

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-RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER: We rejoice this morning to receive into the membership of COTR, Mr. Noah Smith. Noah comes to us by way of transfer of membership from All Saints Presbyterian Church, Ft. Worth, Texas. Please pray that the Lord will continue His blessings to Noah as he worships and serves 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: This evening we will again have our "Second Sunday" service with a time of prayer, learning some new hymns, and a brief study of Church history – and pizza afterwards. Make plans to come!

SECOND SUNDAY PIZZA FELLOWSHIP: With the return of Daylight Savings Time, our "Second Sunday" pizza supper returns. Pizza is \$2.00 per person or \$10 per family. Make plans to stay after our Second Sunday service this evening!

COLLEGE & CAREER FELLOWSHIP: The college and career fellowship will be held this evening in the choir room. Come and enjoy some pizza and some great conversation!

Wednesday-SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION: Our Spring SCR classes will continue this Wednesday, March 13. We'll begin at 5:00 with a light meal (courtesy of our SCR chef, Mrs. Micah McCoy, \$6 per adult, \$4 for children – deadline for signing up for meals is tomorrow!) and our classes will follow at 6:05 (running till 7:00 p.m.). Remember, the classes for this session are: "A Guide to the Christian Epics" (taught by Remy Wilkins), and "Pray for One Another," (taught by Assistant Pastor, Zach Parker). Don't forget to sign up and come! See you this Wednesday!

Next Sunday-HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: We will have our High School Fellowship after evening service at 7:15 p.m. All High Schoolers are invited to come!

GENERAL:

CONGRATULATIONS! We rejoice in the safe birth of Declan Jackson Nash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nash. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

UPCOMING:

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: We will again have our Good Friday service at 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 29. Please mark your calendar and plan to come.

DYC SPRING CONCERT & GENEVA ACADEMY ART SHOW: The Delta Youth Chorale's Spring concert will be held on Thursday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary. The concert will be preceded by the annual Geneva Academy Art Show (at 5:00). You will not want to miss these two outstanding events!

PENTECOST SUNDAY: This year, Pentecost falls on Sunday, May 19. We will have our annual Pentecost feast in the afternoon so plan accordingly!

CALENDAR

March 13 – Spring SCR classes, 5:00 meal, 6:05 class
17 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
19 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.
20 – Spring SCR classes, 5:00 meal, 6:05 class
23 – McBroom-Anderson Wedding
27 – Lotus Institute, 11:30 a.m., Lotus Club downtown
29 – Good Friday service, 6:00 p.m.
31 – Easter Sunday, no evening service

April 7 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
12 – Renewal Center Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
21 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
26 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

May 2 – DYC Spring concert and the Geneva Art Show
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.
17 – Geneva Academy Graduation ceremony, 7:00 p.m.
19 – Pentecost Sunday
Pentecost feast, 5:00 p.m., no evening service
26 – Trinity Sunday

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Carol Medlin, Amy Booth
Floater: Gloria Cychosz

Toddler: AM: Aleta Eley, Grace Maddox
Floater: Ellie Amos

NEXT WEEK:

Tammy Seal, Tara Maddox
Savannah Nash

Will Gunter, Bruce Huber
Brode Huber

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 10, 2024

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 #5 *“Mighty God, While Angels Bless Thee”*

† 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: *“Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!” Amen.*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

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

Cong: We confess, O God that we have not loved You fervently, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not done justly, loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You. Have mercy upon us and blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from all our sins. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and sustain us with a willing spirit, for the sake of Your Son, 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.”

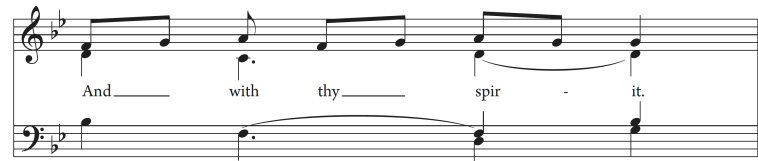


† OPENING ACCLAMATION:

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

Congregation:



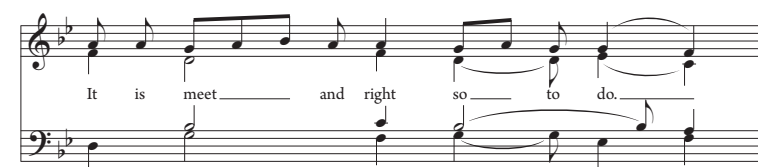
Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Congregation:



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

Numbers 21:4-9

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 111

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:1-10

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #83

“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”

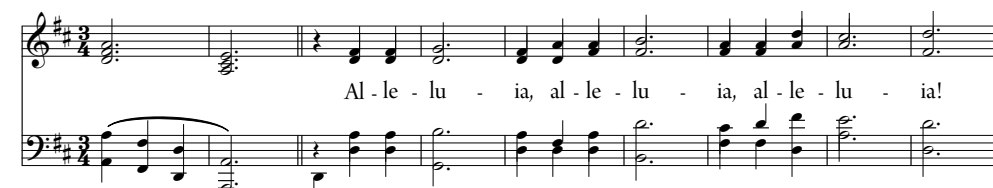
† READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Love, Suffering, and Life”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (choir)

“God So Loved the World”

† DOXOLOGY

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

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

HYMN #194

“Sing, My Tongue, How Glorious Battle”

† 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 #369 *“Zion, founded on the Mountains”*

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