

## 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 FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY:** Today is the first Sunday of the season of Epiphany. The word “epiphany” means, to reveal or make plain and the season of Epiphany is that season of the church year in which we focus upon the unveiling or revelation of the glory of the Son of God to Israel and the world. May the Lord open our eyes to His glory as it is revealed in Christ Jesus.

**SECOND SUNDAY:** We will have our special “Second Sunday” service this evening at 6:00 with a time of singing, prayer, and a brief study of the history of our country and, PIZZA afterwards! Plan to be here!

**PIZZA FELLOWSHIP:** Tonight, after our Second Sunday service, we will have pizza in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$15 per family, \$3.00 per person.

**Wednesday—SESSION MEETING:** The elders will hold their regular monthly meeting this coming Wednesday evening at 6:30, please pray for God's blessing upon our elders as they meet together.

**Next Sunday—HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP:** Next Sunday we will have and time of fellowship for all our High School students after evening worship. Don't miss it!

## GENERAL:

**THANK YOU!** We are so thankful for all of you who helped out with our 2026 Christendom lectures. Special thanks to Jackie Peacock, Sandy Lizenby and Jo Ann Causey who assisted with snacks & refreshments. Thanks also to Butter Bakery and Castor and Chicory for supplying delicious treats and deserts. Thanks to our Geneva students who helped in numerous ways, setting up and cleaning up. Thanks to our musicians (Glen Warner, Sarah Davis, and Jarrod Richey) who accompanied our singing. Thanks to Will Merritt who loaned his truck to the speakers so that they had transportation throughout the conference. Thanks to Zach Parker who was an indispensable in securing our speakers and who worked tirelessly on publicity & to Jarrod Richey who handled arrangements, make programs, and prepared our matins services, and, to Braden Smith who again took care of our audio and video and streaming and made it possible for all of us to be heard and seen by those here and to “visitors” around the country and the world! Thanks to all of you, it was a great conference and a great way to kick off 2026!

## UPCOMING:

**PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS:** Our next Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, February 8, in various locations. Please check with your parish elder(s) for the time and place of your parish fellowship. **Because of our fellowship meetings, we will not have our regular evening service on the 8th.**

**SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION:** Our Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner and talent show will be on Tuesday, February 17. This is always a great time so mark your calendars and plan to be here!

**ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE:** We will again begin the Lenten season with a noon prayer meeting on Ash Wednesday.

## CALENDAR

January 11 – First Sunday of Epiphany  
Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
14 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
18 – High School Fellowship after evening worship

February 1 – High School Fellowship after evening worship  
8 – Parish-wide fellowship meetings, no evening service  
15 – High School Fellowship after evening service  
17 – Shrove Tuesday celebration  
18 – The Season of Lent begins  
Ash Wednesday noon Prayer Service

March 1 – High School fellowship after evening worship  
4 – Spring SCR Classes begin, meal at 5:00 and classes at 6:05  
8 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
11 – Session #2 of Spring SCR classes  
15 – High School fellowship after evening worship  
18 – Session #3 of Spring SCR classes  
25 – Session #4 of Spring SCR classes

April 1 – Session #5 of Spring SCR classes  
3 – Good Friday service, 6:00 p.m.  
5 – Happy Easter!  
12 – Parish-wide fellowship meetings  
No evening service  
19 – High School Fellowship after evening worship  
20-21 – Wycliff Presbytery, Ft. Worth, Texas



## THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

JANUARY 11, 2026

10:00AM MORNING SERVICE

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## THE LORD CALLS US TO DRAW NEAR

MINISTER: "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us worship God."

*"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: "Arise, be light, for your light has come,"

*Cong: "And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you."*

Minister: "God, give Your justice to the king, And Your righteousness to the son of the king. May he judge Your people with righteousness, And Your afflicted with justice. . . . May they fear you while the sun exists, And in the moon's presence, generation after generation." **Amen.**

## THE LORD CLEANSES US

### CONFESSON OF SINS:

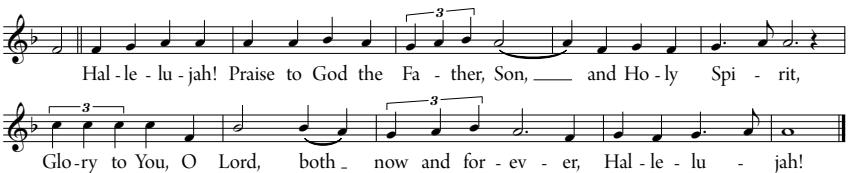
Minister: "Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God"

*Cong: Almighty 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. Be pleased O God, to 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."

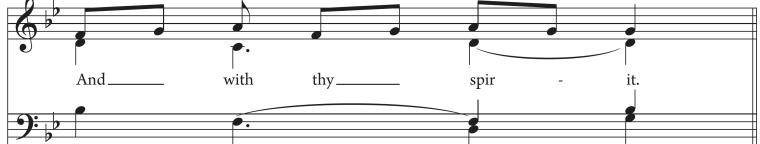
### †OPENING ACCLAMATION



### †ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

*Congregation:*



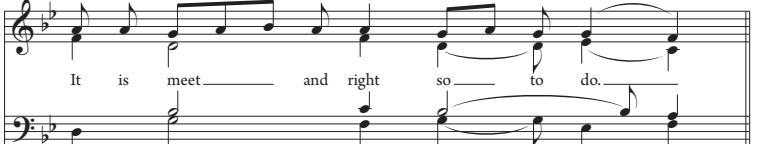
Minister: Lift up your hearts.

*Congregation:*



Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

*Congregation:*



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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 #6 (SH)

*"Te Deum"*

## THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

### THE LESSON

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

*Cong: "Thanks be to God."*

### CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 98

### THE EPISTLE

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

*Cong: "Thanks be to God."*

Ephesians 3:1-22

### † HYMN #73 (SH)

*"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

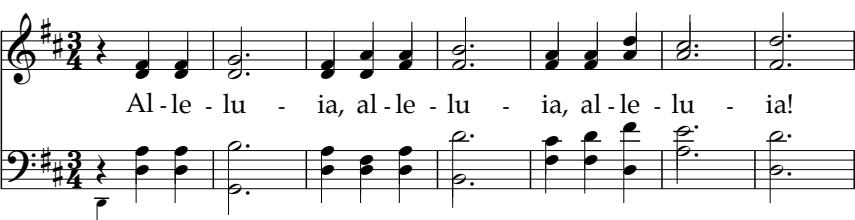
### † READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Minister: "The Gospel of our Lord."

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

### † THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA



### SERMON

*"The Glorious Mystery of God"*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY #75 (SH)

*"Saw You Never, In Twilight"*

(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 #76 (SH)

*"Songs of Thanksgiving"*

### † 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 #71 (SH)

*"Brightest and Best"*

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

*"Nunc Dimittis" (Vickers)*

### † BENEDICTION

### † THREE-FOLD AMEN

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