

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–NO HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY:** We will not have our “Hospitality Meal” today. Lord willing, our meals will resume in the fall.

**Monday–JOFFRE SWAIT:** Mr. Joffre Swait will be speaking tomorrow evening at the Lizenby’s home (2004 Pargoud Blvd.) beginning at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is invited.

**Saturday–TEEN DANCE:** All Saints Presbyterian of Fort Worth (4649 Bryce Ave., Ft. Worth, TX) will be hosting a dance for teenagers throughout Wycliffe Presbytery on Saturday, August 2, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. All teens (ages 13-19) are invited. There will be a Swing class from 3:00-4:00pm. Ladies Attire: Modest dresses not shorter than knee length; not tight. Gents Attire: Church clothes; button up with either jeans or slacks. Everyone should wear comfortable shoes. Mark your calendars and plan to go!

UPCOMING:

**WYCLIFFE PRESBYTERY:** The Fall meeting of Wycliffe Presbytery will be held October 6-8, at All Saints Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, TX. Please pray for God’s blessing.

**MONROE SYMPHONY CONCERT:** The Monroe Symphony will hold its second concert of the season here at COTR on Saturday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Plan to come!

**FALL PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIPS:** Our Fall Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, October 12. Check with your parish elder for the time and place of your parish fellowship meeting.

CALENDAR

August 2 – Teen Dance, All Saints Presbyterian Church, Ft. Worth, TX  
10 – Second Sunday, 6:00 p.m.  
Pizza fellowship  
20 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.

September 14 – Second Sunday, 6:00 p.m.  
Pizza fellowship afterwards

October 6-8 – Wycliffe Presbytery Meeting  
11 – Monroe Symphony concert, 7:00 p.m., sanctuary  
12 – Fall Parish-wide fellowships  
No Evening Service

November 1 – All Saints Day  
9 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
Pizza fellowship afterwards  
27 – Happy Thanksgiving!  
30 – First Sunday of Advent

December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent  
14 – Third Sunday of Advent  
Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
Pizza fellowship afterwards  
21 – Last Sunday of Advent  
24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.  
25 – Merry Christmas!

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

**Infant:** AM: Tammy Seal, Sarah Freeland  
Floater: Hayes Merritt

**Toddler:** AM: Peter Nash, Archer Wilkins  
Floater: Oz Wilkins

NEXT WEEK:

Caroline Smith, Joanna Gunter  
Meredith Myers

Caroline Seal, Rebekah Landry  
Brode Huber

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THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

JULY 27, 2025

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 #127 “Let Us Love, and Sing, and Wonder”

† 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: “Our help is from the LORD,”  
Cong: “Maker of heavens and earth.”  
Minister: “Behold, He does not slumber, and He does not sleep—the guardian of Israel. Yahweh is your guardian, Yahweh is your shade at your right hand. By the day the sun shall not smite you, and the moon in the night. Yahweh shall guard you from all evil, He shall guard your soul. Yahweh shall guard your going forth, and your coming in, from now to past beyond.” Amen.

THE LORD CLEANSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:  
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”  
Cong: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before You our sinful natures and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, & in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, and for the sake of Your dear Son, grant that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments 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  
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 saying:”

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)  
† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #13 (SH) “Jubilate Deo”

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON Genesis 18:17-33  
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”  
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM Psalm 149

THE EPISTLE Colossians 2:6-19  
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”  
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #290 “When in His Might the Lord”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13  
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!

†READING OF THE TEXT: Proverbs 30:32-33  
†PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “The Wisdom of Agur: Churning” 2  
Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #76 “With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”  
(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 #192 (SH) “Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”

† 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 #362 “Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”  
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