

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: All high school age students are invited to a meal, book study, and time of pray and singing in the Fellowship Hall following the evening service.

Friday-RENEWAL CENTER LUNCH: Once again this coming Friday, we'll be serving lunch at the Renewal Center at 11:30 a.m. If you are able and willing to assist in food preparation, please let Jackie know by email or through the Realm. Thank you for your help!

FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY: We will have our first "Fridays With Flannery" for February, this coming Friday, at 7:00 p.m., in the home of Scott and Amanda Jane Vaughan (2502 Pargoud Blvd.). We'll be discussing the story "The Comforts of Home." Come and join us!

Next Sunday-PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: Our Spring "Parish-wide" fellowship meetings will be held next Sunday, February 11, in the afternoon and evening. Please check with your parish elder/elders for the time and location of your parish fellowship.

UPCOMING:

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION: This year's Shrove Tuesday celebration will be Tuesday, February 13. Once again we'll have pancakes galore as well as many other breakfast delights and a great time of entertainment after our feast. Mark your calendars and plan to come! Sign up sheets are in the foyer so you can see how you can help.

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE: The season of Lent will begin on Wednesday, February 14 and, as usual, we'll be observing it with a noon prayer service here in the sanctuary. We'll begin at 12:05 p.m., so plan to come if you're able.

SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION: Our Spring SCR classes will begin on Wednesday, February 21 and run through Wednesday, March 20. We'll again gather at 5:00 for a light meal (courtesy of Mrs. Micah McCoy!) and have our classes from 6:05 - 7:00 p.m. We will have two classes, the first of which will be "A Guide to the Christian Epics" (a study of Beowulf, The Divine Comedy, The Canterbury Tales, Paradise Lost, and the Four Quartets), taught by Remy Wilkins. The second class will be taught by Zach Parker on prayer ("Pray for One Another"). This is a great way to observe Lent as we learn the Scriptures and learn about life under the rule of King Jesus. Please plan to spend these five Wednesdays with us. It's going to be another great opportunity to grow in the grace and knowledge of Our Lord.

CALENDAR

February 9 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
11 – Parish-wide Fellowship meetings, no evening service
13 – Shrove Tuesday Celebration
14 – Ash Wednesday noon prayer service
18 – First Sunday in Lent
21 – Spring SCR classes, 5:00 meal, 6:05 class
22 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.
23 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
28 – Spring SCR classes, 5:00 meal, 6:05 class
29 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.

March 6 – Spring SCR classes, 5:00 meal, 6:05 class
8 – Renewal Center Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
10 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
13 – Spring SCR classes, 5:00 meal, 6:05 class
20 – Spring SCR classes, 5:00 meal, 6:05 class
22 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
29 – Good Friday service, 6:00 p.m.
31 – Easter Sunday, no evening service

April 7 – Second Sunday of Easter
12 – Renewal Center Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
26 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Kaitlyn Rockett, Shannin Moreau
Floater: Layla Booth

Toddler: AM: Darren Dlugosh, Robbie McBroom
Floater: Carter Lang

NEXT WEEK:

Anna Pryor, Micah McCoy
Annabelle Huber

Sarah Freeland, Bethany Wilkins
Calhoun Trisler

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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 #152 (SH) *“O Sing a New Song to the Lord”*

† 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: ““Blessed be the Lord God of Israel.”

Cong: “For He hath visited and redeemed His people.”

Minister: “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” *Amen.*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

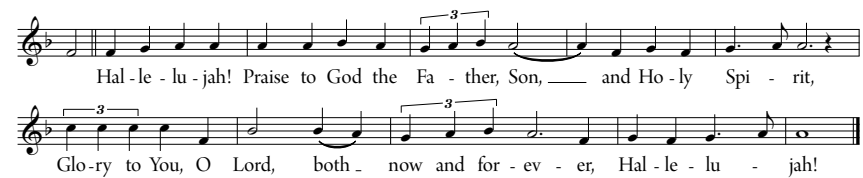
CONFESSION OF SINS:

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

Cong: Almighty and merciful 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. Gracious God, 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:

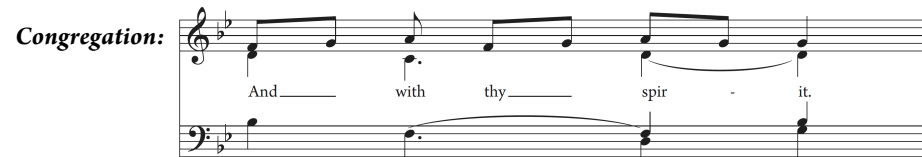
Minister: “Arise and hear the good news of God’s forgiveness: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”



† OPENING ACCLAMATION:

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.



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 #6 (SH) *“Te Deum”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 40:21-31

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 72:12-19

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #290 *“When in His Might the Lord”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Mark 2:1-12

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *“Faith and Forgiveness”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #196 (SH) *“Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise”*
(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 #116

“Thou Art the Way”

† 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 #203 (SH) *“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”*

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