

## 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-WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** We rejoice this morning to receive five more new members into COTR: Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Clark, Dakota Clark, Spencer Clark, and Mrs. Avalee Porter (transferring from Christ Church, Odenville, AL). Please pray that they will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus as they worship and serve Him with us!

**HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY:** We will have a "Hospitality Meal" today after our morning service. If you have no plans for lunch, you are welcome to join some of our COTR families in the fellowship hall for a great time of food and fellowship.

**SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE:** We will have our "Second Sunday" service this evening at 6:00, with a time of prayer, singing, and a brief study. See you tonight!

**Wednesday-SESSION MEETING:** The elders will have their December meeting this Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. Please ask the Lord to give wisdom to our session as they meet together.

**Next Sunday-HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP:** Our next High School Fellowship will be held next Sunday evening after our evening service at 7:15. All High Schoolers are invited so make plans to come!

### GENERAL

**CONGRATULATIONS!** We rejoice in the safe birth of their daughter, Winnie Frances Camillia Clare Myers on December 2. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

### UPCOMING

**CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE:** We will again have our "Lessons & Carols" service on Sunday evening, December 24, here in the sanctuary. Make plans to come!

**GLORIA SANCTA X:** Registration is open for Gloria Sancta X (January 3-6), at Timberline Camp and Conference Center, in Lindale, Texas. This conference is for unmarried adults ages 18-28. Register today (**deadline is Dec. 18**) 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 are Joe Rigney (professor, New Saint Andrews College), Vishal Mangalwadi (founder-president of BOMI/Revelation Movement) and John Hodges (director of the Center for Western Studies). This year we will have breakout sessions on music Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon led by John Hodges, Scott Aniol, (executive vice president of G3 Ministries), Jarrod Richey, and Glen Warner. COTR members may attend for free BUT YOU MUST REGISTER! The deadline for registration is Friday, December 15.

**YOUTH DANCE:** A Youth Dance will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on Saturday, January 13, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. til 9:30. All young people (12 yrs. And up) are invited. Contact the church office for more information.

## CALENDAR

December 10 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
13 – Session Meeting, 6:30 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 3-6 – Gloria Sancta X, Lindale, TX  
6 – The Feast of Epiphany  
7 – First Sunday of Epiphany  
8-10 – 2024 Christendom Lectures  
12 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
13 – Youth Dance at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL  
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
26 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

February 9 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.  
11 – Parish-wide Fellowship meetings, no evening service  
13 – Shrove Tuesday Celebration  
14 – Ash Wednesday noon prayer service,  
18 – First Sunday in Lent  
23 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

### NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

**Infant:** AM: Anna Pryor, Sarah Richey  
Floater: Hayes Merritt

**Toddler:** AM: Aleta Eley, Emily Gautreaux  
Floater: Bryce Lizenby

### NEXT WEEK:

Savannah Riley, Kaitlyn Rockett  
Gloria Cychosz

Amy Hanson, Charity Jones  
Zane Moreau

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## THE LORD'S SERVICE

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# DECEMBER 10, 2023

10:00AM MORNING SERVICE

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## THE LORD CALLS US TO DRAW NEAR

MINISTER: "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us worship God."

† HYMN #147 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

† 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 that comes in the name of the Lord."

**Cong: "Hosanna in the highest."**

Minister: "'Comfort, yes, comfort My people!' says your God. 'Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned;' Amen."

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

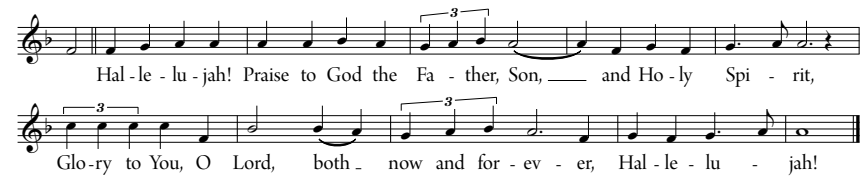
Minister: "Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God"

**Cong: Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You, through ingratitude, disobedience, and hardness of heart. We have not heeded the warnings of Your prophets and apostles nor lived as those who await the appearing of Your Son in judgment. We have loved the world and the things of the world, and have not sought first Your Kingdom and righteousness. Wherefore we beseech Your mercy. Forgive us for our sins and deliver us from all evil and the evil one, through 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:

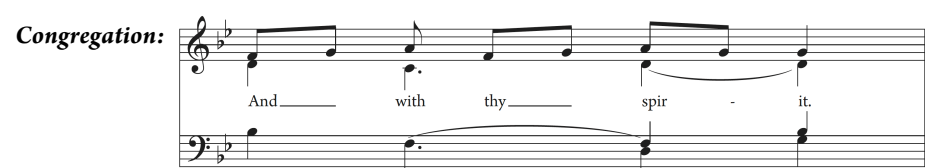


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,  
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† 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 #3 (SH) "Magnificat"

## THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

**Cong: "Thanks be to God."**

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 24

THE EPISTLE

2 Peter 3:1-18

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

**Cong: "Thanks be to God."**

† HYMN #239

"The Mighty God the Lord"

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

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

"How Shall We Then Live?"

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #166

"From Heaven High I Come to You"

(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 #235

"Thou Art Coming O My Savior"

† 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 #31 (SH) "Arise Sons of the Kingdom"

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

†The Congregation will please stand