

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.

Tuesday–SESSION MEETING: The elders will have their regular, monthly meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Please pray that the Lord will grant wisdom as they deliberate together.

Wednesday–PENTECOST SESSION OF SCR: Our last class of the fall session of SCR will be held this Wednesday evening. We'll again start with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (courtesy once again of our guest chef, Micah McCoy, thanks Micah!). Our classes will begin at 6:15 p.m. Jarrod Richey will be teaching the "Listening to Music" class (in the choir room) and Pastor Wilkins will teach a class on "Understanding Biblical Symbolism" (in the sanctuary). Both classes are free & open to the public. Make plans to attend.

Next Sunday–PASTOR DUANE GARNER PREACHING: We are looking forward to having Pastor Duane Garner, pastor of Christ Church, Cary, North Carolina, preaching in both our services next Sunday. Please pray that the Lord will bless the teaching of His Word.

UPCOMING:

THE 2021 CREC COUNCIL MEETING: Please remember that COTR is hosting the 2021 CREC Council meeting this coming October (October 25-28) here at our church building. Pray that the Lord will bless all the arrangements and the planning that is on going and that the Council meeting will go well.

NO EVENING SERVICE, OCTOBER 31: The Session has decided that we will not have our normal evening service on the fifth Sunday of those months which have five Sundays. This means that we will not have an evening service on Sunday evening, October 31.

ALL SAINTS' DAY CELEBRATION: Mark your calendars for our All Saints' Day celebration on Monday, November 1. We will again have some great food and a lot of fun. Plan to be here!

GLORIA SANCTA CONFERENCE: This coming year's Gloria Sancta Conference will be held January 5-8, 2022. 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

October 19 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
20 – Fall SCR Session, class #5
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:15 p.m.
24 – Pastor Duane Garner preaching in both services
25-28 – CREC Council Meeting, 2021
31 – Fifth Sunday, no evening service

November 1 – All Saints Day celebration
2 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
12 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
25 – Happy Thanksgiving!
28 – The First Sunday of Advent

December 5 – The Second Sunday of Advent
7 – Delta Youth Chorale Concert, 7:00 p.m.
No Ladies' Bible Study
10 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
12 – Third Sunday of Advent
Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
19 – The Last Sunday of Advent
24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.
26 – The First Sunday of Christmas
No evening Service

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Shannin Moreau, Heidi Lang
Floater: Alaina Bailey

Toddler: AM: Maddie James, Dana Goehring
Floater: Jaiken Wilkins

NEXT WEEK:

Sophie Booth, Megan Wilkins
Annabelle Huber

Caleb Wilkins, Paul Gullette
Miles Lang

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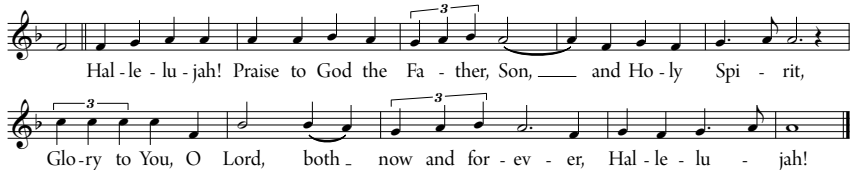
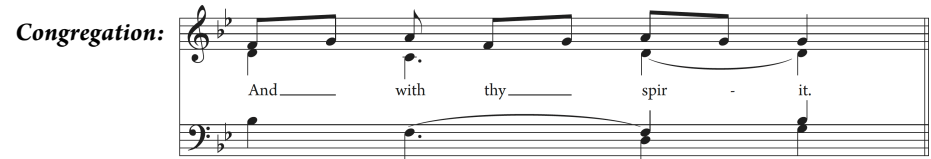




THE LORD'S SERVICE


THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 17, 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 #127 <i>“Let Us Love, and Sing, and Wonder”</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: <i>“And with your spirit”</i>	
Minister: “Praise the Lord.”	
Cong: <i>“The Lord’s name be praised.”</i>	
Minister: <i>“Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness” Amen.</i>	
THE LORD CLEANSSES US	
CONFESSION OF SINS:	
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”	
Cong: <i>Most merciful God: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean; we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires, that we are not able to understand, but which are all known to You. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.</i>	
†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.	
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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 #15 (SH) <i>“A Song of Praise”</i>	
THE LORD INSTRUCTS US	
THE LESSON	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
Cong: <i>“Thanks be to God.”</i>	
Ecclesiastes 5:10-20	
CONGREGATIONAL PSALM	
Psalm 119:9-16	
THE EPISTLE	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
Cong: <i>“Thanks be to God.”</i>	
Hebrews 4:1-16	
† HYMN #122 <i>“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”</i>	
† READING OF THE GOSPEL	
Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”	
Cong: <i>“Praise be to You, O Christ.”</i>	
Mark 10:23-31	
† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:	
	
† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
SERMON	
<i>“The Riches of the Kingdom”</i>	
Pastor Steve Wilkins	
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION	
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY #82 <i>“Unto the Hills Around Do I Lift Up”</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 #76 <i>“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”</i>	
† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:	
Minister: Lord, in your mercy,	
Congregation: <i>Hear our prayer.</i>	
† 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 #125 <i>“My Heart Doth Overflow”</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 #5 (SH) <i>“Nunc Dimittis”</i>	
† BENEDICTION	
† THREE-FOLD AMEN	

†The Congregation will please stand