

## 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 have our weekly hospitality meal today in the fellowship hall after our morning service. If you have no plans for lunch, feel free to join some of our COTR families for some great food and fellowship.

**Tuesday--MEN'S BOOK STUDY:** The bi-monthly men's book study will be held this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chris Pryor home, 3808 Scenic Dr, Monroe. If you have any questions, you can contact Shelby Maddox (318-237-3109) or Aaron Booth (318-557-6116).

**NO LADIES' BIBLE STUDY:** The monthly Ladies' Bible Study has to be postponed again. Lord willing, we'll be able to resume the first Tuesday in May.

**Friday--GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** We will again have our Good Friday service, this coming Friday, April 7, at 6:00 p.m.

**FIRST FRIDAY YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP:** The Young Adult fellowship will be held after our Good Friday service at the Langs' home at 2144 Maywood Drive in Monroe. All college-age young people are welcome to come. Make plans to come for a meal, a great time of discussion and fellowship.

**Next Sunday--EASTER SUNDAY:** Next Sunday we will celebrate the resurrection of our Savior in our morning service. PLEASE NOTE: We will not have our evening service next Sunday.

### GENERAL:

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to everyone who made a Spring SCR a success. Special thanks to Jarrod Richey and Zach Parker for teaching our classes and to Micah McCoy for preparing the tremendous meals each week. Mark your calendars for our Fall session of SCR now!

### UPCOMING:

**MONROE SYMPHONY CONCERT FEATURING THE DYC:** The Monroe Symphony will hold its Spring concert, conducted by John Hodges, here at COTR, on Saturday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. The concert will feature our 2nd-6th grade Delta Youth Chorale singers. Mark your calendars so that you don't miss it!

**THEOPOLIS PSALM COURSE:** On April 21st and 22nd, instruction on how to sing the Psalms will be provided by Paul Buckley and Brian Moats. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. each morning and conclude at 8:00 p.m. each evening. You can register online with the cost of \$10 per individual and \$15 per family. This is an amazing opportunity to learn more of the importance of singing God's hymns and how it may be done properly. If you have questions, contact Zach Parker.

## CALENDAR

April 2 – Palm Sunday  
4 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.  
7 – Good Friday service, 6:00 p.m.  
9 – Easter Sunday  
    No evening service  
14 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
15 – Delta Youth Chorale/Monroe Symphony Concert, 7:00 p.m.  
17 – Men's book study, 7:00 p.m.  
21 – Theopolis Psalm Course beginning at 8:00 a.m.  
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25 – Ad Hoc meeting of Wycliffe Presbytery, 9:00 a.m.  
    at COTR

May 1 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.  
5 – First Friday Young Adult fellowship, 7:00 p.m.  
7 – Spring Parish-wide fellowship meetings  
    No evening service  
12 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
13 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
    Pizza supper afterwards  
15 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.  
28 – Pentecost Sunday  
    Pentecost feast, 4:00 p.m.  
    No evening service

### NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

**Infant:** AM: Anna Pryor, Sarah Richey  
    Floater: Laura Belle Hilleke

**Toddler:** AM: Caroline Seal, Rachel Huber  
    Floater: Miles Lang

### NEXT WEEK:

Savannah Riley, Joanna Gunter  
Emmalyne Eley

Kaitlyn Rockett, Amy Booth  
Parker Hanson

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## THE LORD'S SERVICE

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PSALM SUNDAY

# APRIL 2, 2023

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 #173 *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

† 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: “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.”

**Cong: “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest”**

Minister: “I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations. For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, and Your truth unto the clouds.” **Amen.**

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

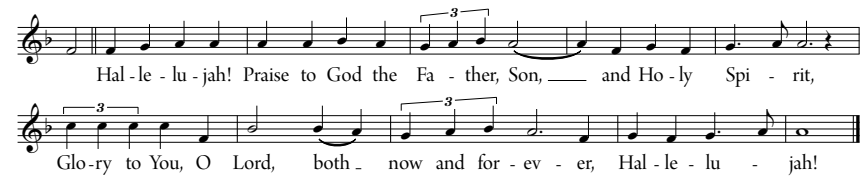
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

**Cong: Most gracious God, we confess that we have not loved You fervently nor loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not done justly, loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from all our sins. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and sustain us with a willing spirit, for the sake of Your Son, 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.”

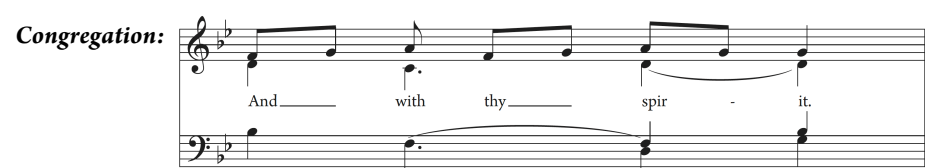
† OPENING ACCLAMATION:



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 #9 (SH) *“Christ Our Passover”*

## THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 50:1-9

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

**Cong: “Thanks be to God.”**

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 118

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

**Cong: “Thanks be to God.”**

† HYMN #129 (SH) *“The Lord is King of Earth’s Domain”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL John 12:12-19

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 Wicked Prevail No One”*

Mr. Zach Parker

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #45 (SH) *“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”*

(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 #141 *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

† 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 #359

*“Twas on that Night”*

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