

# GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the  
**Glory of God**

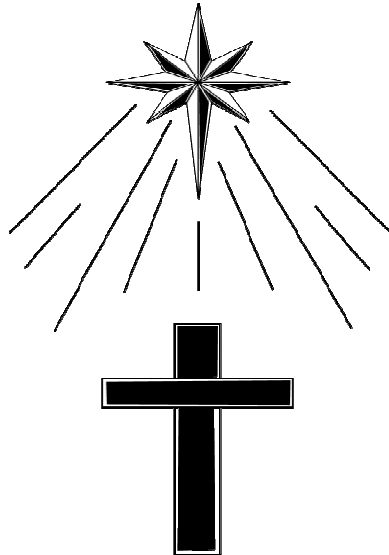
**and the  
Renewal of His People**

February 5, 2012

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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(If the temperature of the building is too cool, please avail yourself of shawls in the lobby near our water fountain)

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



Southside Community Church exists as a *community*  
*redeemed* by and *dependent* upon *God's grace*,  
that we might be  
engaged in and renewed by the *worship* of the triune God,  
*matured* by His truth, as evidenced by *love*,  
and engaged in His *mission of renewal* to *His world*.

## REFLECTION and PREPARATION

I am plagued by doubts. What if everything is an illusion and nothing exists? In that case, I definitely paid too much for my apartment.

- *Woody Allen*

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Spread His glory,  
Share His things,  
Serve His people.

*or,*

Serve ourselves.  
Hoard our things.  
Pursue our glory.

God has always done the first three. Adam and Eve and we have always pursued the last three.

*(gleaned from a year of teaching the Bible's story to kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> graders)*

- *Kyle Livingston,*

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Christ became what we are that He might make us what He is.

- *St. Athanasius*

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**BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT...THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM**

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(\*Indicates where congregation is invited to stand, as able)

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

*from Psalm 35*

*Leader: Let those who delight in God's righteousness shout for joy  
and be glad and say evermore,*

**People: "Great is the Lord,  
who delights in the welfare of His servant!"**

*Leader: Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness*

**People: and of your praise all the day long.**

**O For A Thousand**

Words and Music by: Thomas Miller, Charles Wesley and Ralph Hudson

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

If eloquence I could display  
And ev'ry language sing,  
A thousand words could never say  
The praise I have for Thee.

*Chorus 1*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, all praise to our God.*

Before the throne we'll sing the song  
With saints from ev'ry age.  
With thousands times ten thousand strong  
We'll praise His holy name.

*Chorus 2*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, all praise to our God.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, all praise to our King.*

A thousand years will be as one  
When face to face I see  
The splendid beauty of the Son,  
The One who died for me.

## Open The Eyes of My Heart

Words and Music: Paul Baloche, 1997

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You,

I want to see You.

*(repeat)*

To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory;  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You,

I want to see You.

*(repeat)*

To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory,  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy;

Holy, holy, holy;

Holy, holy, holy;

I want to see You.

*(repeat)*

**\*PRAYER of ADORATION**

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## BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN...

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### AFFIRMATION of FAITH & CONFESSION of SIN

*Exodus 16*

...the people of Israel *grumbled* against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you brought us into this wilderness to kill us all with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, *whether they will walk in my law or not*. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." So Moses said to Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard *your grumbling* against the LORD.

'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard *your grumbling*.'" 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. Moses said, "It is the bread that the *LORD has given you* to eat. They gathered, some more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each gathered as much as he could eat. And Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." But *they did not listen* to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank.

On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers each. And when the leaders of the congregation told Moses, he said, "This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Tomorrow is a day of solemn *rest*, a holy Sabbath to the LORD; all that is left over lay aside to be kept till the morning.'" So they laid it aside till the morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink, and there were no worms in it. Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field. Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, which is a Sabbath, there will be none."

On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, but they found none. And the LORD said to Moses, "*How long will you refuse to keep my commands* and my laws? See! The LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days.

Israel called its name manna. It was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. *The people ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land*. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

Consider:

- *Do I approach life's work in a way that reflects that I know God will provide all my needs? Do I rest? Do I share? Do I waste? Do I grumble? Am I thankful?*

*(please, take this time to confess your sin and weakness against these temptations, silently;  
the music team will lead us forward)*

SONG of RENEWAL

**Jesus Paid It All**

Words and Music: Alex Nifong and Elvina M. Hall

And, I hear the Savior say,  
Thy strength indeed is small.  
Child of weakness, watch and pray;  
Find in Me thine all in all.

*Chorus 1:*

*'Cause Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe.*

*Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.  
(It's washed away)  
(All my sin and all my shame)*

Lord, now, indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.

*Repeat Chorus 1*

And, when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete;  
Jesus died my soul to save,  
My lips shall still repeat:

*Chorus 2:*

*Jesus paid it all;  
All to Him I owe.*

*Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.  
He washed it white as snow.  
He washed it white as snow.*

*BRIDGE:*

Oh, praise the One  
Who paid my debt,  
And raised this life  
Up from the dead.

*(Repeat)*  
Jesus

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**...FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED**

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**\*WORDS of ASSURANCE**

*from 2 Corinthians 8 and Colossians 2*

*Leader: Friends, are you prone to panic and reluctant to share the “manna” of this world because you worry you’ll not have enough? Hear the assurance offered through Jesus, the bread of life -*

As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”...

...you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

*Are you tired from working hard to pay off your debt of bad works?*

...you, who were dead in your trespasses, God made alive together with Jesus, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

*Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

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BLESSED ARE THE MEEK...FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH

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\*SONG of CELEBRATION

**Majestic**

Words and Music: Lincoln Brewster

O Lord, our Lord,  
How majestic is  
Your name in all the earth..  
O Lord, our Lord,  
How majestic is  
Your name in all the earth.

*Chorus 1:*

*The heavens declare Your greatness.  
The oceans cry out to You.  
The mountains, they bow down before You.  
So I'll join with the earth,  
And I'll give my praise to You.*

*Bridge*

I will worship You.  
I will worship You.  
I will worship You.  
I will worship You.  
We will worship You.  
We will worship You.

*Chorus 2:*

*The heavens declare Your greatness.  
The oceans cry out to You.  
The mountains, they bow down before You.  
So, I'll join with the earth, and I'll sing.  
The heavens declare Your greatness  
The oceans cry out to You  
The mountains they bow down before You.  
So I'll join with the earth,  
And I'll give my praise to You.*

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**BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, PURE IN HEART,  
PEACE MAKERS, PERSESCUTED...**

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**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

*Fellowship Books.* Please take a moment to fill out the information on the attendance pads located underneath the seat on the inner aisles, providing any information to enable us to better serve you. When you finish, please pass the pads down the row so everyone has the opportunity to do so.

**PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

*Childrens' Worship.* We welcome children in our entire worship service. However, if you feel a child would benefit from a setting specifically designed for 4-8 years of age, you may escort them to Children's Worship down the west hallway of our building after our offering.

**PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD**

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**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS...THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED**

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**READING of GOD'S WORD**

*Ecclesiastes 11-12:1*

*Be Generous*

- <sup>1</sup> Cast your bread upon the waters,  
for you will find it after many days.
- <sup>2</sup> Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,  
for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.
- <sup>3</sup> If the clouds are full of rain,  
they empty themselves on the earth,  
and if a tree falls to the south or to the north,  
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.

*Work and Approach it with Trust in God*

- <sup>4</sup> He who observes the wind will not sow,  
and he who regards the clouds will not reap.
- <sup>5</sup> As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with  
child,  
so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.
- <sup>6</sup> In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand,  
for you do not know which will prosper, this or that,  
or whether both alike will be good.
- <sup>7</sup> Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.
- <sup>8</sup> So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all;  
but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many.  
All that comes is vanity.

*Recognize the Gift of Your Youth*

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

<sup>10</sup> Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

<sup>1</sup> Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them."

HOMILY

*"Wise, Joyful Living with a Loose, Intentional, and Generous Grip"*  
*from the series,*  
*"Wisdom for Living in a World with Jesus as King"*

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## BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS...THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED

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### CELEBRATION of HOLY COMMUNION

*Feel free to bring children forward. If they are not partaking the bread and wine/juice, they may indicate simply by clasping their hands. Upon request, our servers will gladly pray for and with your children.*

*If you are unable, physically, to process forward but do wish to partake, servers will come to your seat with the elements.*

**Minister:** *The first community that existed - the community of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - shared of its own that we might share community with them, as well. God gave us His Son, Christ, and invites us to share His table with Him and one another, today. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

**Minister:** *Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**People:** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Minister:** *The gifts of God are for the people of God.*

**Serving of the Elements** *(wine is in the outer ring of the trays; juice in the inner)*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

### **Prayer of Belief**

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.*

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**BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN OTHERS REVILE YOU, PERSECUTE YOU,  
OR UTTER EVIL AGAINST YOU FALSELY ON MY ACCOUNT....FOR YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN IS GREAT.**

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**\*SONG of RESPONSE**

**Now Unto Him**

Words and Music: David Morris

Now unto Him who is able  
To keep you from falling  
And to make you stand in His presence  
Blameless and with great joy;  
To the only God our Savior  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Be the glory, and the majesty,  
Dominion, and authority,  
Both now and ever. Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

*from Jude 24-25*

*Minister: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.*

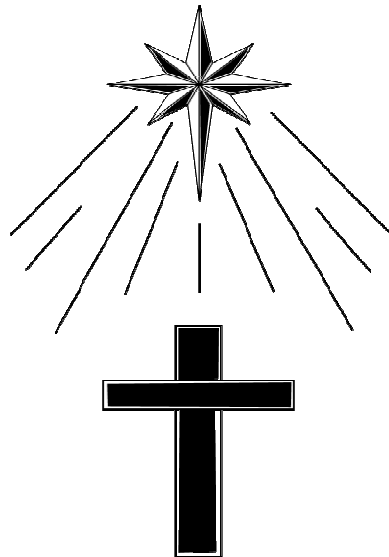
**People: (Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*We praise the Lord for our accompanists this morning  
– vocalists and instrumentalists and audio and video technicians.*

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## Sunday, February 5 – Saturday, February 11, 2012

*I would like to thank Pastor Kyle and the congregation for letting me take care of the children and making me feel as one of you. I will truly miss the Sundays, the children, and friendly people who came by to say hello and also the hugs.*

*Thank you for the wonderful reception and the beautiful Bible which I will cherish.*

*Thank you to all who came by to wish me well in my retiring. May God bless all of you.*

*- Virginia Krnavek*

### **Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve**

#### *Today*

**Lord's Supper.** A practical encouragement to prepare -

*"before they come, prepare by examining themselves of their identity in Christ, of their sins and their wants, of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance; love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires for Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation, and fervent prayer." (Westminster Confession of Faith)*

Such preparation can make the Lord's Supper very meaningful for you, reminding us both of our deep need for a Savior and of the deep love of God that He provides the sacrifice to forgive and make us whole.

**Lunch Bunch.** The congregation is invited to join the lunch bunch at China Garden, 4101 South Padre Island Dr., following our worship service.

**Opportunities to serve Carlene Johnson and Neal Marsh.** For Carlene, please contact Harry Lundgaard or Emily Weaver. For Neal Marsh, please contact Johnny Cotten or Ken Peden.

**SCC Nursery Notice.** Notices regarding nursery use and cleanup have been posted. Please follow the recommended cleanup and sanitizing requirements.

**"Relief without Cutting" and "Facing Death with Hope" and "Family Feuds" and "Help for the Caregiver" - New CCEF (Christian Counseling and Education Foundation) resources are available in the narthex,** providing counsel and encouragement to a number of the trials we encounter in our lives.

#### *Upcoming*

**IT'S A GIRL THING! Conference** will be held at West Oso Junior High Auditorium on **February 24-25, 2012**. The weekend format is geared to address issues facing young girls today through dynamic speakers, live music and real-life discussion topics in small group sessions. This will be the tenth annual conference and the theme is "CHANGING LIVES". Pick up a post card in the narthex for further details. **Southside has set aside funds to scholarship all of our teenage girls and their mothers to attend the conference.**

**Mens' "Logos" weekly Bible studies and "Timeout Luncheon".** Every Wednesday (downtown) and Friday (southside) morning at 7am, men are gathering to study and fellowship with the One-Year Bible. The second mens' luncheon will be held downtown on **March 7<sup>th</sup>** featuring Judge Ward from Arkansas. See Greg Hood for more info, 361-548-4298.

**Feed lunch to Habitat for Humanity builders. March 19-23, 26-30.** Anyone able to coordinate lunch to feed 16-20 adults on a Wednesday or Friday during the dates above, please contact Ada Davis, volunteer coordinator for Habitat at 361-289-1740.

### **Financial Update**

*Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 25,965.00*

*Budget Month-to-Date: \$29,955.00*

*Giving Year-to-Date: \$ 242,930.00*

*Budget Year-to-Date: \$ 263,500.00*

### **Save the Date**

- **Feb 8<sup>th</sup>** – Joint meeting of Session of elders and deacons, 6:15pm.
- **Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Ash Wednesday worship service (7:15pm) preceded by pancake supper at 6:00pm.
- **Feb 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** – "It's A Girl Thing" Conference
- **March 7<sup>th</sup>** – Men's "Timeout Luncheon"
- **March 31<sup>st</sup>** – "Pops in the Park" concert at Whataburger Field
- **April 21<sup>st</sup>** – Womens' half-day Retreat

**\*\*Ongoing Bible Study and Opportunities for Service with Groups**

**Sunday Christian Education Classes – 9:15 - 10:15**

Ages 2 - 3 *A Sure Foundation*  
Ages 4 - 9 *Camp Southside – "...so they set their hope in God"*  
Ages 10-13 *Serve Camp Southside*  
Ages 14 - 18 *Serve Camp Southside*  
Adults *The Pauline Epistles*

**Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 am**

4-8 Years, Children's Worship (children dismissed prior to Homily)  
Staffed nursery for newborns - 3 years for Education Hour and Worship Service

**Weekly Meetings**

**Tuesday Morning @ Town & Country Café**

**6:30 am Men's Study** *The Minor Prophets*, by James Boice

**7 :00 am Women's Breakfast**

Contacts: Bill and Jean Newberry at 537-0549 or 537-9681 or Gordon and Linda Landreth at 992-3046.

**Wednesday**

**Fall Midweek Study 11:00 am** Study *-Through His Eyes, God's Perspective on Women in the Bible* and meal.  
Contact Meredith Hood at MeredithHood730@yahoo.com or 361-232-1364.

**Youth Gathering** Fellowship with study and food, 7:00pm.  
Contact Stephen Shepperd at 537.2281 or Shepshep3@gmail.com

**Monthly Meetings**

**Women's Book Club** Contact Jeanie Cotten @ 991-6478 or jcotten@stx.rr.com

**Tuesday Women's Noon Fellowship** Contact Andy Beaver @ 442-2721

**Mercy and Service Opportunities**

**Mission 911 "The Center Peace"** Contact Paige Peden @ 290.2174 or hydrangeasplendor@yahoo.com  
Nutrition, Reading and Fun. If interested in volunteering please contact Paige for more details.

**Elder on Call**

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| Ed Arvin        | Feb 5 – Feb 11  | Andy Folley     | Feb 12 – Feb 18 |
| Harry Lundgaard | Feb 19 – Feb 25 | Gordon Landreth | Feb 26 – Mar 3  |

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