

## 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–HOSPITALITY MEAL:** Our weekly “hospitality meal” will be today after our morning service in the fellowship hall. If you have no plans for lunch, please join some of our COTR families for a great time of food and fellowship.

**Next Sunday–NEW HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** Beginning next Sunday (September 1), Pastor Steve will be teaching a class on “Preparing for the Future” for high school and college students. The class will meet in the choir room at 8:50 a.m. Be there!

### UPCOMING:

**REDEEMER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS CONVOCATION:** We will have a convocation ceremony for RSA on Tuesday, September 1, here in our sanctuary. Our guest speaker will be Randy Booth, pastor of Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church of Nacogdoches, Texas. Make plans to join us!

**FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY:** “Fridays with Flannery” will resume, Friday, September 13, in the home of Adam and Charity Jones. We'll be discussing “A Circle in the Fire.” Get ready!

**SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION:** The fall session of our School of Cultural Restoration will begin Wednesday October 2 and continue each of the four following Wednesdays of October (Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30). Each Wednesday we'll gather for a light supper at 5:00 p.m. (courtesy of Mrs. Micah McCoy) and afterwards gather for our classes at 6:05 (ending at 7:00 p.m.). We will again have two classes: “The Bible a Dirty Word: A Biblical Study of Personhood & Care,” taught by Pastor Zach Parker and “Getting to Know COTR” (see below for details) taught by Pastor Steve. Mark your calendars and plan to come!

**GETTING TO KNOW COTR:** One of the SCR classes that will be offered this October is going to be “Getting to Know COTR” taught by Pastor Steve. Here are the topics that will be covered:

- October 2 – “Why do we worship like we do?”
- October 9 – “Why do we follow the Church calendar?”
- October 16 – “Why do the ministers wear robes and collars?”
- October 23 – “Why do we baptize babies?”
- October 30 – “Why do we observe the Lord Supper as we do?”

If you've had questions about why we do these things in the way we do them, this is the class for you! We encourage all our newer members as well as visitors to come to this class. Set aside your Wednesdays in October and get to know COTR better!

**FALL PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS:** Our Fall Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, October 14. Please check with your parish elder(s) for the time and place of your parish fellowship. These are not only fun times to be together but important times for us to get to know one another and encourage and exhort one another. Plan to attend your parish fellowship!

## CALENDAR

September 1 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.  
3 – RSA convocation, 7:00 p.m., Pastor Randy Booth speaking  
8 – Second Sunday, 6:00 p.m.  
Pizza fellowship, 7:00 p.m.  
13 – Renewal Center Lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.  
15 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.  
25 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
27 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

October 2 – Fall SCR classes begin, meal at 5:00 p.m., classes, 6:05 p.m.  
9 – Second SCR class, meal, 5:00 p.m., classes, 6:05 p.m.  
11 – Renewal Center Lunch  
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.  
13 – Parish Fellowships, no evening service  
15-16 – Wycliff Presbytery, Austin, Texas  
16 – Third SCR class, meal, 5:00 p.m., classes 6:05 p.m.  
23 – Fourth SCR class, meal, 5:00 p.m., classes 6:05 p.m.  
30 – Final SCR class, meal, 5:00 p.m., classes 6:05 p.m.

November 1 – All Saints Day celebration, 4:00 p.m.  
8 – Renewal Center Lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
10 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
28 – Happy Thanksgiving!

December 1 – First Sunday of Advent  
5 – Delta Youth Chorale concert, 7:00 p.m.  
8 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
13 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.

### NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

**Infant:** AM: Heidi Lang, Tara Maddox  
Floater: Madeliene Cross

**Toddler:** AM: Jeremy Cychosz Paul Gulette  
Floater: Arthur Richey

### NEXT WEEK:

Elisabeth Brown, Amanda Vaughan  
Annabelle Huber

Melissa Cross, Anna Dlugosh  
Spencer McBroom

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## THE LORD'S SERVICE

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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

# AUGUST 25, 2024

10:00AM MORNING SERVICE

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## THE LORD CALLS US TO DRAW NEAR

MINISTER: “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us worship God.”

† HYMN #70 *“Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”*

† 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: “Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,”

*Cong: “Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!”*

Minister: “Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.” *Amen.*

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

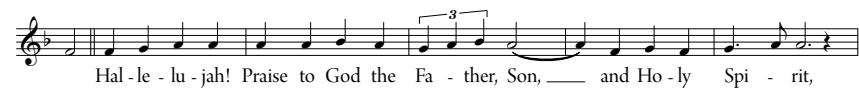
CONFESSION OF SINS:

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

*Cong: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before You our sinful natures and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, & in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins and for the sake of Your dear Son, grant that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of 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.”

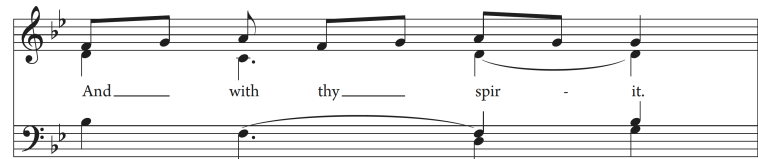


† OPENING ACCLAMATION:

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

*Congregation:*



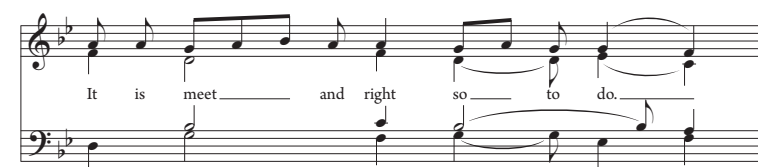
Minister: Lift up your hearts.

*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:”

†The Congregation will please stand

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #11 (SH) *“The Venite”*

## THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 29:9-19

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

*Cong: “Thanks be to God.”*

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 98

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:22-33

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

*Cong: “Thanks be to God.”*

† HYMN #176 (SH) *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

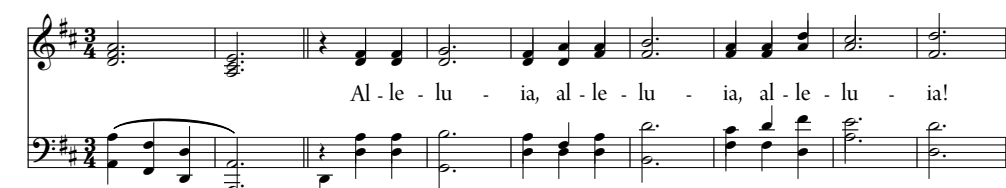
† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-13

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

*Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”*

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



† READING OF THE TEXT:

Proverbs 30:29-31

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*“Heralds of Blessing”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #483

*“Christian Dost Thou See Them”*

(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 #142 (SH) *“Advancing Still From Strength to Strength”*

† 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 #365 *“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”*

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