

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 A NEW MEMBER: We rejoice this morning to welcome into the membership of COTR, Mr. Jonathan McCann. Jonathan met with our elders this past Wednesday evening and was received into our membership by profession of faith. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless Jonathan as he worships and serves Him with us here.

Thursday-DYC CONCERT & GENEVA ACADEMY ART SHOW: The Delta Youth Chorale will hold its Spring concert, this coming Thursday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. Once again the DYC concert will be held in conjunction with the annual Geneva Academy Art Show ("Slaying the Dragon"), from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. These two events are always a great treat so make plans to come and enjoy great music and great art all in one place!

Next Sunday-SPRING PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: Don't forget! We will have our Spring Parish-wide Fellowship meetings, in the afternoon and evening of next Sunday, May 3. Check with your parish elders for the place and time for your parish fellowship!

UPCOMING:

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY: Each year we recognize our graduating high school seniors and we will do that again on Sunday evening, May 10, during our "Second Sunday" service. Please plan to come to congratulate our graduating seniors and pray for God's blessing upon them as they transition into a new stage of life.

SUMMER SANCTUS 2026: Summer Sanctus will be held June 8-11, at the Timberline Baptist Camp & Conference Center, Lindale, Texas. Please pray for God's blessing upon this conference.

ATHANASIUS PRESS BOOKSTORE: Don't forget that the AP bookstore offers you the best in theological reading and study – including Jeff Meyers' latest Answers in a Hour book, *What Did God Promise to the Jews?* This amazing book can be yours for only \$8.00. Come to the church office to get your copy and to see all the other books you need in your library!

IMAGO DEI ART CAMP: The first annual Imago Dei Art Camp will be held the last week in July (July 27-31). All high school aged students (13-18) will be able to participate in a variety of visual art projects (which will include painting, drawing, print making, calligraphy, and more!), culminating in the Imago Market and the Collective Showcase. Registration fee is \$200 (which includes supplies) and is limited to 50 students – so register today!

CALENDAR

April 30 – DYC Spring Concert and
2026 Geneva Academy Art Show

May 3 – Parish-wide fellowship meetings
No evening service
10 – Congregational meeting to elect new officers
Second Sunday service
Senior recognition, 6:00 p.m.
14 – Redeemer School of the Arts Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
15 – Geneva Academy Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
30 – Trisler-Plyter Wedding
31 – Ordination and Installation Service for new officers

June 8-11 – Summer Sanctus 2026
14 – Second Sunday
Pizza afterwards
15-20 – 2026 Jubilate Deo Music Camp

July 4 – Independence Day.
10 – Moreau-Clarke Wedding
27-31 – Imago Dei Art Camp

August 1 – Imago Market and Showcase

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Natalie Frazier, Jenni Maney
Floater: Madeleine Cross

Toddler: AM: Amy Hanson, Rebekah Landry
Floater: Tyler Cychosz

NEXT WEEK:

Sarah Freeland, Amy Higginbotham
Annabelle Huber

Robbie McBroom, Nicholas Dlugosh
Beau Asher

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 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: “Alleluia! Christ is risen,”

Cong: *“The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!”*

Minister: *“As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will rise up over the dust. Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet in my flesh I shall behold God, Whom I myself shall behold, And whom my eyes will see and not another.” Amen.*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

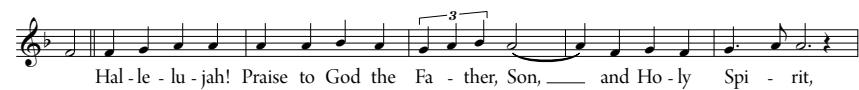
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: *Almighty God, who has brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ; we confess that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace. We have not believed Your promises, nor heeded Your Word. We have forgotten the glad tidings of our Savior’s victory over death and have neglected the things that belong to our peace. Forgive us and cleanse us from all our sins, and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. 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 #4 (SH) *“Gloria in Excelsis”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: *“Thanks be to God.”*

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 118:1, 19-29

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:19-25

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: *“Thanks be to God.”*

† HYMN #50

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-10

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.

Cong: *“Praise be to You, O Christ.”*

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA



SERMON

“Blessings or Burdens?”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #270

“The Church’s One Foundation”

(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 (Insert)

“The King of Love, My Shepherd Is”

† 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 #427 (1st)

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

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 (Insert)

“Nunc Dimittis” (Vickers)

† BENEDICTION

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

† HYMN #501

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

†The Congregation will please stand