

## 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 a “Hospitality Meal” today after our morning service. If you have no plans for lunch, you are welcome to join some of our COTR families in the fellowship hall for a great time of food and fellowship.

**HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP:** We will have our bi-monthly High School Fellowship tonight after our evening worship at 7:15. All High Schoolers are invited so make plans to come!

**Monday–MEN’S BOOK STUDY:** The Men’s Book Study will meet one last time (for this year) tomorrow evening at 7:00, in the home of Aaron and Amy Booth, 3309 Montaigne Pl. to finish up *The Age of Entitlement*. Plan to come!

**Thursday–HAPPY THANKSGIVING:** May the Lord grant you a glorious Thanksgiving Day, filled with gratitude, joy, and great food!

**Next Sunday–HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP:** Next Sunday evening after our evening service we will again have our High School Fellowship, beginning at 7:15 p.m. All our high school students are invited to come!

### UPCOMING

**MAKERS MARKET:** The Winter Makers Market will be held Friday, December 1, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. here at COTR. Plan to come!

**DYC WINTER CONCERT:** The Delta Youth Chorale will be giving its winter concert on Thursday, December 7, here at COTR. Mark your calendars and prepare for some great music!

**FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY:** We’ve had to change our normal meeting time (to avoid a conflict with other activities) from the second Friday in December to the first Friday in December (December 1). We’ll be meeting in the home of Scott and Amanda Jane Vaughn and we’ll be discussing the story “A Stroke of Good Fortune.” This will be our only FWF in the month of December, so make plans to join us!

**CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE:** We will again have our “Lessons & Carols” service on Sunday evening, December 24, here in the sanctuary. Make plans to come!

**GLORIA SANCTA X:** Registration is now open for Gloria Sancta X which will be held January 3-6, at Timberline Camp and Conference Center, in Lindale, Texas. All unmarried adults ages 18-28, are invited to attend. Mark your calendars so that you don’t miss this outstanding conference.

**2024 CHRISTENDOM LECTURES:** Our 2024 Christendom Lectures will be held January 8-10, 2024. Our speakers this year are Joe Rigney (professor, New Saint Andrews College), Vishal Mangalwadi (founder-president of BOMI/Revelation Movement). This year we will have breakout sessions on music Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon being led by John Hodges (director for the Center for Western Studies in Memphis, Tennessee), Scott Aniol (executive vice president of G3 Ministries), Jarrod Richey, and Glen Warner as well as a folk dance Wednesday evening. It’s going to be a great event. COTR members may attend for free BUT YOU MUST REGISTER! The deadline for registration is Friday, December 15.

## CALENDAR

November 19 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.  
22 – Happy Thanksgiving!

December 1 – Maker’s Market, 3:00-7:00 p.m.  
College and Career Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.  
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.  
3 – First Sunday of Advent  
High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.  
7 – DYC Concert, 7:00 p.m.  
8 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
10 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
13 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
17 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.  
24 – Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service, 6:00 p.m.  
25 – Merry Christmas!  
31 – Mr. Will Gunter preaching, 6:00 p.m.

January 3-6 – Gloria Sancta X, Lindale, TX  
8-10 – 2024 Christendom Lectures  
12 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
13 – Youth Dance at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL  
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
26 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

### NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

**Infant:** AM: Shannon Trisler, Abby McCarty  
Floater: Ellie Amos

**Toddler:** AM: Jeremy Cychosz, Shelby Maddox  
Floater: Carson McBroom

### NEXT WEEK:

Tammy Seal, Jamie Cychosz  
Maggie Myers

Will Gunter, Luke Trisler  
Miles Lang

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## THE LORD’S SERVICE

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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# NOVEMBER 19, 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 #161 (SH) *"I was Glad to Hear Them Saying"*

† 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: "Praise the Lord."

**Cong: "The Lord's name be praised."**

Minister: "Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious." **Amen.**

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

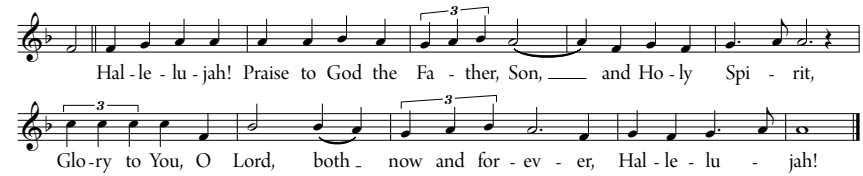
Minister: "Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God"

**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:

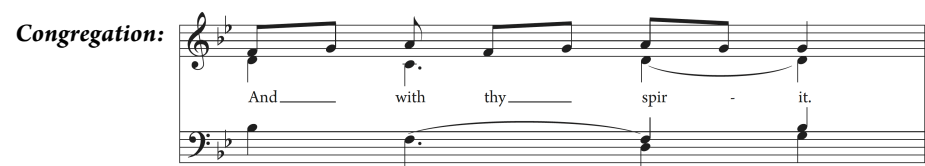
Minister: "Arise and hear the good news of God's forgiveness: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

† OPENING ACCLAMATION:



† 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 #15 *"A Song of Praise"*

## THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Zephaniah 1:7-16

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

**Cong: "Thanks be to God."**

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 20

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

**Cong: "Thanks be to God."**

† HYMN #195 (SH) *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Minister: "The Gospel of our Lord."

**Cong: "Praise be to You, O Christ."**

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



† READING OF THE TEXT:

John 15:18-25 & Matthew 5:10-12

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

**The Beatitudes: "Blessed Are Those Who are Persecuted"**

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #184 (SH)

*"If God is on Our Side"*

(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 #163 (SH)

*"Let Israel Now Say"*

† 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 #188 (SH) *"Jesus With Thy Church Abide"*

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