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-HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: We will have High School Fellowship after evening service this evening. All high schoolers are welcome so plan to come!

Tuesday–MONROE SYMPHONY CONCERT: The Monroe Symphony will present a chamber concert, "Holiday Brass," this Tuesday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church.

Thursday-DYC FALL CONCERT: The Delta Youth Chorale will present its Fall concert, this Thursday, December 11, here at COTR. This is going to be a glorious time of great music, including Vivaldi's "Gloria", so make plans to come and enjoy!

Friday-ADVENT HYMN & PSALM SING: We will have our second Advent hymn and psalm sing, this coming Friday evening at 7:00 in the home of Ed and Heidi Lang (2144 Maywood Dr.). There'll be food and fellowship afterwards, bring a treat to share and make plans to come!

Next Sunday-SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: Next Sunday evening, we'll have our "Second Sunday" service with a time of singing, prayer, and a brief study. With Pizza afterwards! Make plans to come!

UPCOMING:

2026 CHRISTENDOM LECTURES: This coming January, we will host our 26th annual Christendom Lectures from January 5-7, 2026 ("Surprised by God"). Our speakers are: Victor Lee Austen (canon theologian of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, Texas), Jason Staples (assistant professor at North Carolina State University and author), and Jeff Meyers (author, pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri). COTR members may attend at no cost, if you register before the deadline (December 24, 2026). Mark your calendars and plan to come!

GLORIA SANCTA, **2026**: It's time to register again for Gloria Sancta, 2026. This is a conference for single adults, ages 18-30. This coming conference will be held January 7-10, 2026, at the Timberline Camp and Conference Center, in Lindale, Texas. For more information go to: www.GloriaSancta.org

CALENDAR

December 7 - Second Sunday of Advent

High School Fellowship after evening worship

- 9 Holiday Brass, Monroe Symphony, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 DYC Fall Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Advent Hymn/Psalm Sing, 6:30 p.m., at Ed & Heidi Lang's home
- 14 Third Sunday of Advent

Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.

Pizza fellowship afterwards

- 19 Advent Hymn/Psalm Sing, 6:30 p.m., at Paul & Micah McCoy's home
- 21 Last Sunday of Advent
- 24 Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 28 No Evening Service
- 29 Cross-Hicks Wedding

January 1 – Happy New Year!

Feast of Christ's circumcision

- 5-7 2026 Christendom Lectures
- 6 Feast of Epiphany
- 7-10 Gloria Sancta Conference, 2026
- 11 Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
- 18 High School Fellowship after evening worship

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Connie Merritt, Elisabeth Brown
Floater: Annabelle Huber

Toddler: AM: Matt Wilkins, Arthur Richey Floater: Oz Wilkins

NEXT WEEK:

Anna Pryor, Sarah Richey Hayes Merritt

Caroline Smith, Rose Wilkins Isaac Cychosz

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 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 #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 who comes in the name of the LORD,"

Cong: "Hosanna in the highest!"

Minister: "He is ruling by His might everlastingly; His eyes on the nations keep watch. Let not the rebellious exalt themselves! Sing joyfully to God, all the earth! Play music to the glory of His Name! Bless our God, O peoples, Make the sound of His praise be heard." **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:

+The Congregation will please stand



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 #3 (SH) "Magnificat"

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 96

THE EPISTLE Romans 15:4-13

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

+ HYMN #50 (SH) "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

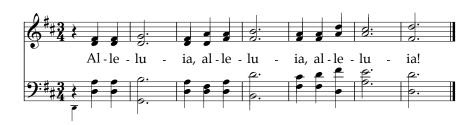
+ READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

Minister: "The Gospel of our Lord.

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

+ THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA



READING OF THE TEXT:

Ephesians 5:22-27

SERMON "Submitting to One Another" (1)

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #147 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(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 #37 (SH)

"Hills of the North, Rejoice"

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 (Insert)

"Nunc Dimittis"

+ BENEDICTION

+ THREE-FOLD AMEN

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