

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 TODAY: We will again have our hospitality meal today after our morning service. If you have no plans for lunch, feel free to come!

MARCH FOR LIFE: The annual "March for Life" will be held this afternoon, beginning at 2:00 p.m. We will gather in the parking lot of First West prior to 2:00 and walk from there. Plan to participate if you're able.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: After evening worship this Sunday, we'll have another High School Fellowship in the fellowship hall beginning at 7:15. Plan to come!

Tuesday--SESSION MEETING: Our Session will have their regular monthly meeting this Tuesday evening at 6:30. Please pray for God's blessing upon our elders as they meet together.

GENERAL:

THANK YOU! Thanks to everyone who helped out with our 2023 Christendom Lectures. Special thanks to Jackie Peacock, Zach Parker, Jarrod Richey, and Braden Smith for scheduling, arranging, preparing, communicating, executing, technical assistance, and everything else that was necessary and vital for our conference to succeed. And thanks to all who helped Jackie (among them, Brenda Turner, Tara Maddox, Sandy Lizenby, and JoAnn Causey), and those who assisted Zach, Jarrod, and Braden to pull this off so smoothly and well. The Lord blessed your efforts to those who attended, and we are grateful for your sacrificial service!

UPCOMING:

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: The next Ladies' Bible Study will be Tuesday evening, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. We will conclude the study of Hebrews 11.

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION: We will mark the end of Epiphany with our annual Shrove Tuesday celebration, Tuesday, February 21. Mark your calendars!

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE: Again this year we'll begin our observance of the season of Lent with a noon prayer service here in the sanctuary. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RENEWAL: We will again have our Spring School of Cultural Renewal in March during the five Wednesday evenings of Lent beginning March 1. Make plans to come. We'll be announcing the classes soon.

CALENDAR

January 15 – March for Life, 2:00 p.m.
High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m. fellowship hall
17 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.

February 7 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
10 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
12 – Second Sunday service
21 – Shrove Tuesday celebration
22 – Ash Wednesday Prayer service, 12:00 p.m.
26 – First Sunday in Lent

March 1 – Lenten Prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
7 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., choir room
8 – Lenten prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
10 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
12 – Second Sunday service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
15 – Lenten prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
22 – Lenten prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
29 – Lenten prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.

April 2 – Palm Sunday
4 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., choir room
7 – Good Friday service, 6:00 p.m.
9 – Easter Sunday
14 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

JANUARY 15, 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 #12 *“Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”*

† 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 has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations.”

Cong: “And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God”

Minister: “And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious.” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

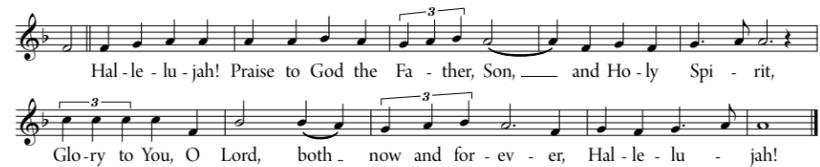
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against You and against one another in what we have done and what we have left undone. We confess that in Jesus our light has come, yet we have often departed from His ways and ignored His truth. Forgive our sins and deliver us from all the remnants of darkness which shroud our lives. Illumine us by Your Word that we may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory and be confirmed in the ways of life and light for the honor of Your holy Son, Jesus, 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.”

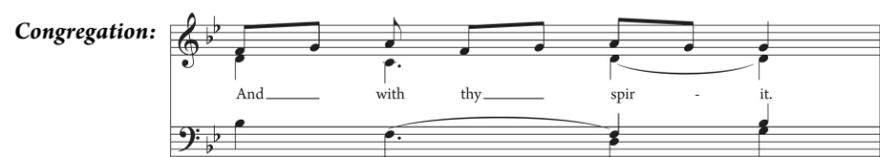
† OPENING ACCLAMATION:



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!

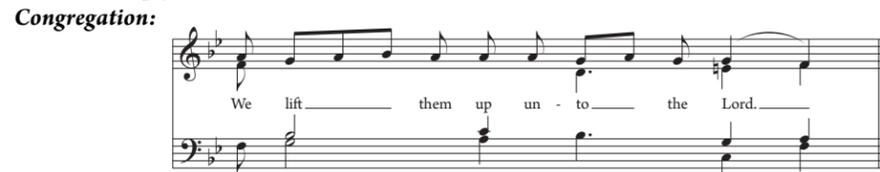
† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

Congregation: 

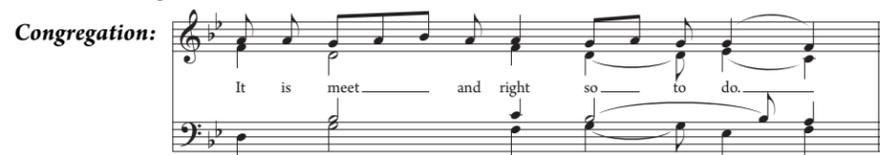
And with thy spir-it.

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 #6 (SH) *“Te Deum”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 40:1-11

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

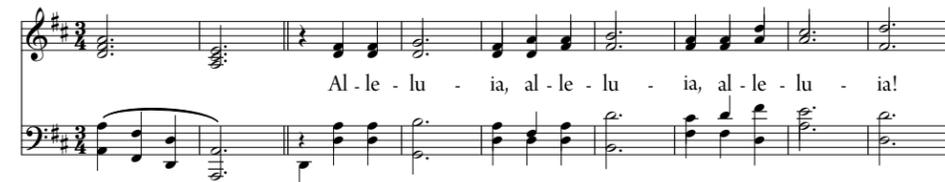
† HYMN #174 *“Praise the Savior Now and Ever”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL John 1:29–42

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!

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *“The Lamb of God”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #123 *“The People that in Darkness Sat”*

(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 #43 (SH) *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

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