

## 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–FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** Today marks the beginning of the season of Advent – a time when we commemorate the coming of the Lord (not merely His nativity, but His coming in judgment and blessing throughout history and, of course, His coming at the last day to judge the living and the dead). We have Advent devotional guides for you to use with your family. Please pick on up in the foyer and worship the Lord throughout this season.

**HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY:** We will again have a hospitality meal after our morning service today, in the fellowship hall. All are invited to join some of our COTR families for a great time of food and fellowship.

**Monday–GENEVA CHOIR SINGING:** Tomorrow evening at Parkview Baptist Church, the High School choir of Geneva Academy will be singing with the Bayou Masterworks Chorale and the ULM Concert Choir, in their winter concert. It begins at 7:00 p.m. so make plans to come and enjoy a great evening of great music.

**Next Sunday–HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP:** Next Sunday after our evening service (at 7:15 p.m.) we will have our High School Fellowship. All our high school students are encouraged to attend – so make plans to do so!

### GENERAL:

**BOOKS! BOOKS!! BOOKS!!!** Here are the books offered for this month:

*Delivered From the Elements of the World* by Peter Leithart – \$26.00  
*Unbelief and Revolution* by Groen van Prinsterer – \$18.00  
*Heroes of the City of Man* by Peter Leithart – \$14.00

If you would like to purchase any (or all!) of these great books, please bring a check for the full amount of your order to the church office **by this Tuesday, November 29.**

### UPCOMING:

**GENEVA ACADEMY'S "GOLDEN APPLES" DRAMA CLUB:** The "Golden Apples" drama club, directed by Zach Parker, will bring to the stage *Shakespeare's Super Snowy Seasonal Sleigh Ride Stage Show* for two showings, December 9 at 7 p.m. and December 10 at 4 p.m., in the Geneva Theatre. Admission is FREE! (donations accepted) Mark your calendars and plan to come!

**DELTA YOUTH CHORALE WINTER CONCERT:** The Delta Youth Chorale will hold its Winter Concert, Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary. Make plans to come!

**GLORIA SANCTA 9:** The Ninth annual Gloria Sancta conference will be held January 4-7, 2023, at the Timberline Camp and Conference Center, Lindale, TX. The conference is for young adults, ages 18-30, who have graduated from high school. The cost is \$230 per person and **the deadline for registration is December 19.** Online registration is now open at: [www.gloriasancta.org](http://www.gloriasancta.org).

**2023 CHRISTENDOM LECTURES:** Our 2023 Christendom Lectures are set for January 9-11, 2023 and will feature talks by Pastor Duane Garner (of Cary, North Carolina), Mr. Mark Horne (of St. Louis, Missouri), and Dr. Micah Mattix (of Lynchburg, VA). COTR members may attend these lectures free of charge, **BUT you must register.** Go online and register today!

## CALENDAR

November 28 – Geneva Choir, Bayou Masterworks Chorale, & ULM Concert Choir; 7:00 p.m, Parkview Baptist Church.

December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent  
High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m., fellowship hall  
6 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., choir room  
9 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
Golden Apples' play, 7:00 p.m.  
10 – Golden Apples' play, 4:00 p.m.  
11 – Third Sunday of Advent  
Second Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.  
15 – Delta Youth Choral Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.  
18 – Last Sunday of Advent  
20 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.  
25 – The Feast of the Nativity. Merry Christmas!  
No evening service

January 1 – The Feast of Christ's Circumcision, Happy New Year!  
4-7 – Gloria Sancta 9  
8 – Second Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.  
9-11 – 2023 Christendom Lectures  
13 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.

### NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

**Infant:** AM: Tammy Seal, Jamie Cychosz  
Floater: Meredith Myers

**Toddler:** AM: Will Gunter, Shelby Maddox  
Floater: Miles Lang

### NEXT WEEK:

Connie Merritt, Amity Eley  
Maggie Myers

Darren Dlugosh, Paul Gullette  
Brode Huber

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## THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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 #86 “Now Thank We All Our God”  
† 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: “Surely, I am coming quickly.”  
Cong: “Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”  
Minister: “I will hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints. . . . His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land” Amen.

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:  
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”  
Cong: Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You, through ingratitude, disobedience, & hardness of heart. We have not heeded the warnings of Your prophets & apostles nor lived as those who await the appearing of Your Son. We have loved the world & the things of the world, & have not sought Your Kingdom and righteousness. Wherefore we beg You, be merciful to us. Forgive us for our sins & deliver us from all evil & the evil one & lead us in the ways of righteousness & peace, through 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.

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 #3 (SH) “Magnificat”

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5  
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”  
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM Psalm 122

THE EPISTLE Romans 13:8-14  
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”  
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #286 “We Gather Together”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-17  
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!

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “The Coming of the King”  
Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #55 (SH) “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”  
(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 #52 (SH) “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

† 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 #32 (SH) “Come Thou Precious Ransom, Come”  
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