

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–HAPPY NEW YEAR! This is the eighth day of Christmas in which we celebrate the circumcision of our Lord. Circumcision signified the cutting off of the flesh (the old man under the wrath and curse of God) and the beginning of the new life in the Spirit. May the Lord grant great peace and blessing to you in this new year!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: This morning we will be baptizing Cecilia Hope Whitbeck Hilleke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hilleke. Please pray that Cecilia will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY: We resume our hospitality meals today after our morning service. If you have no plans for lunch, feel free to join some of our COTR families in the fellowship hall for a great time of good food and encouraging conversation.

EVENING SERVICE: We will resume our evening service this evening so please plan to come.

Wednesday–GLORIA SANCTA CONFERENCE: The 2023 Gloria Sancta conference will begin this Wednesday. Please pray for the safety of all who travel and that the Lord will greatly bless the instruction and fellowship that will be enjoyed.

Friday–THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY: The Christmas season ends this Friday with the celebration of the feast of Epiphany. The word “epiphany” means “unveiling” or “revealing” and refers to the revelation of the glories of Jesus, the Son of God, to the world.

Next Sunday–GARNER & HORNE PREACHING: Next Sunday, we will have the privilege of hearing Pastor Duane Garner (Christ Church, Cary, NC) and Mr. Mark Horne (of Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO) preaching in our morning and evening services respectively. Duane and Mark will both be teaching in our Christendom Lectures and it's a great privilege to have them with us, please pray for God's blessing.

GENERAL:

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY: The season of Epiphany begins this Friday and will continue till Shrove Tuesday, the last day of Epiphany, the eve of Ash Wednesday. This is a time where we commemorate the revelation of the glory of Christ to the world in the visit of the Magi, His baptism in the Jordan, His wondrous and gracious words and works, and His transfiguration on the mount.

UPCOMING:

2023 CHRISTENDOM LECTURES: Our 2023 Christendom Lectures are set to begin next Monday evening with our opening session at 7:00 p.m. The Lectures will continue with a Tuesday morning session, a Tuesday evening session, and conclude with a Wednesday morning session. We will have some outstanding talks given by Pastor Duane Garner (of Cary, North Carolina); Mr. Mark Horne (of St. Louis, Missouri), Dr. Micah Mattix (of Lynchburg, VA) and Pastor Uri Brito (of Pensacola, FL). Please pray for God's blessing upon our conference.

MARCH FOR LIFE: The annual “March for Life” will be held Sunday, January 15, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and plan to participate.

CALENDAR

January 1 – The Feast of Christ's Circumcision, Happy New Year!
4-7 – Gloria Sancta 9
6 – The Feast of Epiphany
8 – First Sunday of Epiphany
Pastor Duane Garner and Mark Horne preaching in our services
9-11 – 2023 Christendom Lectures
13 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
15 – March for Life, 2:00 p.m.
High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m. fellowship hall
17 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.

February 7 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
10 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
12 – Second Sunday service
21 – Shrove Tuesday celebration
22 – Ash Wednesday Prayer service, 12:00 p.m.
26 – First Sunday in Lent

March 1 – Lenten Prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
7 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., choir room
8 – Lenten prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
10 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
12 – Second Sunday service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
15 – Lenten prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
22 – Lenten prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
29 – Lenten prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.

April 4 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., choir room
7 – Good Friday service, 6:00 p.m.
9 – Easter Sunday

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 1, 2023

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 #164 *“Angels From the Realms of Glory”*

† 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 by the Lord God of Israel.”

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

Minister: “Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise in the assembly of saints. Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

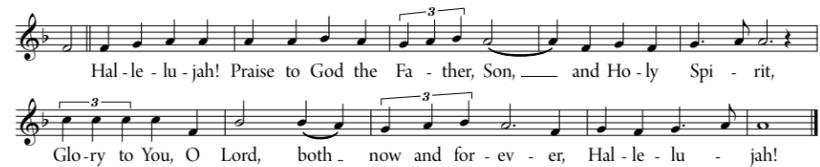
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty God, we confess that we are unworthy of the gift of Your Son. We have not loved You nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not been humbled by Your mercies nor have we served You faithfully. Pardon all our offenses, and deliver us from all evil; through the incarnate life and willing sacrifice of Your Son, 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:

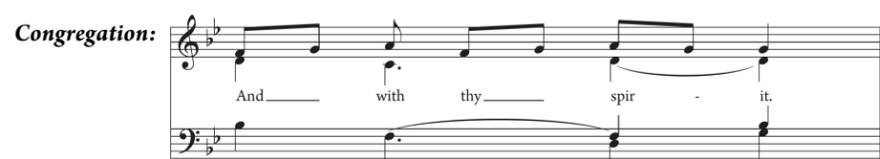


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

Congregation:



And with thy spir-it.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

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

Congregation:



It is meet and right so to do.

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 #2 (SH) *“Benedictus”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-14

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 111

THE EPISTLE

Galatians 4:4-7

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #60 (SH) *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-23

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *“Christmas and the Holy War”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #165 *“Savior of the Nations, Come”*
(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 *“To Us a Child of Hope is Born”*

† 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 #62 (SH) *“Sing, O Sing this Blessed Morn”*
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