

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–THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We rejoice this morning to have the baptism of Jovi Estell Merritt, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Will Merritt. Please pray that Jovi will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: After our evening service this evening, high schoolers are invited to meet in the fellowship hall for a meal and a movie. In keeping with the church season of Epiphanytide, we'll be watching the movie *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*.

Wednesday–SESSION MEETING: The elders will hold their regular monthly meeting this coming Wednesday evening at 6:30, please pray for God’s blessing upon our elders as they meet together.

Thursday—GENEVA ACADEMY PARENT ACADEMY: Christine Norvell will be speaking Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. as part of Geneva Academy’s Parent Academy Series. She will explore how C.S. Lewis describes formative processes such as unlearning, irrigating, knowing less, stirring the imagination, and cultivating humility across his fiction and nonfiction. Mrs. Norvell earned her MA in Humanities from Faulkner University’s Great Books program and is a veteran classical Christian educator and administrator, having taught most recently in Oklahoma and Arkansas. All are welcome.

UPCOMING:

WINTER PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: Our Winter Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, February 8, in various locations. Please check with your parish elder(s) for the time and place of your parish fellowship. **Because of our fellowship meetings, we will not have our regular evening service on the 8th.**

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION: Our Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner and talent show will be on Tuesday, February 17. This is always a great time so mark your calendars and plan to be here!

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE: We will again begin the Lenten season with a noon prayer meeting on Ash Wednesday. Our service will begin at 12:05 here in the sanctuary. Make plans to come.

SPRING SCR CLASSES: Our Spring School for Cultural Restoration will begin on Wednesday, March 4 and run through Wednesday, April 1. Pastor Zach Parker will be teaching a class on Art and Beauty ("You are Altogether Beautiful, My Love': Art and Christian Aesthetics”) and Pastor Steve will be teaching a class on creation (“The Earth is the Lord’s”). Once again Mrs. Micah McCoy will be our chef for our meals each Wednesday – so you won’t want to miss it. Make plans to join us for our Spring 2026 School of Cultural Restoration.

GOLDEN APPLES DRAMA CLUB: The Golden Apples Drama Club began rehearsing for an original production of C. S. Lewis’ story, *The Magician’s Nephew*. The play will be performed March 20-21 here at Church of the Redeemer, in the music theater. If you want to learn more about the drama club, see Amy Higginbotham (director), Emily Hilleke (assistant director), or Megan Wilkins (consulting director).

CALENDAR

January 18 – High School Fellowship after evening worship
21 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

February 1 – High School Fellowship after evening worship
8 – Winter Parish-wide fellowship meetings, no evening service
15 – High School Fellowship after evening service
17 – Shrove Tuesday celebration
18 – The Season of Lent begins
Ash Wednesday noon Prayer Service

March 1 – High School fellowship after evening worship
4 – Spring SCR Classes begin, meal at 5:00 and classes at 6:05
8 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
11 – Session #2 of Spring SCR classes
15 – High School fellowship after evening worship
18 – Session #3 of Spring SCR classes
25 – Session #4 of Spring SCR classes

April 1 – Session #5 of Spring SCR classes
3 – Good Friday service, 6:00 p.m.
5 – Happy Easter!
12 – Parish-wide fellowship meetings
No evening service
19 – High School Fellowship after evening worship
20-21 – Wycliff Presbytery, Ft. Worth, Texas

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Jamie Cychosz, Joanna Gunter
Floater: Grace Barnes

Toddler: AM: Emily Hilleke, Amity Eley
Floater: Henry Booth

NEXT WEEK:

Sarah Freeland, Megan Wilkins
Annabelle Huber

Cameron Lang, Paul McCoy
Spencer McBroom

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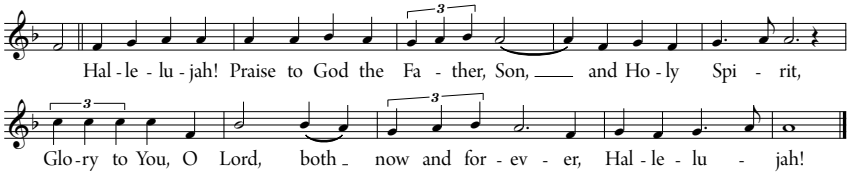
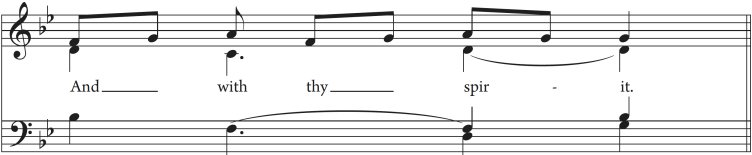





THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 2026

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: “Let them rejoice and be glad in You,”	
Cong: “All those who seek you!”	
Minister: “For You Yourself are my hope, my Master; Yahweh, my confidence from my youth. Upon You I leaned from the womb; From the belly of my mother it was You who separated me; In You is my praise continually. As a wonder I was to the many; And You are my strong refuge. May my mouth be filled with Your praise; All the day, with Your beauty.” Amen.	
THE LORD CLEANSES 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	
Isaiah 49:1-7	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”	
CONGREGATIONAL PSALM	
Psalm 98	
THE EPISTLE	
1 Corinthians 1:1-9	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”	
+ HYMN #175 (SH)	
“All Glory Be to God on High”	
+ READING OF THE GOSPEL	
John 1:29-42	
Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.	
Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”	
+ THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA	
	
+READING OF THE TEXT:	
Psalm 24	
SERMON	
“The King of Glory”	
Pastor Steve Wilkins	
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION	
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY #122	
“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”	
(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 #381	
“All Lands, to God in Joyful Sounds”	
+ 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 #432	
Thanksgiving for the Wine	
Passing the peace of Christ	
“Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners”	
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 (Insert).	
“Nunc Dimittis” (Vickers)	
+ BENEDICTION	
+ THREE-FOLD AMEN	
†The Congregation will please stand	