

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 EVENING SERVICE: In light of the Christmas holiday, we will have no evening service.

Monday—CROSS-HICKS WEDDING: The congregation is invited to the wedding of Lauren Cross and Jed Hicks, Monday evening, December 29, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Reception to follow at the Meadow Wedding Barn. Please pray for God’s blessing upon Lauren and Jed as they become one in Christ Jesus.

Upcoming:

Next Sunday—PASTOR MICKEY SCHNEIDER PREACHING: We will have the privilege of having Pastor Mickey Schneider preaching in our evening service, the last Sunday of Christmas, Sunday, January 4. Please pray for God’s blessing.

Next week—2026 CHRISTENDOM LECTURES: We will host our 26th annual Christendom Lectures, this coming January 5-7, 2026, “Surprised by God”. Our speakers are: Victor Lee Austen, canon theologian of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, Texas; Jason Staples, assistant professor at North Carolina State University and author; and Jeff Meyers, author and pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri. COTR members may attend at no cost, if you register before the deadline (December 31, 2025). It’s going to be another great conference and **COTR members may attend free of charge if they register by December 31**. Mark your calendars and plan to come!

CALENDAR

December 28 – No Evening Service
29 – Cross-Hicks Wedding
31 – Last COTR Hockey Night of 2025

January 1 – Happy New Year!
Feast of Christ’s circumcision
4 – Last Sunday of Christmas
Pastor Mickey Schneider preaching, p.m. service
5-7 – 2026 Christendom Lectures
6 – Feast of Epiphany
7-10 – Gloria Sancta Conference, 2026
11 – First Sunday of Epiphany
Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
14 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
18 – High School Fellowship after evening worship

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Charity Jones, AnnaBeth Haisty
Floater: Molly Kate Eley

Toddler: AM: Robbie McBroom, Jackson Huber
Floater: Tallis Wilkins

NEXT WEEK:

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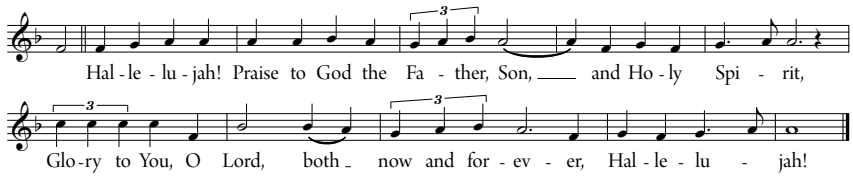
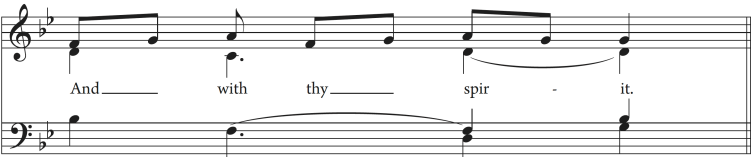





THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 28, 2025

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 #151	<i>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</i>
† 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: “To us a child is born,”	
Cong: “To us a son is given.”	
Minister: “And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with Judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever.” Amen.	
THE LORD CLEANSES 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	
	
†ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):	
Minister: The Lord be with You.	
Congregation:	
Minister: Lift up your hearts.	
Congregation:	
Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.	
Congregation:	
†The Congregation will please stand	

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 saying:”	
† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)	
† PRAYER OF ADORATION	
† CANTICLE #1 (SH)	
<i>“Benedictus”</i>	
THE LORD INSTRUCTS US	
THE LESSON	
Jeremiah 31:15-22	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”	
CONGREGATIONAL PSALM	
Psalm 98	
THE EPISTLE	
Revelation 14:1-5	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”	
† HYMN #168	
<i>“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”</i>	
† READING OF THE GOSPEL	
Matthew 2:13-18	
Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.	
Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”	
† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA	
	
SERMON	
<i>“To Encompass the Mighty”</i>	
Pastor Zach Parker	
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION	
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY #62 (SH)	
<i>“Sing, O Sing”</i>	
(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	
<i>“Christians, Awake”</i>	
† 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 #159	<i>“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”</i>
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	
<i>“Nunc Dimittis (Vickers)”</i>	
† BENEDICTION	
†The Congregation will please stand	