

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 are thankful to receive Mrs. Caroline Hill, wife of Dr. Lawrence Hill, into the membership of COTR. Please pray that the Lord will bless Mrs. Hill as she worships and serves Him here with us.

HOSPITALITY MEAL: We will again have our hospitality meal today after morning worship in the fellowship hall. If you have no plans for lunch, feel free to join some of our COTR families for a meal afterwards!

SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: We will have our "Second Sunday" service this evening with singing, prayer, and a brief study of our nation's history. AND REMEMBER, we have pizza afterwards! Make plans to come!

Wednesday-FALL SCR CLASSES BEGIN: Our Fall classes for SCR begin this Wednesday evening at 5:15 p.m. with a delicious light meal (\$6 per adult, \$4 per child - thanks to our guest chef, Micah McCoy) followed by the classes (at 6:15 p.m.). The classes for this Fall Session are, "Perspectives on Parenting" taught by Steve Wilkins and "Living Words: Reading Poetry & the Bible" taught by Remy Wilkins. Make plans to come for some great fellowship, food, and God willing, some helpful instruction.

Saturday-YOUTH DANCE: There will be a Youth Dance at All Saints Presbyterian Church in Ft. Worth, TX, this coming Saturday evening, September 17, from 5:30-9:00 p.m. Please see the note on the Realm for more information.

Next Sunday-HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: Our next High School Fellowship will be held next Sunday evening after our service in the fellowship hall. Food, fellowship, and great discussion led by Zach Parker. Make plans to come!

GENERAL:

BOOKS! BOOKS!! BOOKS!!! Here are the books available for this month:

The Ten Commandments by Peter Leithart - \$18.00
For All God's Worth by N. T. Wright - \$14.00
Great Stage of Fools by Peter Leithart - \$17.00

If you would like any (or all!) of these excellent books, please bring a check for the full amount of your order to the church office by Tuesday, September 20.

CONGRATULATIONS! We rejoice in the safe births of Nimue Odette Wilkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Wilkins and David Wayne Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Riley. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

UPCOMING:

WYCLIFF PRESBYTERY: Wycliff Presbytery will have its annual meeting Monday and Tuesday, September 19-20, in Grace Covenant Church in Nacogdoches. Please pray for God's blessing.

FALL PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: We will have our Fall Parish-wide fellowship meetings on Sunday afternoon and evening, October 9. Please check with your parish elder(s) for the time and place of your parish's meeting.

CALENDAR

September 11 - Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards
14 - SCR Fall Session, class #1
17 - Youth Dance, All Saints Presbyterian Church, Ft. Worth, TX
18 - High School Fellowship, after evening service
19-20 - Wycliff Presbytery meeting
21 - SCR Fall Session, class #2
22 - Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.
28 - SCR Fall Session, class #3

October 2 - High School Fellowship, after evening service
4 - Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
5 - SCR Fall Session, class #4
9 - Parish-wide Fellowship meetings
No evening service
12 - SCR Fall Session, class #5
14 - Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
16 - High School Fellowship, after evening service

November 1 - All Saints Day celebration
6 - High School Fellowship after evening service
11 - Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
13 - Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
20 - High School Fellowship after evening service
27 - First Sunday of Advent

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Jamie Cychosz, Esther Catledge
Floater: Gloria Cychosz

Toddler: AM: Aleta Eley, Emily Gautreaux
Floater: Adam Hilleke

NEXT WEEK:

Stephanie Gullette, Anna Beth Haisty
Amity Eley

Amy Hanson, Charity Jones
Miles Lang

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

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 #35 *“Immortal, Invisible”*

† 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: “O give thanks to the Lord for He is good”

Cong: “For His mercy endures forever.”

Minister: “Behold, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who by night stand in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

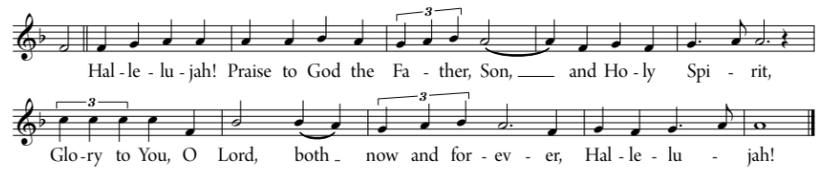
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before You our sinful natures—prone to evil and slothful in good—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. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins and for the sake of Your Son, grant that we may live in Your light & 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:



Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

Congregation:



And with thy spir-it.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

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

Congregation:



It is meet and right so to do.

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 #14 (SH) *“A Song of David”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-24

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 119:169-176

THE EPISTLE

1 Timothy 1: 5-17

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #77 (1st) *“The Lord’ My Shepherd”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

† READING OF THE TEXT: Colossians 3:12-17

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *“Life, Liberty, & Marriage: Facing Reality”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #626 *“Blest the Man That Fear Jehovah”*

(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 #115 *“None Other Lamb”*

† 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 #309 *“Jesus, Where’er Thy People Meet”*

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