

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–WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: We rejoice this morning to welcome into the membership of COTR, Mr. And Mrs. Wayne Walters. The Walters come to us by way of transfer of their membership from Woodland Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Please pray that the Lord will bless the Walters as they worship and serve the Lord with us here!

HOSPITALITY MEAL: Our weekly “hospitality meal” will be today after our morning service in the fellowship hall. If you have no plans for lunch, you are invited to join some of our COTR families for a great time of food and fellowship.

Wednesday–WINTER SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION: Our Winter SCR classes will begin this Wednesday evening, January 29. We’ll have a light supper (prepared by our SCR Chef, Mrs. Micah McCoy, \$6 per adult, \$4 per child) at 5:00 p.m. and we’ll begin our classes at 6:05 so that we can be finished by 7:00. **Deadline to sign up for meals is tomorrow! Don’t forget.**

This session we’re offering two classes for you to choose from:

Class #1 “Kicking Back: Moby Dick and the Problem of Evil” taught by Zach Parker (meeting in the choir room) and

Class #2 “Getting to Know COTR” (meeting in the sanctuary) where we’ll talk about why we do what we do here at Church of the Redeemer. Our first topic is “Why do we worship like we do?” This class is especially for new and prospective members and designed to answer some of the questions you may have about COTR.

Classes for the Winter session will be held each Wednesday beginning this coming Wednesday, January 29, and running through Wednesday, February 26. Plan to join us this Wednesday!

UPCOMING!

RSA PREVIEW WEEKEND: Redeemer School of the Arts is planning its second “RSA Preview” weekend for the weekend of February 7-9. Please pray for God’s blessing.

FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY: Our February “Fridays with Flannery” meeting will be held Friday, February 7, in the home of Adam and Charity Jones (2722 Point Drive). We will be discussing the story, “An Afternoon in the Woods.” Fellowship begins at 7:00 with the discussion following at 7:15. Mark your calendars and plan to come!

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION: Our annual Shrove Tuesday celebration will be held on Tuesday, March 4. Beginning at 5:00 p.m. This is always a highlight in our years so plan to come and join in the fun.

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER: Again this year we will begin the season of Lent with a noon time prayer service to be held in our sanctuary. This is a great way to begin our observance of the season of preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection. Plan to come.

CALENDAR

January 29 – Winter School of Cultural Restoration begins
Meal, 5:00; classes, 6:05 p.m.

February 5 – Winter SCR, session #2
Meal, 5:00, classes, 6:05 p.m.
7 – RSA Preview Weekend
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
9 – Parish Fellowship meetings,
No Evening service
12 – Winter SCR, session #3
Meal, 5:00, classes, 6:05 p.m.
14 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
19 – Winter SCR, session #4
Meal, 5:00, classes 6:05 p.m.
20 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.
26 – Winter SCR, session #5
Meal 5:00, classes 6:05 p.m.

March 4 – Shrove Tuesday Celebration, 5:00 p.m.
5 – Ash Wednesday noon prayer service, 12:05 p.m.
9 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards
14 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.

April 11 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
13 – Second Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards
18 – Good Friday service, 6:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Connie Merritt, Megan Wilkins
Floater: Annabelle Huber

Toddler: AM: Cameron Lang, Paul McCoy
Floater: Ben Hilleke

NEXT WEEK:

Elisabeth Brown, Sarah Richey
Kathryn Cross

Emily Gautreaux, Amy Hanson
Oz Wilkins

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THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

JANUARY 26, 2025

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 #50 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

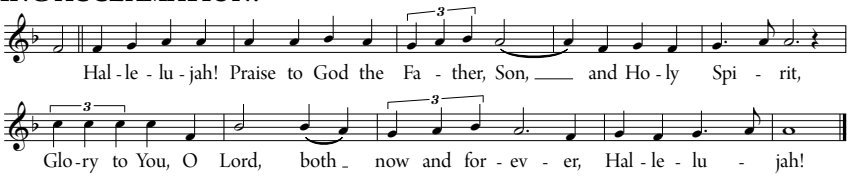
† SALUTATION:
Minister: “Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.”
Cong: “And with your spirit”
Minister: “You, Lord, are full of light,”
Cong: “More majestic than the mountains of prey.”
Minister: “At Your rebuke, God of Jacob, stupefied are both chariot and horse. You, terrifying are You! And who may stand in Your face; Your wrath is from of old. From the heavens you pronounced sentence—earth was terrified and still, at the rising of God to judgment, to save all the oppressed of the land. For the wrath of man praises You; the remainder of wrath girds You. Make vows to Yahweh your God and pay them; let all those around bring offerings to Him who ought to be feared.” Amen.

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

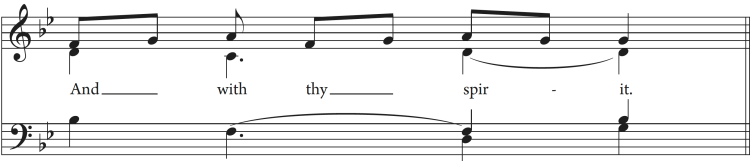
CONFESSION OF SINS:
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”
Cong: Almighty God, we have sinned against You and against one another in what we have done and what we have left undone. We confess that in Jesus our light has come, yet we have often departed from His ways and ignored His truth. Be pleased O God, to forgive our sins and remove from us 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:



† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):
Minister: The Lord be with You.
Congregation:



Minister: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation:



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



†The Congregation will please stand

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 saying:”

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #6 (SH) “Te Deum”

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON Nehemiah 8:1-10
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM Psalm 72

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #131 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13
Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”
Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”



† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:
† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “If God is Sovereign, Why Pray?” Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #174 “Praise the Savior Now and Ever”
(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 #390 “Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted”

† 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 #271 “How Sweet and Awful is the Place”
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

†The Congregation will please stand