

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 August Andrew Cross, son of Mr. And Mrs. Jonathan Cross. Please pray for August that he will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: Tonight we'll again have our "Second Sunday" service beginning at 6:00. We'll have a time of prayer, singing, and a brief study on the history of our country. And afterwards, we will again have pizza in the fellowship hall. Make plans to be here!

PIZZA! Tonight after our "Second Sunday" service, we'll again have pizza in the fellowship hall (cost is \$15.00 per family, \$3.00 per individual). Plan to come and enjoy a great time of food and fellowship.

NEW BOOK: The church's publishing ministry, Athanasius Press, recently published an updated and revised version of Ralph Allan Smith's book, *Trinity and Reality: An Introduction to the Christian Faith*. From the perspective of the Trinity, Pastor Smith explains many essentials of the faith, such as how Christianity differs from other religions, a view of heaven and hell, and more. Stop by the foyer after church this morning to get a copy of the book.

Wednesday—SPRING SCR CLASSES: Our Spring School for Cultural Restoration continues this coming Wednesday, March 11, 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 be teaching a class on Art and Beauty ("You are Altogether Beautiful, My Love": Art and Christian Aesthetics") in the choir room and Pastor Steve will be teaching a class on creation ("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. 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. Childcare will be provided during the SCR sessions.

Friday—RENEWAL CENTER LUNCH: This coming Friday we will once again be supplying food for the Renewal Center. If you can help with this meal, please let Ms. Jackie know or sign up on the form provided in the foyer. This is an important ministry of our church in providing a meal to the homeless of our area.

Saturday—BABY SHOWER: There will be a baby shower in honor of Caroline Smith, this Saturday, from 11:00-1:00, at 170 Hilltop Acres Road, in West Monroe. This is a "display shower" so please bring a gift without paper or bag – just a tag. All ladies are invited!

Next Sunday—HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: We will have a time of fellowship for all High School students after our evening service next Sunday. Mark the date and plan to come!

UPCOMING:

GOLDEN APPLES DRAMA CLUB: Please join The Golden Apples Drama Club for a free performance of C. S. Lewis's *The Magician's Nephew* on Friday, March 20 at 6:30 or Saturday, March 21 at 2:00 in the Redeemer Theatre. We hope to see you there!

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 8 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
11 – Session #2 of Spring SCR classes, meal at 5:00 and classes at 6:05
15 – High School fellowship after evening worship
18 – Session #3 of Spring SCR classes, meal at 5:00 and classes at 6:05
20 – *Magician's Nephew* show by Golden Apples at 6:30 p.m.
21 – *Magician's Nephew* show by Golden Apples at 2:00 p.m.
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: Sophie Ferrington, Carol Walters
Floater: Madeleine Cross

Toddler: AM: Peter Nash, Adam Jones
Floater: Carson McBroom

NEXT WEEK:

Carol Medlin, Amy Booth
Hayes Merritt

Aleta Eley, Grace Maddox
Lily McCoy

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 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 (Insert) *“Praise the Lord, Ye Heav’ns Adore Him”*

† 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: “LORD, stretch out your ear to us, for in the day we call,”

Cong: *“Speedily answer us.”*

Minister: *“For my days pass away like smoke; and my bones are burning as a hearth. Stricken as the grass and withering is my heart, for I forget to eat my bread. From the sound of my sighing, my bones cling to my flesh. . . . For He looks down from His holy height, Yahweh, from the heavens He beholds the earth; to hear the anguish of the prisoner, to release the sons of death.” Amen.*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

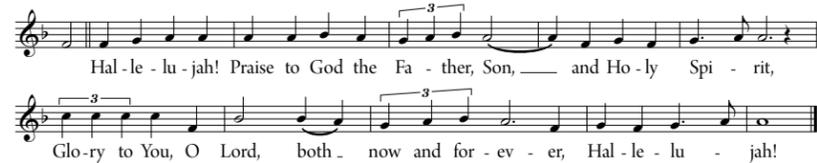
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

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

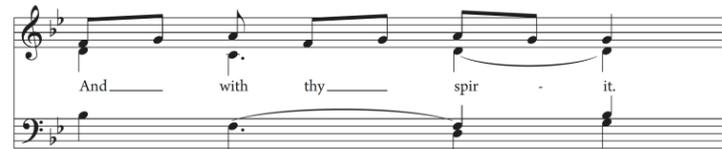


Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise to God the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit,
Glo - ry to You, O Lord, both - now and for - ev - er, Hal - le - lu - jah!

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

Congregation:



And with thy spir - it.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

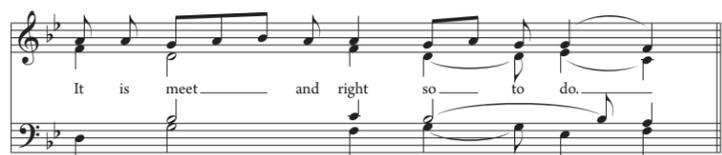
Congregation:



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

Exodus 17:1-7

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: *“Thanks be to God.”*

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 72

THE EPISTLE

2 Peter 3:1-10

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: *“Thanks be to God.”*

† HYMN #42 *“Round the Lord in Glory Seated”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 4:5-26

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 *“The Promise of His Coming”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #268 *“Christ is Made the Sure 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 #539

“Judge Me God of My Salvation”

† 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 #550

Thanksgiving for the Wine

Passing the peace of Christ

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

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

“Nunc Dimittis”

† BENEDICTION

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

†The Congregation will please stand