

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–HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY: We will have a “Hospitality Meal” today after our morning service. If you have no plans for lunch, you are welcome to join some of our COTR families in the fellowship hall for a great time of food and fellowship.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: Tonight after evening worship, the High Schoolers will again have a time of fellowship beginning at 7:15. All high schoolers are invited!

Monday–MEN’S BOOK STUDY: The Men’s Book Study will meet for the last time this year tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Booth home (3309 Montaigne Pl, Monroe). We’ll be finishing up *The Age of Entitlement*, so plan to come!

Friday–RENEWAL CENTER LUNCH: We will again be serving lunch at the Renewal Center this Friday beginning at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to help prepare the meal, please contact Jackie Peacock over Realm or by calling the church office.

FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY: Our one and only “Fridays With Flannery” meeting in November will be held this coming Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Josh and Melissa Cross (2102 Redwood). We’ll be discussing “The Life You Save May be Your Own” – fellowship begins at 7:00 and our discussion will begin at 7:15. Come and join us!

Next Sunday–SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: Next Sunday evening we will again have our “Second Sunday” service at 6:00 p.m. We’ll be learning some new hymns from our new hymn book, having a time of prayer, and a brief study of Church history. Plan to come.

GENERAL

THANK YOU! We are thankful to Shannon Trisler for all her hard work in organizing, overseeing, and managing our All Saints Day celebration! Thanks also all those who helped decorate and make our fellowship hall a great environment for our feast (Emily Gautreaux, Melissa Cross, Aleta Eley, Bethany Wilkins) and to all those who helped set up and clean up and prepared the amazing food and deserts. It was a great time for us all and we are indebted to all of you who did such great work to make it possible!

UPCOMING

GLORIA SANCTA X: Gloria Sancta X will be held January 3-6, at Timberline Camp and Conference Center, in Lindale, Texas. All unmarried adults ages 18-28 are invited to attend. Mark your calendars so that you don't miss this outstanding conference.

2024 CHRISTENDOM LECTURES: Our 2024 Christendom Lectures will be held January 8-10, 2024. Our speakers this year are Joe Rigney (professor, New Saint Andrews College), Vishal Mangalwadi (founder-president of BOMI/Revelation Movement), and John Hodges (director for the Center for Western Studies in Memphis, Tennessee). This year we will have breakout sessions on music Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon being led by Scott Aniol (executive vice president of G3 Ministries), John Hodges, Jarrod Richey, and Glen Warner as well as a folk dance Wednesday evening. It's going to be a great event. COTR members may attend for free BUT YOU STILL MUST REGISTER! The deadline for registration is Friday, December 15.

CALENDAR

November 5 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
6 – Men’s Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
10 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
12 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
15 – Joint Officers’ meeting, 6:30 p.m.
19 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
22 – Happy Thanksgiving!

December 1 – College and Career Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
3 – First Sunday of Advent
High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
8 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
10 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
17 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
24 – Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service, 6:00 p.m.
25 – Merry Christmas!
31 – Mr. Will Gunter preaching, 6:00 p.m.

January 3-6 – Gloria Sancta X, Lindale, TX
8-10 – 2024 Christendom Lectures
12 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
26 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Grace Maddox, Micah McCoy
Floater: Kathryn Cross

Toddler: AM: Melissa Cross, Amy Booth
Floater: Tyler Cychosz

NEXT WEEK:

Bethany Wilkins, Amelia Nash
Evelyn Myers

Darren Dlugosh, Peter Nash
Arthur Richey

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THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 5, 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 #53 *“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”*

† 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: *O give thanks to the Lord for He is good”*

Cong: “For His mercy endures forever.”

Minister: *“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Our feet have been standing Within your gates, O Jerusalem.” Amen.*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

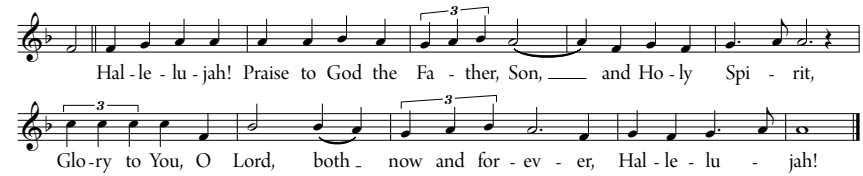
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty God, we implore Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow man. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

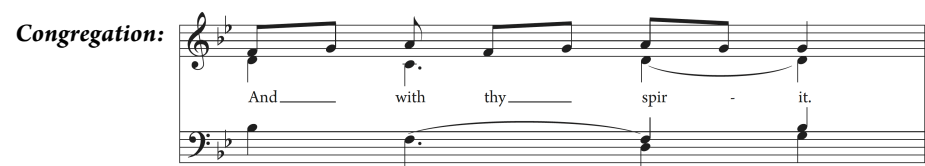
Minister: “Arise and hear the good news of God’s forgiveness: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

†OPENING ACCLAMATION:



†ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.



Minister: Lift up your hearts.



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



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 #15 *“A Song of Praise”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Micah 3:5-12

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 20

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #136

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 23:1-12

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



†READING OF THE TEXT:

Psalm 24:3-6 & Matthew 5:8

†PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Beatitudes: “Blessed Are the Pure in Heart”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #56

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

(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 #502

“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”

† 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 #567 *“If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee”*

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