

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!

Wednesday–SOCIAL DANCE CLASS: Introductory Classes to Social Dancing will begin Wednesday September 3rd, in the fellowship hall. Swing Class 6:00 pm; Cha Cha Class 7:00 p.m. Classes are free and will run for 4 weeks. You must register by texting (318) 355-4684. Include names and classes interested in. Bring phone or any other video recording device to class. Partners or individuals are welcome.

Thursday–RSA CONVOCATION: The Redeemer School of the Arts will hold its 2025 Convocation on this Thursday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Pastor Bryan Rhodes of Grace Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, will be speaking. Make plans to come!

Next Sunday–HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: Next Sunday, following our evening service, High School Fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Hall for pizza, discussion, as well as a time of prayer. All high-school age youth are welcome to come.

UPCOMING:

MARRIAGE CELEBRATION: There will be a backyard fish fry to celebrate the marriage of Cameron & Ellie Lang on September 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Vaughans’, 2502 Pargoud Blvd.

BRIDAL SHOWER: There will be a basket shower honoring Victoria Bullen, bride elect of Nick Dlugosh, at the home of the Eleys on 3705 Deborah Drive from 10 - 12 on September 20th. All ladies are cordially invited.

LANGS’ ANNIVERSARY DANCE: The Langs’ Annual Anniversary Dance will be held Friday, September 26th from 6 - 8 p.m. The first hour will be featuring dances that are family friendly while the second hour presents more complicated dances.

WYCLIFFE PRESBYTERY: The Fall meeting of Wycliffe Presbytery will be held October 6-8, in All Saints Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, TX. Please pray for God’s blessing.

MONROE SYMPHONY CONCERT: The Monroe Symphony will hold its second concert (“Time and Remembrance”) of the season here at COTR on Saturday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The program will include Mendelssohn’s Fingal’s Cave Overture, Haydn’s “London” Symphony, and will feature James Boldin as soloist in Mozart’s Horn Concerto No. 2. Plan to come!

FALL PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIPS: Our Fall Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, October 12. Check with your parish elder for the time and place of your parish fellowship meeting.

CALENDAR

September 4 – RSA Convocation, 7:00 p.m.
5 – College & Career: *Hamilton* at Parkers’ home, 7:00 p.m.
7 – High School Fellowship
13 – Monroe Symphony chamber music concert, Hotel Monroe, 7:00 p.m.
14 – Second Sunday, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards
19—Fish Fry to honor Cameron & Ellie Lang at the Vaughans
20 – Bridal Shower in honor of Victoria Cullen at the Eleys
21 – High School Fellowship after evening service
27 – College & Career Fellowship, Pizza at the Parker’s home

October 5 – High School Fellowship after evening service
6-8 – Wycliffe Presbytery Meeting
11 – Monroe Symphony concert, 7:00 p.m., sanctuary
12 – Fall Parish-wide fellowships
No Evening Service
19 – High School Fellowship after evening worship

November 1 – All Saints Day
2 – High School Fellowship after evening service
9 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards
16 – High School Fellowship after evening service
27 – Happy Thanksgiving!
30 – First Sunday of Advent

December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent
11 – DYC Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.
14 – Third Sunday of Advent
Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m. Pizza fellowship afterwards
21 – Last Sunday of Advent
24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.
25 – Merry Christmas!

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Ellie Amos, Amanda Jane Vaughan
Floater: Annabelle Huber

Toddler: AM: Melissa Cross, Anna Dlugosh
Floater: Spencer McBroom

NEXT WEEK:

Connie Merritt, Sophie Ferrington
Savannah Nash

Finn Amos, Adam Jones
Beau Asher Lizenby

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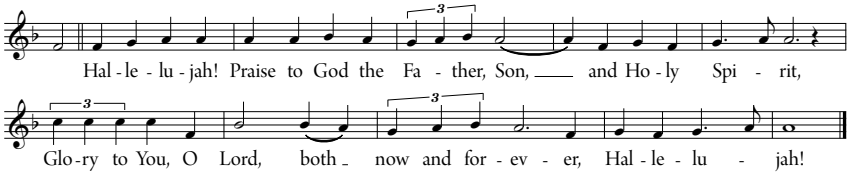
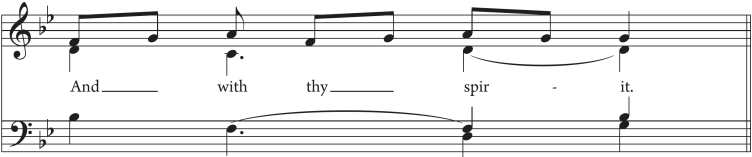





THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

AUGUST 31, 2025

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 #50	<i>“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”</i>
† 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.”	
<i>Cong: “And with your spirit”</i>	
Minister: “Out of the depths, we call to you, O LORD,”	
<i>Cong: “Our Lord, hear our voice.”</i>	
Minister: “I await Yahweh, my soul awaits, and for His Word, I wait. My soul, for my Master, more than those who watch for the morning—those who watch for the morning. Wait, Israel, for Yahweh. For with Yahweh is kindevotion, and increased redemption with Him. And He, He shall redeem Israel from all his liabilities.” <i>Amen.</i>	
THE LORD CLEANSES US	
CONFESSION OF SINS:	
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”	
<i>Cong: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before You our sinful natures and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, & in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, and for the sake of Your dear Son, grant that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</i>	
†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.	
<i>Congregation:</i> 	
Minister: Lift up your hearts.	
<i>Congregation:</i> 	
Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.	
<i>Congregation:</i> 	
†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 #11 (SH)	
<i>“The Venite”</i>	
THE LORD INSTRUCTS US	
THE LESSON	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
<i>Cong: “Thanks be to God.”</i>	
CONGREGATIONAL PSALM	
THE EPISTLE	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
<i>Cong: “Thanks be to God.”</i>	
† HYMN #53	
<i>“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”</i>	
† READING OF THE GOSPEL	
Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.	
<i>Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”</i>	
† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA	
	
†PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
SERMON	
<i>“My Own Heart”</i>	
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION	
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY #156 (SH)	
<i>“Jehovah to My Lord Has Said”</i>	
(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 #212 (SH)	<i>“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”</i>
† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:	
Minister: Lord, in your mercy,	
<i>Congregation: Hear our prayer.</i>	
† 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 #182 (SH)	<i>“How Firm a Foundation”</i>
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.” <i>Amen.</i>	
THE LORD COMMISSIONS US	
† HYMN #5 (SH)	<i>“Nunc Dimittis”</i>
† BENEDICTION	
† THREE-FOLD AMEN	
†The Congregation will please stand	