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-HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! We give thanks for all our mothers and pray that the Lord will bless and uphold you all as you carry out the duties and privileges that attend the glorious calling of motherhood.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: This morning we rejoice to have the baptism of Kaleb Aaron Hill, the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hill. Please pray that Kaleb will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ as a member of our congregation.

NO HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY: Because of Mother's Day and the fact that we will be having a reception for Assistant Pastor Zach Parker this evening, we will not have our "hospitality meal" today. Lord willing, we'll resume our meal next Sunday.

ORDINATION & **INSTALLATION SERVICE**: We will be having the ordination and installation service for Zachary Parker, in our evening service tonight. There will be a reception afterwards. Please plan to come and join us in giving thanks to God for His gift of another minister to His Church.

Monday-MEN'S BOOK STUDY: The next Men's Book Study will be held on Monday, May 15. Mark your calendars and plan to come.

Thursday-SESSION MEETING: The elders will have their regular, monthly meeting this Thursday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please pray for God's blessing upon this meeting.

Friday-2023 GENEVA ACADEMY GRADUATION: Geneva Academy will hold its 2023 Graduation ceremony, this Thursday evening, May18, at 7:00 p.m. here in our sanctuary. Dr. Scott Aniol will be our guest speaker. Please pray for our graduates and come celebrate their successful completion of their high school course.

GENERAL:

THANK YOU! The Porter Family would like to extend their thanks for the kindness shown during the recent loss of Elizabeth's mother and Pat's brother. Each word, text, card, and meal was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Porter family

UPCOMING:

FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY: Our next "Fridays with Flannery" meeting is Friday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Scott and Amanda Jane Vaughn. We'll be discussing the story "Greenleaf." Come join us!

PENTECOST FEAST: We will have our annual Pentecost feast on the afternoon of Pentecost Sunday, May 28. The celebration begins at 4:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and come and join us!

JUBILATE DEO MUSIC CAMP: The 2023 Jubilate Deo Music Camp will begin on Monday, June 26 and conclude with a closing program on Saturday, July 1. Pray for God's blessing!

CALENDAR

May 14 – Ordination service for Zachary Parker, 6:00 p.m.

Reception afterwards

- 15 Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Geneva Academy 2023 graduation
- 26 Fridays With Flannery, "Greenleaf", 7:00 p.m. at the Vaughns
- 28 Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost feast, 4:00 p.m. No evening service

June 2 – First Friday Young Adult fellowship, 7:00 p.m.

- 4 Trinity Sunday
- 5 Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m. Fridays With Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Second Sunday service

Recognition of our 2023 High School Graduates Pizza supper afterwards

- 19 Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Fridays With Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

26-30 – Jubilate Deo Music Camp

July 1 – Jubilate Deo closing concert

- 7 First Friday Young Adult Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Second Sunday service, Pizza fellowship afterwards
- 14 Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.

Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

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NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Rebekah Landry, Jenni Maney Floater: Madeleine Cross

Toddler: AM: Amy Hanson, Charity Jones Floater: Tyler Cychosz

NEXT WEEK:

Sarah Freeland, Amy Higginbotham Hayes Merritt

Harley Davis, Robbie McBroom Arthur Richey

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023

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 #132 (SH)

"O Give to 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: ""Christ is Risen!"

Cong: "He is risen indeed!"

Minister: "Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption." **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

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

Cong: Almighty God, who has brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ; we confess that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace. We have not believed Your promises, nor heeded Your Word. We have forgotten the glad tidings of our Savior's victory over death and have neglected the things that belong to our peace. Forgive us and cleanse us from all our sins, and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. 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



Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



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



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 #4 (SH) "Gloria in Excelsis"

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON Acts 17:16-31

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 46

THE EPISTLE 1 Peter 3:13-22

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

+ HYMN #260

"Thy Servant, Blessed by Thee, Shall Live"

+ READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Minister: "The Gospel of our Lord."

Cong: "Praise be to You, O Christ."

+ THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



+ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Love and Obedience"

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #550

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

(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 #19

"O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord"

+ 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 #135 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

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