

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-SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: This morning we rejoice to have the baptism of Lena Pearl Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zach Parker. Please pray that Lena will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY: We will again have a hospitality meal after our morning service today, in the fellowship hall. All are invited to join some of our COTR families for a great time of food and fellowship.

NO HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP THIS EVENING: Mr. Parker has to be out of town this evening so we will postpone our High School Fellowship till the evening of the 18th.

Tuesday-LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: We will have one last Ladies' Bible Study for 2022, this Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. All ladies are invited to attend.

Friday-RENEWAL CENTER LUNCH: We will again be serving lunch at the Renewal Center, this Friday, beginning at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to help prepare food, please contact the church office.

GENEVA ACADEMY'S "GOLDEN APPLES" DRAMA CLUB: The "Golden Apples" drama club, directed by Zach Parker, will be performing "Shakespeare's Super Snowy Seasonal Sleigh Ride Stage Show" this Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Geneva Theatre. There is no charge (though donations are welcome). Plan to come!

Saturday-"GOLDEN APPLES" DRAMA CLUB: The "Golden Apples" drama club, will again perform "Shakespeare's Super Snowy Seasonal Sleigh Ride Stage Show" at 4:00 p.m. in the Geneva Theatre. Free of charge (donations welcome). Don't miss it!

Next Sunday-SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: We will have our "Second Sunday" service next Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. with a time of congregational singing and prayer as well as a brief study. Come and join us!

UPCOMING:

DELTA YOUTH CHORALE WINTER CONCERT: The Delta Youth Chorale will hold its Winter Concert, Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary. Make plans to come!

GLORIA SANCTA 9: The Ninth annual Gloria Sancta conference will be held January 4-7, 2023, at the Timberline Camp and Conference Center, Lindale, TX. The conference is for young adults, ages 18-30, who have graduated from high school. The cost is \$230 per person and **the deadline for registration is December 19.** Online registration is now open at: www.gloriasancta.org.

2023 CHRISTENDOM LECTURES: Our 2023 Christendom Lectures are set for January 9-11, 2023 and will feature talks by Pastor Duane Garner (of Cary, North Carolina); Mr. Mark Horne (of St. Louis, Missouri), and Dr. Micah Mattix of Lynchburg, VA. COTR members may attend these lectures free of charge, **BUT you must register.** Go online and register today!

CALENDAR

December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent
6 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., choir room
9 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Golden Apples' play, 7:00 p.m.
10 – Golden Apples' play, 4:00 p.m.
11 – Third Sunday of Advent
Second Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.
15 – Delta Youth Choral Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.
16 – Psalm sing at the McCoy's, 6:30 p.m.
18 – Last Sunday of Advent
20 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
23 – Psalm sing at the Thomas Hillekes', 6:30 p.m.
24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.
25 – The Feast of the Nativity. Merry Christmas!
No evening service
30 – Christmastide Dance, 6:30 p.m., fellowship hall

January 1 – The Feast of Christ's Circumcision, Happy New Year!
4-7 – Gloria Sancta 9
8 – Second Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.
9-11 – 2023 Christendom Lectures
13 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Connie Merritt, Amity Eley
Floater: Maggie Myers

Toddler: AM: Anna Pryor, Sarah Richey
Floater: Hayes Merritt

NEXT WEEK:

Darren Dlugosh, Paul Gullette
Brode Huber

Aleta Eley, Emily Gautreaux
Bryce Lizenby

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 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 #41 (SH) *“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”*

† 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 He that comes in the name of the Lord.”

Cong: “Hosanna in the highest.”

Minister: “O Jerusalem, you who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

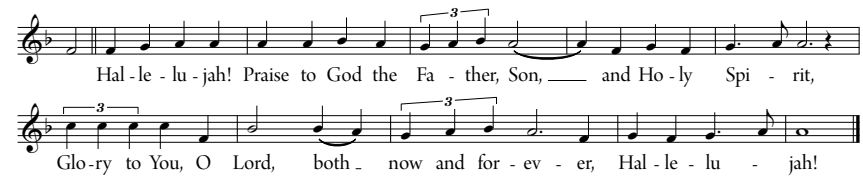
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You, through ingratitude, disobedience, & hardness of heart. We have not heeded the warnings of Your prophets & apostles nor lived as those who await the appearing of Your Son. We have loved the world & the things of the world, & have not sought Your Kingdom and righteousness. Wherefore we beg You, be merciful to us. Forgive us for our sins & deliver us from all evil & the evil one & lead us in the ways of righteousness & peace, through 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.



Minister: Lift up your hearts.



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



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 #3 (SH) *“Magnificat”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1-7

THE EPISTLE

Romans 15:4-13

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #239 *“The Mighty God, the Lord”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *“The Blessings of the Branch of Jesse”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #55 (SH) *“Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying”*

(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 #235 *“Thou Art Coming, O My Savior”*

† 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 #31 (SH) *“Arise, Sons of the Kingdom”*

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