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. 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!

Tuesday—*YOUNG MOMS BOOK STUDY:* A group of ladies will meet to discuss the book, "8 Errors Parents Make and How to Avoid," beginning Tuesday, 9 September. They will meet each week on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at the Langs' home at 2144 Maywood Drive in Monroe. All ladies are welcome.

Wednesday—BEGINNER STRINGS CLASS: Samantha Parker will be teaching a group beginners' strings class, meeting in the choir room at the church each Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. and learning to play stringed instruments together. Students, from third grade and up as well as adults, are welcome to join. More information can be found on Realm or by reaching out to Samantha, (318) 366-8912.

Friday—RENEWAL CENTER LUNCH: We are preparing and taking lunch to the Renewal Center this week. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

Saturday—BABY SHOWER honoring Courtney Bennett and Baby Boy Bennett. The baby shower will be held at 10 a.m. at the Cross home at 2102 Redwood Drive in Monroe. There is no registry, but diapers and gift cards are appreciated.

Saturday—MONROE SYMPHONY CONCERT: The Monroe Symphony Orchestra will open its 54th season at Hotel Monroe with a chamber music concert beginning at 7:00 p.m. The program will consist of selections from Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 and an excerpt from Mozart's Horn Concerto No. 2. Make plans to come!

Sunday—**SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE:** Next Sunday we will have our special "Second Sunday" service with singing, prayer, and a brief study. And afterwards, we'll again have our "Pizza Fellowship" – \$5.00 per individual, \$10 per family. Please remember to let the deacons know if you are planning to stay and eat pizza. Deadline for reserving your pizza is Friday.

UPCOMING:

FISH FRY PARTY: There will be a fish fry party on Friday, 19 September, honoring the newlyweds Cameron and Ellie Lang and welcoming them as a married couple to the community. It will be held at Mrs. and Mrs. Scott Vaughan's home at 2502 Pargoud Boulevard in Monroe. It starts at 6:00 p.m.

BRIDAL SHOWER: There will be a basket shower honoring Victoria Bullen, bride-elect of Nick Dlugosh, at the home of the Eleys on 3705 Deborah Drive from 10 a.m. - 12 noon on Saturday, 20 September. All ladies are cordially invited.

LANGS' ANNIVERSARY DANCE: The Langs' Annual Anniversary Dance will be held Friday, September 26 from 6 - 8 p.m. The first hour will be featuring dances that are family friendly while the second hour presents more complicated dances.

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

MONROE SYMPHONY CONCERT: The Monroe Symphony will hold its second concert ("Time and Remembrance") of the season here at COTR on Saturday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The program will include Mendelssohn's Fingal's Cave Overture, Haydn's "London" Symphony, and will feature James Boldin as soloist in Mozart's Horn Concerto No. 2. 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

September 12 – Renewal Center Lunch (sign-up sheet in Foyer to bring meals)

- 13 Baby shower for Courtney & Baby Boy, Cross home, 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Monroe Symphony chamber music concert, Hotel Monroe, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Second Sunday, 6:00 p.m. Pizza fellowship afterwards
- 19 Fish Fry Party for Cameron & Ellie at the Vaughans
- 20 Bridal Shower in honor of Victoria Bullen, at the Eleys
- 26 Langs' Anniversary Dance, 6-8 p.m., fellowship hall

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

- 15 Calvin Walters and Hailey Metoxen Wedding
- 27 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 30 First Sunday of Advent

December 7 - Second Sunday of Advent

- 11 DYC Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 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:

 $\textbf{Infant:} \quad \textit{AM:} \ \, \text{Connie Merritt, Sophie Ferrington}$

Floater: Savannah Nash

Toddler: AM: Finn Amos, Adam Jones Floater: Beau Asher Lizenby

NEXT WEEK:

Esther Catledge, Jamie Cychosz Sophie Nash

Aleta Eley. Avalee Porter Boaz Hilleke

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 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 #108 "Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord"

+ 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: "Let us go to His tabernacles,"

Cong: "Let us worship at the stool of His feet."

Minister: "Remember, Yahweh, David, all his afflictions, which he swore to Yahweh, he vowed to the Strong One of Jacob. I will not come into the tent of my house, I will not go up on the couch of my bed, I will not give sleep to my eyes, to my eyelids slumber, until I find a place for Yahweh, tabernacles for the Strong One of Jacob." Amen.

THE LORD CLEANSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

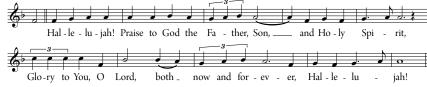
Minister: "Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God"

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."

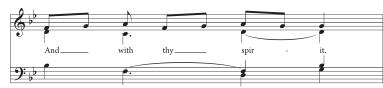
+OPENING ACCLAMATION



+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 saying:"

+ SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

+ PRAYER OF ADORATION

+ CANTICLE #15 (SH)

"A Song of Praise"

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 103:1-12

THE EPISTLE

Philemon 1:1-21

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

+ HYMN #501

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

+ READING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-35

Minister: "The Gospel of our Lord.

Cong: "Praise be to You, O Christ."

+ THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA



+READING OF THE TEXT:

Proverbs 31:10-31

+PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"The Valiant Wife"

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #197 (SH)

"O God of Earth and Altar"

(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 #492

"Take My Life, and Let it Be"

+ 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 #403

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.*

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

+ HYMN #5 (SH)

"Nunc Dimittis"

+ BENEDICTION

+ THREE-FOLD AMEN

+The Congregation will please stand

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