

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-FELLOWSHIP MEAL: We will again have a fellowship meal after our service this morning. If you have no other plans, feel free to join some of our COTR families for the noon meal in the fellowship hall.

Tuesday-LADIES' FIRST TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES: The monthly Ladies' Bible Study will resume this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and **we will meet in the choir room** for this study. We'll be reviewing chapter one and finishing up the study of Hebrews chapter 2. Make plans to come!

Saturday-TRAVIS-MANEY WEDDING: The congregation is invited to the wedding of Jenni Travis and Tim Maney, this Saturday, February 6, beginning at 2:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary. Please pray for Jenni and Tim that the Lord will bless their marriage and grant them many long and fruitful years together.

Next Sunday-WINTER PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: We will have our Winter Parish-wide fellowship meetings next Sunday afternoon and evening (February 7). Please check with your parish elder(s) for the time and place of your meeting.

UPCOMING:

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION: We will again celebrate the last day of Epiphany (Shrove Tuesday) with a time of food, pancakes, and entertainment. Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday evening, February 16, and plan to come!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: We will again mark the beginning of the Lenten season with a noon prayer service here in the sanctuary on Ash Wednesday, February 17.

THE SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION: The Lenten session of our new "School of Cultural Restoration" will begin Wednesday evening, February 24. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a light meal and then have class from 6:00 - 7:00 (or 7:15). You should be able to get home in plenty of time to prepare for bed, school, and work. We will meet for five Wednesdays (from February 24 through March 24) and will have two classes to choose from (a class on the Bible and a class on history) each Wednesday night. It is free of charge and open to the public, so please plan to come and feel free to invite your friends to join us!

CALENDAR

February 2 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
6 – Travis-Maney Wedding
7 – Winter Parish-wide fellowship meetings, no evening worship
12 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
16 – Shrove Tuesday celebration, 4:00 p.m.
17 – Ash Wednesday prayer service, noon in the sanctuary.
Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.
24 – School of Cultural Restoration, Lenten Session, meal 5:30 p.m.

March 2 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
3 – School of Cultural Restoration, class #2, meal 5:30 p.m.
10 – SCR, class #3, meal 5:30 p.m.
12 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
Daylight Savings time begins
17 – SCR, class #4, meal 5:30 p.m.
24 – SCR, class #5, meal 5:30 p.m.

April 6 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
9 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
11 – Spring Parish-wide fellowship meetings
No evening service
21 – Easter Session of SCR, class #1, meal 5:30 p.m.
28 – SCR, class #2, meal 5:30 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Elisabeth Brown, Esther Catledge
Floater: Kathryn Cross

Toddler: AM: Laura Walters, Stephanie Gullette
Floater: Oz Wilkins

NEXT WEEK:

Abby Moreau, Carol Walters
Layla Booth

Joseph Bailey, Robbie McBroom
Tyler Cychosz

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

JANUARY 31, 2021

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 #161 (SH) *"I was Glad to Hear Them Saying"*

† 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: "The Lord has made known His salvation;"

Cong: "His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations."

Minister: "My eyes have seen Your salvation . . . prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

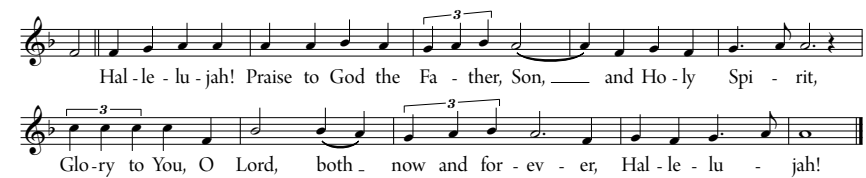
Minister: "Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God"

Cong: Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against You and against one another in what we have done and what we have left undone. We confess that in Jesus our light has come, yet we have often departed from His ways and ignored His truth. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us all the remnants of darkness which shroud our lives. Illumine us by Your Word that we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory and be confirmed in the ways of life and light for the honor of Your holy Son, Jesus, 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:

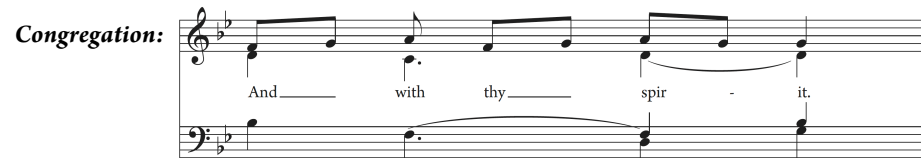


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† 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 #6 (SH) *"Te Deum"*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 98

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

† HYMN #176 (SH) *"A Mighty Fortress"*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

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 *"Synagogues of Satan"*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #267 *"O Word of God Incarnate"*

(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 #541

"How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me"

† 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 #506 *"Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?"*

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