible" will be taught by Pastor Maney in the fellowship hall and "Introduction to the History of America" will be taught by Pastor Wilkins in the sanctuary. The classes will end between 7:00 and 7:15. This is our first class of the Lenten Session. We will meet for five consecutive Wednesdays (through March 24). SCR classes are free of charge and open to the public, so please plan to come and feel free to invite others to join us!

Thursday–SESSION MEETING: Since we had to cancel our monthly meeting last week, the elders will be meeting this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Please pray for God's blessing.

GENERAL:

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

The Second Adam and the New Birth by M. F. Sadler – \$8.00
A Son for Glory by Toby Sumpster – \$10.00
Why the End is Not Near by Duane Garner – \$5.00

If you would like to purchase any (or all!) of these great books, please take a check for the full amount of your order to the church office and Jackie will give you your books. This offer will be available till Thursday, February 28.

THE SEASON OF LENT: The Lenten season is a time of preparation leading up to the feast of Easter (the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus). Lent lasts for forty days (excluding Sundays) ending the Saturday before Easter Sunday. It is a time set aside to remember the suffering and death of Jesus and repent of our sins which brought His suffering and death upon Him. Lent reminds us of the necessity of denying ourselves, taking up the cross, and following Jesus but it is not to be a time of moroseness or unbroken sorrow. True repentance leads to joy and rejoicing in God's full and free forgiveness. Thus, Lent is preparation for a feast. Each Sunday during the season of Lent is to be a time of celebration pointing to the reality that we serve a victorious, conquering, and exalted Savior and our repentance and turning away from temptation is for the purpose of preparing us to take part in and rejoice over the victory of Jesus over the world, the flesh, and the devil.

UPCOMING:

LADIES' FIRST TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Our next Ladies' Bible Study will be held Tuesday evening, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. and we'll again meet in the choir room. We'll be studying chapter 3 of the book of Hebrews, so make plans to come!

CALENDAR

February 24 – School of Cultural Restoration, Lenten Session, meal 5:30 p.m.

March 2 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
3 – School of Cultural Restoration, class #2, meal 5:30 p.m.
10 – SCR, class #3, meal 5:30 p.m.
12 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
Daylight Savings time begins
17 – SCR, class #4, meal 5:30 p.m.
24 – SCR, class #5, meal 5:30 p.m.
28 – Palm Sunday

April 4 – Easter Sunday
6 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
9 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
11 – Spring Parish-wide fellowship meetings
No evening service
21 – Easter Session of SCR, class #1, meal 5:30 p.m.
28 – SCR, class #2, meal 5:30 p.m.

May 4 – Delta Youth Chorale Concert, 7:00 p.m.
5 – SCR, class #3, meal 5:30 p.m.
9 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
12 – SCR, class #4, meal 5:30 p.m.
14 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Amelia Nash, Amy Hanson
Floater: Annabelle Huber

Toddler: AM: Bruce Huber, Ronnie Medlin
Floater: Parker Hanson

NEXT WEEK:

Carol Medlin, Anna Beth Haisty
Fiona James

Peter Nash, Matt Wilkins
Arthur Richey

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 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 #501 *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

† 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: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.”

Cong: “Come, let us adore Him.”

Minister: “Have mercy on me, O Lord! . . . You who lift me up from the gates of death, that I may tell of all Your praise In the gates of the daughter of Zion.” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

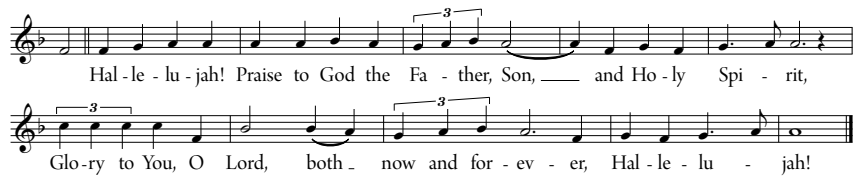
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against You and against one another in what we have done and what we have left undone. We confess that in Jesus our light has come, yet we have often departed from His ways and ignored His truth. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us all the remnants of darkness which shroud our lives. Illumine us by Your Word that we may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory and be confirmed in the ways of life and light for the honor of Your holy Son, Jesus, 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:

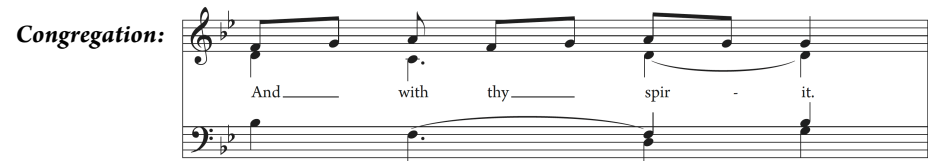


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† 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:”

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #7 (SH) *“Worthy is the Lamb”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Genesis 22:1-18

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 137

THE EPISTLE

James 1:12-18

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #54 (SH) *“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

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

Revelation 12:1-11

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“The Holy War”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #502

“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”

(the congregation will sing this hymn)

† DOXOLOGY

(We lift our hearts, voices, and hands in praise to God)

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

HYMN #472

“Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory”

† 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 #83 (SH) *“Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All”*

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