

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 have a fellowship meal after our service this morning in the fellowship hall. If you have no plans for lunch, feel free to join some of our COTR families for a great time of communion over some great food.

Tuesday–DELTA YOUTH CHORALE CONCERT: The Delta Youth Chorale will hold its Winter concert this Tuesday evening, December 7, here in our sanctuary. Come and enjoy some great music performed by our young people.

Friday–DESIARD STREET SHELTER LUNCH: We will again be serving lunch at the DeSiard Street Shelter, this Friday beginning at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to help prepare food, please contact the church office or notify us through Realm.

GENERAL

CONGRATULATIONS! We rejoice in the safe birth of Georgia Clementine Evangeline Grey Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Myers, this past Friday. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

BOOKS! BOOKS!! BOOKS!!! The books available for this month are:

Deep Exegesis by Peter Leithart – \$27.00

Evangelical is Not Enough by Thomas Howard – \$14.00

The American Indian by R. J. Rushdoony – \$11.00

If you would like any (or all!) of these great books, please write a check for the total amount of your order and return it to the church office by Tuesday, December 14.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDES: It's not too late to start using the devotional guides that we've made up for Advent – just begin at week #2! The guides give daily suggestions for passages to read, collects, and hymn suggestions for each day of the season. Pick up your copy on the tables in the foyer and worship the Lord throughout this Advent season.

UPCOMING:

NO LADIES' BIBLE STUDY IN DECEMBER: Because of the DYC concert, we will not have our monthly Ladies' Bible Study in December. The Bible study will resume on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

GLORIA SANCTA CONFERENCE: If you haven't yet registered for this coming year's Gloria Sancta Conference (January 5-8, 2022) you need to do so as soon as possible. This conference is open to all young people, 18 and over, who have graduated from High School. Speakers will be Pastors Rob Hadding, Jeff Niell, Steve Jeffery, and Randy Booth. You can now register online at <http://www.gloriasancta.org/>

CALENDAR

December 5 – The Second Sunday of Advent
7 – Delta Youth Chorale Concert, 7:00 p.m.
No Ladies' Bible Study
10 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
12 – Third Sunday of Advent
Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
19 – The Last Sunday of Advent
24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.
26 – The First Sunday of Christmas
No evening Service

January 2 – The Second Sunday of Christmas
3-5 – The Christendom Lectures
9 – Second Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.
14 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
30 – Fifth Sunday, no evening service

February 1 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
6 – Parish-wide fellowships, no evening service
11 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
13 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.

March 1 – Shrove Tuesday celebration
2 – Ash Wednesday noon prayer service
11 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
13 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Abby Moreau, Carol Walters
Floater: Camille Spires

Toddler: AM: Peter Nash, Adam Jones
Floater: Nathan Bailey

NEXT WEEK:

Carol Medlin, Elizabeth Porter
Ava Booth

Aleta Eley, Caroline Seal
Bryce Lizenby

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 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 #46 (SH) *"Prepare the Way O Zion"*

† 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 that comes in the name of the Lord."

Cong: "Hosanna in the highest."

Minister: "O Jerusalem, you who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

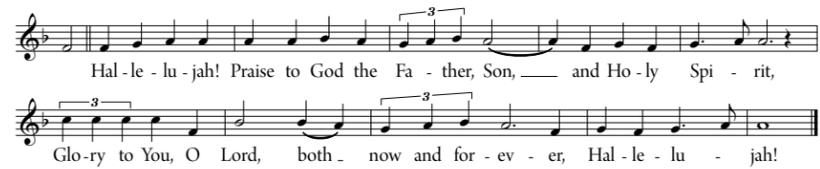
Minister: "Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God"

Cong: Almighty & most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; & we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord have mercy upon us & restore us according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name. 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:"

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #3 (SH) *"Magnificat"*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Malachi 3:1-12

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 66:1-12

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 1:2-11

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

† HYMN #243 *"O Quickly Come, Dread Judge of All"*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Luke 3:1-18

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 *"Preparing for the Lord's Coming"*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #32 (SH) *"Come Thou Precious Ransom, Come"*

(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 #53 (SH) *"The Race that Long in Darkness Pined"*

† 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 #31 (SH) *"Arise Sons of the Kingdom"*

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