

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 Willow Olivia Marie Porter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hays Porter. Please pray for Willow that she will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: We will have a time of fellowship for all High School students after our evening service this evening. We'll eat pizza and plan to watch the 1942 motion picture, *Casablanca*, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. All High School students are invited, so plan to come!

Wednesday--SPRING SCR CLASSES: Our Spring School for Cultural Restoration continues this coming Wednesday with our third session. We'll begin with a light supper (catered by our SCR Chef, Mrs. Micah Lewis - \$6.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child) at 5:00 in the fellowship hall and classes following at 6:05 p.m. Pastor Zach Parker will continue his class on Art and Beauty ("You are Altogether Beautiful, My Love': Art and Christian Aesthetics") in the choir room and Pastor Steve will the creation class ("The Earth is the Lord's") in the sanctuary. Our classes will conclude at 7:00 p.m. to give time for families with children to return home by bedtime. Child care is provided during the SCR class times. SCR classes will continue through Wednesday, April 1, so mark your calendars and plan to join us for our Spring 2026 School of Cultural Restoration.

Friday & Saturday--GOLDEN APPLES DRAMA CLUB: The Golden Apples Drama Club will present two performance of C.S. Lewis's "The Magician's Nephew" this Friday, March 20, at 6:30 and then on Saturday, March 21, at 2:00 in the Redeemer Theatre. This is going to be an enjoyable event, so miss it! See you there!

Saturday--REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER SANCTUS '26: Registration for the 2026 Summer Sanctus will open this coming Saturday morning, March 21st. Last year spots filled up within 48 hours, so make a note and DON'T FORGET. You can register at: <https://www.summersanctus.org>

UPCOMING:

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: We will again have our Good Friday service on Friday evening, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to come.

SPRING PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: Our Spring Parish-wide Fellowship meetings will be held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, April 12. Mark your calendars and prepare to join in!

CALENDAR

March 15 – High School fellowship after evening worship
18 – Session #3 of Spring SCR classes, meal at 5:00 and classes at 6:05
20 – Golden Apples Drama Club presents "The Magician's Nephew" 6:30 p.m. in the Redeemer Theatre.
21 – Golden Apples Drama Club presents "The Magician's Nephew" 2:00 p.m. in the Redeemer Theatre.
Summer Sanctus Registration opens
25 – Session #4 of Spring SCR classes, meal at 5:00 and classes at 6:05
26 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.

April 1 – Session #5 of Spring SCR classes, meal at 5:00 and classes at 6:05
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

May 3 – High School Fellowship after evening worship
10 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
14 – Redeemer School of the Arts Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
15 – Geneva Academy Graduation, 7:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Carol Medlin, Amy Booth
Floater: Hayes Merritt

Toddler: AM: Aleta Eley, Grace Maddox
Floater: Lily McCoy

NEXT WEEK:

Tammy Seal, Tara Maddox
Savannah Nash

Matt Wilkins, Bruce Huber
Ian McCoy

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 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 #5 *“Mighty God, While Angels Bless Thee”*

† 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: “Wait for the LORD,”

Cong: *“For with the LORD is lovingkindness and plenteous redemption.”*

Minister: *“From the deep I called You, Yahweh. My Master, hear my voice; Your ears shall be attentive to the voice of my grace-imploing. If you guard liabilities, Yah, my Master, who will stand? For with You is forgiveness, so that You will be feared. I await Yahweh; my soul awaits, and for His word, I wait.” Amen.*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

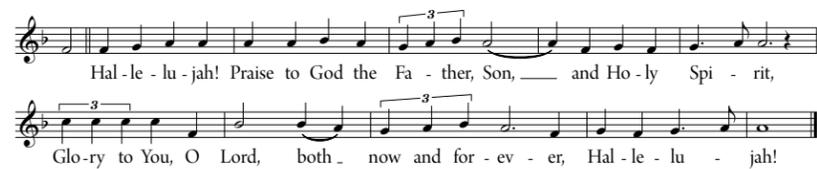
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: *Most gracious God, we confess that we have not loved You fervently nor loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not done justly, loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from all our sins. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and sustain us with a willing spirit, for the sake 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

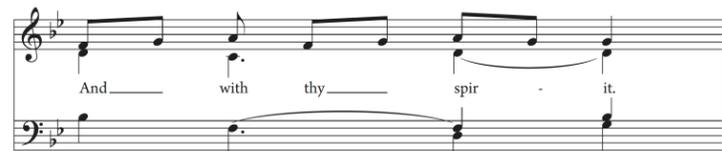


Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise to God the Fa - ther, Son, ___ and Ho - ly Spi - rit,
Glo - ry to You, O Lord, both _ now and for - ev - er, Hal - le - lu - jah!

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

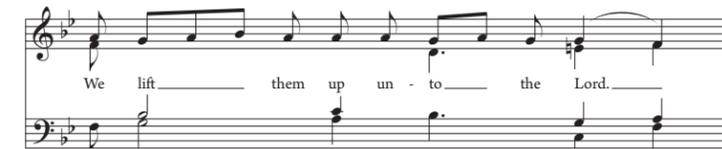
Congregation:



And ___ with thy ___ spir - it.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

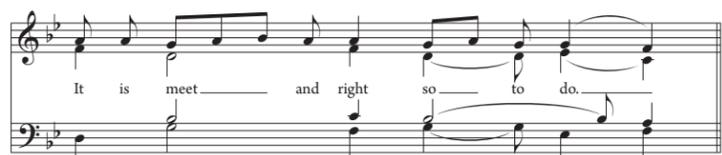
Congregation:



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.

†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 #7 (SH) *“Worthy is the Lamb”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 42:14-21

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: *“Thanks be to God.”*

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 72

THE EPISTLE

2 Peter 3:11-18

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: *“Thanks be to God.”*

† HYMN #122 *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

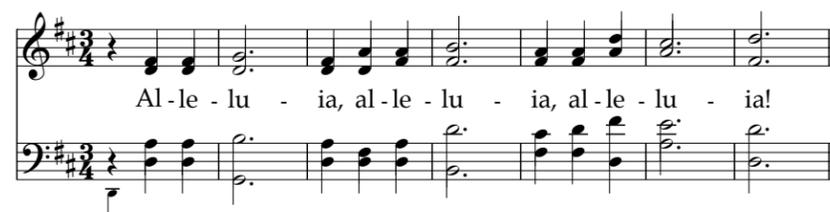
† READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 9:1-17

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!

SERMON *“How Should We Live?”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #146 (SH) *“It’s Good to Thank the Lord”*

(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 #194 *“Sing, My Tongue, How Glorious Battle”*

† 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 #120 (SH) *“How Blest is He”*

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