

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–PASTORS DUANE GARNER & MARK HORNE PREACHING: We are thankful to have two guests preachers in our services today. Pastor Duane Garner of Christ Church, Cary, NC, and Pastor Mark Horne of Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO, will be preaching in our morning and evening services respectively. Duane and Mark will also be teaching in our Christendom Lectures which begin tomorrow evening. It is a great privilege to have them with us. Please pray for God's blessing upon their labors.

HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY: We will again have our hospitality meal today after our morning service. If you have no plans for lunch, feel free to come!

Monday–CHRISTENDOM LECTURES: Our opening session of the 2023 Christendom Lectures will begin at 7:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary. Pastor Duane Garner will speak in our first session and Dr. Micah Mattix will teach in our second evening session at 8:30 p.m. The evening sessions are free of charge so plan to come!

Tuesday–CHRISTENDOM LECTURES: Our Tuesday morning session will begin with a matins service at 8:30 a.m. This will be followed by Mark Horne's first lecture at 9:15. Pastor Uri Brito will be speaking in our second morning session at 10:45, and there will be a Q&A session at 11:45. Lunch for all conferees will begin at 12:30 p.m. The evening session will begin at 7:00, and Mark Horne will give his second lecture. Duane Garner will give the last talk of the day beginning at 8:15.

Wednesday–CHRISTENDOM: The last session of our 2023 Christendom Lectures will begin again at 8:30 with a matins service. This will be followed at 9:15 with Dr. Micah Mattix's second lecture. After a break Pastor Garner will give his last lecture at 10:45. The conference will conclude with a Q&A session at 11:45.

Friday–RENEWAL CENTER LUNCH: We will again be serving lunch at the Renewal Center this Friday beginning at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to help prepare the meal, please contact Jackie and let her know that you are able to help.

Next Sunday–MARCH FOR LIFE: The annual "March for Life" will be held Sunday, January 15, beginning at 2:00 p.m. We will gather in the parking lot of First West and walk from there. Plan to participate if you're able.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: After evening worship next Sunday, we'll have another High School Fellowship in the fellowship hall beginning at 7:15. Plan to come!

UPCOMING:

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: The next Ladies' Bible Study will be Tuesday evening, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. We will conclude the study of Hebrews 11.

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION: We will mark the end of Epiphany with our annual Shrove Tuesday celebration, Tuesday, February 21.

CALENDAR

January 8 – First Sunday of Epiphany
9-11 – 2023 Christendom Lectures
13 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
15 – March for Life, 2:00 p.m.
High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m. fellowship hall
17 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.

February 7 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
10 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
12 – Second Sunday service
21 – Shrove Tuesday celebration
22 – Ash Wednesday Prayer service, 12:00 p.m.
26 – First Sunday in Lent

March 1 – Lenten Prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
7 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., choir room
8 – Lenten prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
10 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
12 – Second Sunday service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
15 – Lenten prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
22 – Lenten prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.
29 – Lenten prayer service/SCR, 6:00 p.m.

April 4 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., choir room
7 – Good Friday service, 6:00 p.m.
9 – Easter Sunday
14 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

JANUARY 8, 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 #74 (SH) *“O Jesus, King of Glory”*

† 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: “Arise, shine, for your light has come!”

Cong: *“And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you!”*

Minister: “All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the Lord’s, and He rules over the nations” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

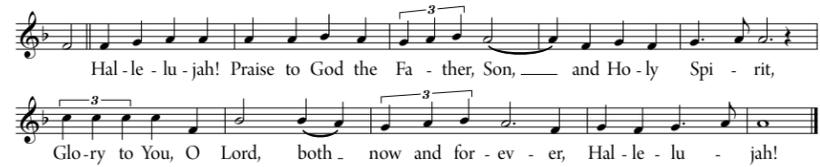
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

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. Forgive our sins and deliver us from 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:

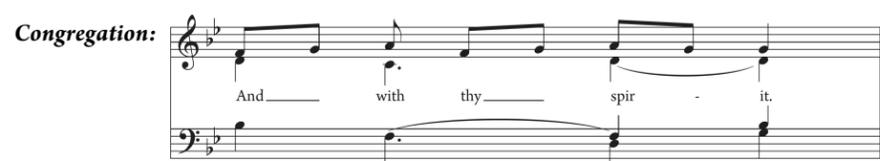


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

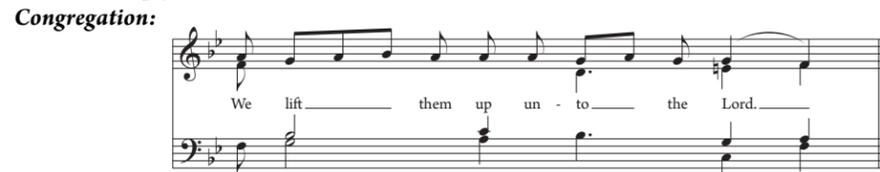
Congregation:



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

Isaiah 42:1-9

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: *“Thanks be to God.”*

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 29

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6:1-11

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: *“Thanks be to God.”*

† HYMN #71 (SH) *“Brightest and Best”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

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 *“The Locust Eater”*

Pastor Duane Garner

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #76 (SH) *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*

(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 #77 (SH) *“Why, Herod, Unrelenting Foe”*

† 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 #70 (SH) *“Bright and Glorious is the Sky”*

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