

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: We will have a fellowship meal after our service this morning in the fellowship hall. If you have no plans for lunch, feel free to join some of our COTR families for a great time of communion over some great food.

Friday-LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE: We will have our annual Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols service this Friday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary. Come and worship the King!

Saturday-MERRY CHRISTMAS! May the Lord grant you and your family and gloriously happy and joyous Christmas celebration! And may you be able to rejoice and celebrate the entire twelve days of the Christmas season!

Next Sunday-NO EVENING SERVICE: We will not have an evening service next Sunday evening.

UPCOMING:

CHRISTMASTIDE DANCE: We will be having a "Christmastide Dance" Saturday evening, January 1, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Plan to come and begin the New Year, the 8th day of Christmas, with dancing and rejoicing!

PASTOR MICKEY SCHNEIDER PREACHING: We're going to have the privilege of having Pastor Mickey Schneider (retired pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso, Florida) preaching in our evening service, Sunday, January 2. Pastor Schneider has had a long and fruitful ministry in the PCUS, PCA, and CREC denominations, and it's a great honor to have him with us again.

CHRISTENDOM LECTURES 2022: Our annual Christendom Lectures will be held Monday, January 3, through Wednesday, January 5. This year we look forward to having Dr. Peter Leithart (president of the Theopolis Institute), Aaron Renn (contributing editor of The Manhattan Institute's *City Journal*), Pastor Bill Smith (Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, Illinois), and Pastor Steve Jeffery (All Saints Presbyterian Church, Ft. Worth, Texas). It's going to be a great conference so make plans to attend. All COTR members may attend for free but please register by December 31!

GLORIA SANCTA CONFERENCE: If you haven't yet registered for this coming year's Gloria Sancta Conference (January 5-8, 2022) you need to do so as soon as possible. This conference is open to all young people, 18 and over, who have graduated from High School. Speakers will be Pastors Rob Hadding, Jeff Niell, Steve Jeffery, and Randy Booth You can now register online at <http://www.gloriasancta.org/>

CALENDAR

December 19 – The Last Sunday of Advent
24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.
26 – The First Sunday of Christmas
No evening Service

January 1 – Happy New Year!
Christmastide Dance, 7:00 p.m. fellowship hall
2 – The Second Sunday of Christmas
Pastor Mickey Schneider preaching in our evening service
3-5 – The Christendom Lectures
5-8 – The Gloria Sancta Conference, Disciples' Crossing
6 – Epiphany
9 – First Sunday of Epiphany
Second Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.
14 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
30 – Fifth Sunday, no evening service

February 1 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
6 – Parish-wide fellowships, no evening service
11 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
13 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.

March 1 – Shrove Tuesday celebration
2 – Ash Wednesday noon prayer service
11 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
13 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Tammy Seal, Tara Maddox
Floater: Gloria Cychosz

Toddler: AM: Jennifer Lizenby, Stephanie Bailey
Floater: Brode Huber

NEXT WEEK:

Micah McCoy, Amy Booth
Molly Kate Eley

Amelia Nash, Rachel Huber
Xander Spires

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE LAST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 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 #149 *“Joy to the World”*

† 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: “My soul magnifies the Lord”

Cong: “And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior”

Minister: “Since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts for the one who waits for Him.” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

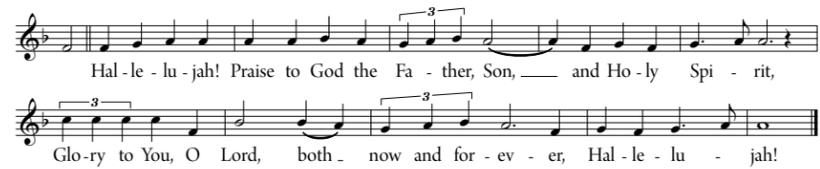
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty & 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 left undone those things which we ought to have done; & we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord have mercy upon us & restore us according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name. 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:

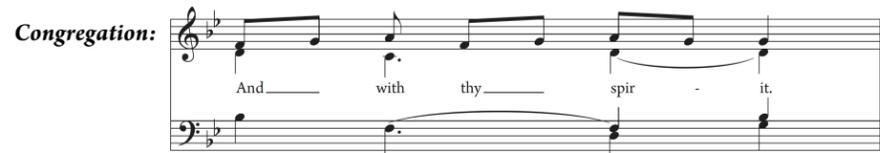


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† 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

Micah 5:1-5

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:5-10

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #147 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

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 *“The Great Reversal”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #34 (SH) *“Creator of the Stars of Night”*

(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 #163

“To Us a Child of Hope is Born”

† 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 #43 (SH) *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

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