

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: We rejoice this morning to welcome into the membership of COTR, Mr. Zane Anderson. Zane comes to us by way of transfer from the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church of Nacogdoches, Texas. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless and uphold Zane as he worships and serves with us.

HOSPITALITY MEAL: We will have our weekly "Hospitality Meal" in the fellowship hall after our service this morning. If you do not have plans for lunch, you are welcome to join some of our families for a great time of food and fellowship.

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.

Wednesday-SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION: Our Spring SCR classes will begin this Wednesday, February 21. We'll begin at 5:00 with a light meal (courtesy of our SCR chef, Mrs. Micah McCoy, \$6 per adult, \$4 for children – **deadline for signing up for meals is tomorrow!**) and our classes will follow at 6:05 (running till 7:00 p.m.). Our two classes for this session are:

"A Guide to the Christian Epics" (a study of Beowulf, The Divine Comedy, The Canterbury Tales, Paradise Lost, and the Four Quartets), taught by Remy Wilkins, and

"Pray for One Another," a class on prayer taught by Assistant Pastor, Zach Parker. This is a great way to observe Lent as we learn the Scriptures and learn about life under the rule of King Jesus. Please plan to spend these next five Wednesdays with us. It's going to be another great opportunity to grow in the grace and knowledge of Our Lord.

Thursday-SESSION MEETING: The elders will have their regular, monthly meeting this Thursday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please pray for God's blessing.

Friday-FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY: Our next "Fridays with Flannery" will be held this Friday evening, February 23, at 7:00, in the home of Mrs. Jackie Peacock (503 Hilton). We'll be discussing the short story "A Temple of the Holy Ghost." Plan to come and join in the fun!

GENERAL:

THANK YOU! Thanks are due again to Ronnie Medlin for his leadership in organizing and planning our Shrove Tuesday celebration this past Tuesday. Thanks again to Jackie for making sure everything worked smoothly and thanks also to everyone who helped with the all the various parts of the celebration (preparing food, providing the entertainment, setting up and cleaning up, etc.). It was a fun and memorable time for all. The Lord truly blessed all the planning and the labor that went in to making it a great success! Thanks to you all!

UPCOMING:

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: We will again have our Good Friday service at 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 29. Please mark your calendar and plan to come.

CALENDAR

February 21 – Spring SCR classes, 5:00 p.m. meal, 6:05 class
22 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.
23 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
28 – Spring SCR classes, 5:00 p.m. meal, 6:05 class

March 6 – Spring SCR classes, 5:00 p.m. meal, 6:05 class
8 – Renewal Center Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
10 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
13 – Spring SCR classes, 5:00 p.m. meal, 6:05 class
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23 – McBroom-Anderson wedding
29 – Good Friday service, 6:00 p.m.
31 – Easter Sunday, no evening service

April 7 – Second Sunday of Easter
12 – Renewal Center Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
26 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

May 2 – DYC Spring Concert and the Geneva Academy Art Show
10 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
12 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
17 – Geneva Academy Graduation ceremony, 7:00 p.m.
19 – Pentecost Sunday
Pentecost feast, 5:00 p.m., no evening service
26 – Trinity Sunday

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Rebekah Landry, Stephanie Gullette
Floater: Marley Amos

Toddler: AM: Nicholas Dlugosh, Remy Wilkins
Floater: Tyler Cychosz

NEXT WEEK:

Anna Dlugosh, Abby McCarty
Maggie Myers

Shelby Maddox, Matt Wilkins
Arthur Richey

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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 #132 “*Wondrous King, All Glorious*”

+ SALUTATION:

Minister: “Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.”

Cong: “Come, let us adore Him.”

Minister: “Have mercy on me, O Lord! Consider my trouble from those who hate me . . . lift me up from the gates of death, that I may tell of all Your praise In the gates of the daughter of Zion.” *Amen.*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

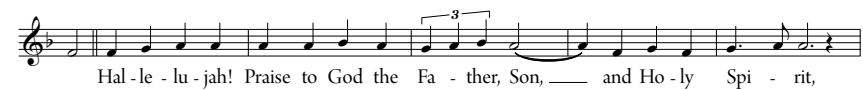
CONFESSION OF SINS:

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

Cong: We confess, O God 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 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.”

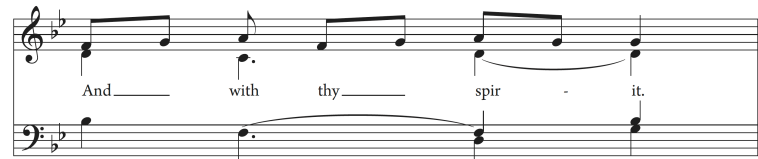


+OPENING ACCLAMATION:

+ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

Congregation:



Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Congregation:



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:”

+ SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

+ PRAYER OF ADORATION

+ CANTICLE #7 (SH) “*Worthy is the Lamb*”

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Genesis 22:1-18

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 111

THE EPISTLE

James 1:12-18

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

+ HYMN #135 “*I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art*”

+ READING OF THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

+ THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



+PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“*Baptism and Holy War*”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #502

“*Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*”

(the congregation will sing this hymn)

+ DOXOLOGY

(We lift our hearts, voices, and hands in praise to God)

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

HYMN #472

“*Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory*”

+ 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 #83 (SH) “*Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All*”

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