

## 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–WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER:** This morning we have the privilege of receiving into the membership of COTR, Mr. Michael Hill. The elders have received Michael on the basis of his profession of faith. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless Michael as he worships and serves with us here!

**HOSPITALITY MEAL:** We will again have our hospitality meal today after our morning service in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to stay and eat with some of our COTR families.

**HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP:** All high school age students are invited to a meal, book study, and time of pray and singing in the Fellowship Hall following the evening service.

**Monday–MEN'S BOOK STUDY:** The bi-monthly Men's Book Study will meet tomorrow evening, at 7:00 p.m. The book being studied is *The Justice Primer* by Randy Booth and Doug Wilson. Make plans to come!

**Friday–Saturday–HOW TO SING THE PSALMS CONFERENCE:** Paul Buckley and Brian Moats from the Theopolis Institute will lead a conference on "How to Sing the Psalms" The conference will begin on Friday morning with a matins service at 8:30 a.m. and continue on Saturday, beginning again with matins at 8:30 a.m. You can register online, so do so today!

**Next Sunday–GUEST PREACHERS:** We will be privileged to have not one, but two (!) special guests filling our pulpit next Sunday in our services. Pastor Randy Booth of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nacogdoches, Texas will be preaching in our morning service and Pastor Rob Hadding of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Sulphur, Louisiana, will be preaching in our evening service. It is a great joy and privilege to have these two gifted ministers with us, so please pray for God's blessing upon them as they proclaim God's Word to us.

### UPCOMING:

**AD HOC MEETING OF WYCLIFFE PRESBYTERY:** There will be an ad hoc meeting of Wycliffe Presbytery on Tuesday, April 25, beginning at 9:00 a.m. here at COTR. The primary purpose of this meeting is to give an ordination exam to Zach Parker, whom our session has called to become our new Assistant Pastor. Please pray for Zach, the examining committee, and all who attend that all will go well and that the Lord will be glorified.

**MEN'S BI-MONTHLY BOOK STUDY:** Our Men's book study will continue on Monday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and plan to come.

**FIRST FRIDAY YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP:** The next meeting of our Young Adult Fellowship will be the first Friday in May (May 5) at 7:00 p.m.

**SPRING PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS:** Our Spring Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, May 7. Please check with your parish elder(s) for the time and place of your parish's meeting. Because of our fellowship meetings, we will not have evening worship on this Sunday.

## CALENDAR

April 17 – Men's book study, 7:00 p.m.  
21-22 – "How to Sing the Psalms" course, Theopolis Institute  
23 – Pastor Randy Booth preaching in our a.m. service and Pastor Rob Hadding preaching in our p.m. service  
25 – Ad Hoc meeting of Wycliffe Presbytery, 9:00 a.m. at COTR

May 1 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.  
5 – First Friday Young Adult fellowship, 7:00 p.m.  
7 – Spring Parish-wide fellowship meetings  
No evening service  
12 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
Pizza supper afterwards  
15 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.  
18 – Geneva Academy 2023 graduation  
26 – Flannery O'Connor Date Night, 7:00 p.m. at the Vaughns  
28 – Pentecost Sunday  
Pentecost feast, 4:00 p.m.  
No evening service

June 2 – First Friday Young Adult fellowship, 7:00 p.m.  
4 – Trinity Sunday  
5 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.  
9 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
Flannery O'Connor Date Night, 7:00 p.m.  
11 – Second Sunday service  
Pizza supper afterwards  
19 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.

### NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

**Infant:** AM: Elisabeth Brown, Baylee Parker  
Floater: Maggie Myers

**Toddler:** AM: Julian Ferrington, David Dlugosh  
Floater: Henry Booth

### NEXT WEEK:

Amanda Jane Vaughan, Micah McCoy  
Ava Booth

Jeremy Cychosz, Shelby Maddox  
Ben Hilleke

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## THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**APRIL 16, 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 #198 *“Jesus Christ 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: “Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us;”

**Cong: “Therefore, let us celebrate the feast!”**

Minister: “I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.” **Amen.**

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

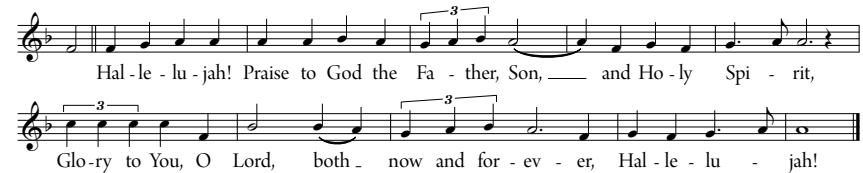
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

**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:

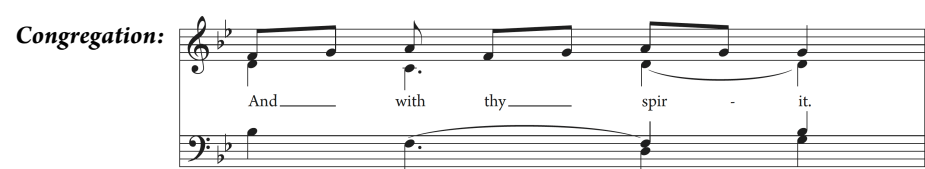


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,  
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† 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.

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 #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

Psalm 148

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:1-9

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

**Cong: “Thanks be to God.”**

† HYMN #200

*“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

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

*“Begotten Again to a Living Hope”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #203

*“Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now”*

(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 #202

*“Lift Up, Lift Up Your Voices Now”*

† 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 #207 *“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”*

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