

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: After our service this morning we will have our regular "Hospitality" meal in the fellowship hall. If you have no plans for lunch, feel free to join some of our COTR families for a great time of food and fellowship.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: High School Fellowship will be held tonight after our evening service at 7:15. All our High School students are welcome to attend!

Monday-MEN'S BOOK STUDY: The men's book study will be held tomorrow evening, in the home of Josh and Melissa Cross, 2102 Redwood Drive, at 7:00 p.m. All men are invited to attend.

Tuesday-SESSION MEETING: The elders will have their regular, monthly meeting this Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. Please pray that the Lord will grant wisdom to our elders as they meet together.

Wednesday-FALL SESSION OF SCR: Our Fall classes of the School of Cultural Restoration will begin this Wednesday, September 20. We will have two classes offered: Zach Parker will be teaching a class on "Why Read Fiction" and Steve will be teaching a class on "The Meaning & Purpose of our Liturgy." We will begin with a meal, catered by our official SCR Chef, Micah McCoy, at 5:15 and classes will follow at 6:05 p.m. Our fall classes will meet this Wednesday and the following Wednesdays - October 4, 11, 18, and 25 (no meeting on Wednesday, September 27 since this is the week of the CREC Council). Plan to come!

Friday-LOTUS INSTITUTE: This coming Friday at noon, Steve will be speaking at the Lotus Club for their "Lotus Institute." The talk will be on the importance of history for our future. Lunch is \$10 per person.

FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY: Our Fridays with Flannery meetings continue this coming Friday beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing the story, "The River." Make plans to join us!

Next Sunday-DR. JOHN HODGES TEACHING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: Next Sunday, we'll have the privilege of having Dr. John Hodges teaching in our Adult Sunday School class. The class will begin in the fellowship hall at 8:50 a.m. Be sure to be here!

UPCOMING:

CREC 2023 COUNCIL MEETING: The 2023 CREC Council meeting will convene on Monday evening, September 25, in Moscow, Idaho. Ed Lang will be COTR's representative at this year's council and Pastor Zach Parker will be visiting. Please pray for God's blessing upon our denomination during this meeting.

YOUTH DANCE: Young people (ages 13 to 19) are invited to a folk dance on Saturday, October 14, from 4-7:30 p.m. at All Saints Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, Texas. Dinner will be provided following the dance, and everyone will be cleaning up the fellowship hall so that it's ready for Church service the next day. If you're interested in going to the dance and/or plan to attend worship the next day, please email Sophia Robinson at sophia@barzillai.farm so that the folks in Ft. Worth can plan for you.

CALENDAR

September 17 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
18 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
19 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
20 – Fall SCR, meal 5:15, class 6:05 p.m.
22 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
24 – Dr. John Hodges teaching in Sunday school, 8:50 a.m.
25-27 – CREC Council Meeting

October 1 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
2 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
4 – Fall SCR, meal 5:15, class 6:05 p.m.
6 – First Friday Young Adult Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
8 – Parish-wide fellowship meetings,
No evening service
11 – Fall SCR, meal 5:15, class 6:05 p.m.
13 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
14 – Monroe Symphony Concert, 7:00 p.m.
Youth Dance in Ft. Worth, TX, 4:00-7:30 p.m.
15 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
16 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
18 – Fall SCR, meal 5:15, class 6:05 p.m.
27 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Stephanie Gulette, Anna Beth Haisty
Floater: Amity Eley

Toddler: AM: Amy Hanson, Charity Jones
Floater: Miles Lang

NEXT WEEK:

Rebekah Landry, Jenni Maney
Molly Kate Eley

Matt Wilkins, Robbie McBroom
Parker Hanson

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 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 #132 *“Wondrous King, All Glorious”*

† 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: ““This is the day which the Lord hath made.”

Cong: “Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Minister: *“The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him” Amen.*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

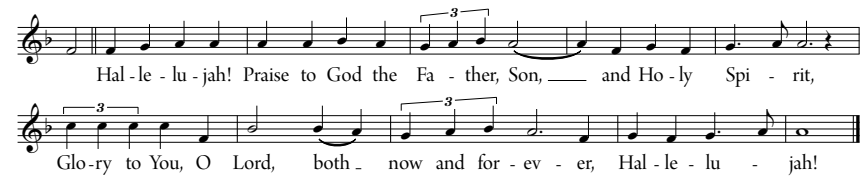
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty God, we implore Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow man. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit and mediation 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.”

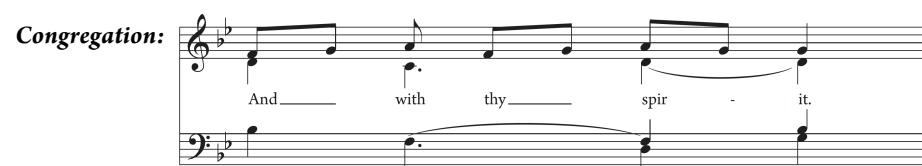
† OPENING ACCLAMATION:



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

Genesis 50:15-21

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 149

THE EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #219 *“Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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:

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Ten Words: *“Words of Life”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #263

“The Heav’ns Declare Thy Glory, Lord”

(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 #259

“Father of Mercies, in Thy Word”

† 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 #160 (SH) *“Before Thee Let My Cry Come Near”*

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