

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--THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We rejoice this morning in the baptism of Emmarie Jane Rockett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rockett. Please pray that Emmarie will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

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.

WILL GUNTER PREACHING: Tonight in our evening service we will have the privilege of hearing Mr. Will Gunter proclaim God's Word. Will is a professor at Geneva Academy and a student in the Fellows program at the Theopolis Institute. Please ask the Lord to bless the preaching of His Word this evening.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: Tonight after evening worship, the High Schoolers will go bowling at the Bayou Bowl (Hwy 165) at 8 p.m. All high schoolers are invited!

Wednesday--ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION: Our annual All Saints Day celebration will be held this Wednesday, November 1, All Saints Day. Everything kicks off at 4:30 p.m. (and concludes at 7:30). There will be jumpy castles, games, candy, delicious food, and a "best dessert" contest! If you haven't signed up to bring food items or to volunteer to oversee the games, there's still time! Go to the Realm and let Shannon Trisler know that you're willing to help. This promises to be our best All Saints Day yet. Don't miss it!

Friday--COLLEGE & CAREER GROUP FELLOWSHIP: This Friday at 7:00 p.m. we'll again have our "First Friday College & Career Group" fellowship. All our college-age young people are invited for a great time of fellowship and book study led by Josh Hurd. Make plans to come!

Next Sunday--HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: Our bi-monthly High School Fellowship will meet next Sunday evening after our service, beginning at 7:15 in the fellowship hall. Plan to come!

UPCOMING

CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE: We will again have our Lessons & Carols service on Christmas Eve. Please mark your calendars and join us!

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

October 29 – Mr. Will Gunter preaching in our evening service

November 1 – All Saints Day celebration, 4:30 p.m.
3 – College and Career Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
5 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 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.
19 – Monroe Symphony Orchestra, 7:00 p.m., COTR sanctuary
17 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
24 – Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service, 6:00 p.m.
25 – Merry Christmas!

January 3-6 – Gloria Sancta X, Lindale, TX
8-10 – 2024 Christendom Lectures
12 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Becky Nash, Jenni Maney
Floater: Layla Booth

Toddler: AM: Caroline Seal, Rachel Huber
Floater: Calhoun Trisler

NEXT WEEK:

Grace Maddox, Micah McCoy
Kathryn Cross

Melissa Cross, Amy Booth
Tyler Cychosz

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 29, 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 #119 *“O Lord How Shall I Meet Thee”*

† 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: “Blessed is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,”

Cong: “Whose hope is in the Lord his God.”

Minister: “Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the Lord our God is holy”

Amen.

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

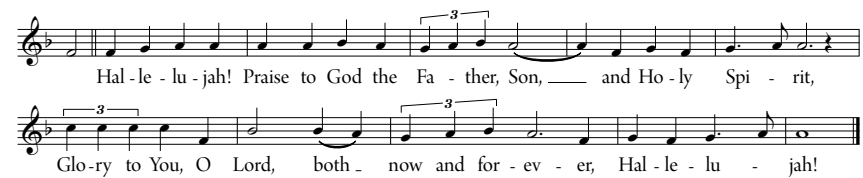
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

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:

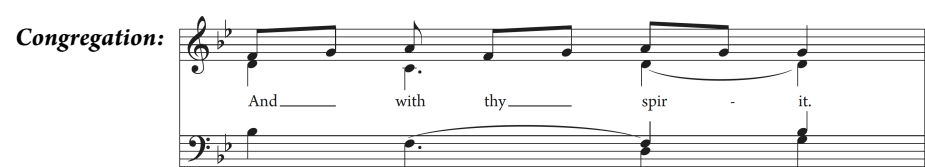


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† 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 #10 (SH) *“God be Merciful Unto Us”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Leviticus 19:1-18

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 20

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #306

“Praise Waits for Thee in Zion”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

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:

Micah 6:18-20 & Matthew 5:7

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Beatitudes: “Blessed Are the Merciful”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #472

“Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory”

(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 #440

“Fountain of Never Ceasing Grace”

† 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 *“Not What These Hands Have Done”*

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