

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--SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: This evening we will have our "Second Sunday" service with singing, a time of prayer, and a brief study . . . and pizza! If you would like pizza, the cost is \$3.00 per individual and \$15 per family.

PIZZA FELLOWSHIP: After our "Second Sunday" service, we will have pizza in the fellowship hall. Join us if you are able!

Wednesday--SESSION MEETING: The elders will have their monthly meeting this Wednesday evening at 6:30. Please pray for God's blessing upon our men as they meet together.

Next Sunday--PASTOR RANDY BOOTH PREACHING: Next Sunday we will be privileged to have Pastor Randy Booth (Pastor of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church of Nacogdoches, Texas) preaching in our morning service. It's always a blessing to have Pastor Booth with us. Please pray for God's blessing upon His Word.

UPCOMING:

DYC CONCERT & GENEVA ACADEMY ART SHOW: The Delta Youth Chorale will hold its Spring concert, Thursday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. Once again the DYC concert will be held in conjunction with the annual Geneva Academy Art Show ("Slaying the Dragon"), from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. These two events are always a great treat so make plans to come and enjoy great music and great art all in one place!

SPRING PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: We have changed the date of our Spring Parish-wide Fellowship meetings to the afternoon and evening of Sunday, May 3. Mark your calendars and prepare to join in!

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY: Each year we recognize our graduating high school seniors and we will do that again on Sunday evening, May 10, during our "Second Sunday" service. Please plan to come to congratulate our graduating seniors and pray for God's blessing upon them as they transition into a new stage of life.

SUMMER SANCTUS 2026: Summer Sanctus will be held June 8-11, at the Timberline Baptist Camp & Conference Center, Lindale, Texas. Please pray for God's blessing upon this conference.

AP BOOKSTORE: Don't forget that the AP bookstore offers you the best in theological reading and study – including Jeff Meyers' latest Answers in a Hour book, *What Did God Promise to the Jews?* This amazing book can be yours for only \$8.00. Come to the church office to get your copy and to see all the other books you need in your library!

CALENDAR

April 15 – Session meeting
19 – Pastor Randy Booth preaching in our morning service
High School Fellowship after evening worship
20-21 – Wycliff Presbytery, Nacogdoches, Texas
30 – DYC Spring Concert and
2026 Geneva Academy Art Show

May 3 – Parish-wide fellowship meetings
No evening service
10 – Second Sunday service
Senior recognition, 6:00 p.m.
14 – Redeemer School of the Arts Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
15 – Geneva Academy Graduation, 7:00 p.m.

June 8-11 – Summer Sanctus 2026
14 – Second Sunday
Pizza afterwards
15-20 – 2026 Jubilate Deo Music Camp

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Emily Nash, Abby McCarty
Floater: Molly Nash

Toddler: AM: Micah McCoy, Amity Eley
Floater: Eli Richey

NEXT WEEK:

Natalie Frazier, Courtney Bennett
Sophie Nash

Cameron Lang, Oz Wilkins
Henry Booth

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 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 #205 *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*

† 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: “May Your way be known on earth,”

Cong: “*Your salvation among all nations.*”

Minister: “*Let the peoples praise You, O God; let the peoples, all of them, praise You. Let the communities rejoice and jubilate; for You judge the peoples with uprightness, and the communities of the earth You guide. Let the peoples praise You, O God; let the peoples, all of them, praise You.*” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

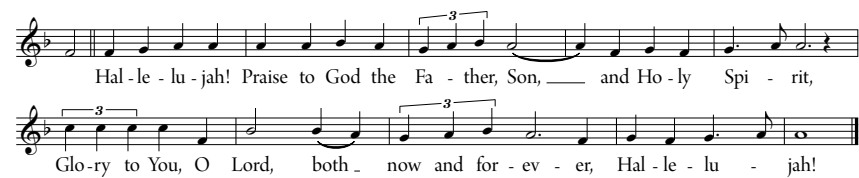
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: *Almighty God, who has brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ; we confess that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace. We have not believed Your promises, nor heeded Your Word. We have forgotten the glad tidings of our Savior’s victory over death and have neglected the things that belong to our peace. Forgive us and cleanse us from all our sins, and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. 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

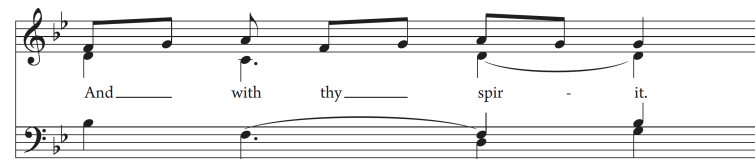


Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise to God the Fa - ther, Son, ___ and Ho - ly Spi - rit,
Glo - ry to You, O Lord, both _ now and for - ev - er, Hal - le - lu - jah!

†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 #4 (SH) *“Gloria in Excelsis”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Acts 5:29-42

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “*Thanks be to God.*”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 118:19-29

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:3-9

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “*Thanks be to God.*”

† HYMN #203

“Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:18-20

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

“Discipling Nations”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #197

“The Day of Resurrection”

(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 (Insert)

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

† 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 #93 (SH)

Thanksgiving for the Wine

Passing the peace of Christ

“O Paschal Feast, What Joy is Thine!”

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 (Insert)

“Nunc Dimittis” (Vickers)

† BENEDICTION

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

† HYMN (Insert)

“This Joyful Eastertide”

†The Congregation will please stand