

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE
for the
Glory of God
and the
Renewal of His People

December 8, 2019

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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**

*Glorifying God...*

*Embracing Scripture...*

*Loving Corpus Christi...*

GATHERING SONG

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Hymn #196 v 1, 2, 4)**

*Words: Charles Wesley, Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard*

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee  
Day-spring from on high appear  
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse  
Of Thy birth we long to hear  
O'er the hills the angels singing  
News glad tidings of a birth  
Go to him your praises bringing  
Christ the Lord has come to earth

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever

Now Thy gracious kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(See the inside of the back page)

***Information Cards.** Please take a moment to fill out the information card in your bulletin, providing any information to enable us to better serve you. When you finish, place your card in offering tray as it passes or on your seat after the service.*

## PREPARATION for WORSHIP

"Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,  
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to Thee again.

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread, and long to feast upon Thee still;  
we drink of Thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from Thee to fill."  
- Bernard of Clairvaux, 1150

## \*CALL to WORSHIP

### Psalm 95: 1-3

*Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;*

**Congregation: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

*Minister: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;*

**Congregation: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

*Minister: For the LORD is a great God,*

**Congregation: And a great King above all gods!**

\*SONG of ADORATION

**The First Noel**

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far  
To seek for a king was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

This star drew nigh to the northwest  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

Then entered in those wise men three  
Full rev'rently upon the knee  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

**\*INVOCATION**

\*CONFESSION of FAITH

**Heidelberg Catechism #60**

Minister: *How are you right with God?*

**Congregation: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.  
Even though my conscience accuses me  
of having grievously sinned  
against all God's commandments  
and of never having kept any of them,  
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,  
nevertheless, without my deserving it at all,  
out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me  
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,  
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,  
as if I had been as perfectly obedient  
as Christ was obedient for me.**

**\*CONFESSION of SIN**

*Please, pray the following in unison*

Almighty and 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 offended against Your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
And there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.  
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent;  
According to Your promises declared unto mankind  
In Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake;  
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
To the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

**ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS**

Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.  
By his wounds you have been healed.

**\*SONG of RENEWAL**

**O Come O Come Emmanuel**

*Words: John Mason Neale and Music: Thomas Helmore*

O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight  
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Desire of nations bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind  
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace  
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

**PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

|                      |         |                     |           |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|
| Giving Month to Date | \$7,452 | Giving Year to Date | \$210,395 |
| Goal Month to Date   | \$6,250 | Goal Year to Date   | \$218,750 |

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

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**Scripture Reading**

1 John 2 (Pages 1021-1022)

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

Please contact Toby at the church office for prayer needs and updates.

\*SONG of COMMITMENT

**It Came Upon The Midnight Clear (Hymn #200 v 1, 3, 4)**

*Words: Edward Sears and Music: Richard S. Willis*

It came upon the midnight clear  
That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold  
Peace on the earth good will to men  
From heaven's all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing

And ye beneath life's crushing load  
Whose forms are bending low  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow  
Look now for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing  
O rest beside the weary road  
And hear the angels sing

For lo the days are hastening on  
By prophet bards foretold  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing

**\*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD**

*Isaiah 59 (Pages 618-619)*

**\*SONG of RESPONSE**

**Angels We Have Heard on High (Hymn #214)**

*Words: James Chadwick*

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

### **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*There are prayers on the back of the bulletin to assist you in praying, particularly if the Christian faith is new or unknown to you.*

*Elders are available to pray with you.*

*Feel free to bring children forward even if they are not partaking of the elements.*

*If you are physically unable to come forward but wish to partake, servers will bring the elements to you.*

### **Serving of the Elements**

*Wine is in the outer ring of the trays; juice in the inner.*

**\*SONG of CELEBRATION**

**Joy To The World (Hymn #195)**

*Words: Isaac Watts and Music: George Frederick Handel*

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders wonders of His love

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*GREETING**

**To the Parents of Young Children**

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. We believe the church is for all people, even children, and we want Southside to be a church where children are both seen and heard. So don't worry if your children wiggle in the pews or make a little noise! We invite you to keep your children in our service and help them understand what is going on, sing the songs with you, and participate in worship. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. If you prefer, we have a nursery program that is set up to handle children from birth to 4 years old.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS for December 8, 2019**

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| <b>Sunday, December 8 - Saturday, December 14, 2019</b> |
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*Elder on Call*

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|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Tim Mulder | Dec 1 - Dec 7   | Rob Sigler      | Dec 8 - Dec 14  |
| Ed Arvin   | Dec 15 - Dec 21 | Gordon Landreth | Dec 22 - Dec 28 |

**2019 Bible Reading Plan.** This week's reading schedule:

|                 |       |            |   |               |           |   |      |    |
|-----------------|-------|------------|---|---------------|-----------|---|------|----|
| 1<br>Chronicles | 8     | 3 John     | 1 | <b>Dec-8</b>  | Habakkuk  | 3 | Luke | 22 |
| 2<br>Chronicles | 9     | Jude       | 1 | <b>Dec-9</b>  | Zephaniah | 1 | Luke | 23 |
| 2<br>Chronicles | 10    | Revelation | 1 | <b>Dec-10</b> | Zephaniah | 2 | Luke | 24 |
| 2<br>Chronicles | 11-12 | Revelation | 2 | <b>Dec-11</b> | Zephaniah | 3 | John | 1  |

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| 2<br>Chronicles | 13    | Revelation | 3 | <b>Dec-12</b> | Haggai    | 1 | John | 2 |
| 2<br>Chronicles | 14-15 | Revelation | 4 | <b>Dec-13</b> | Haggai    | 2 | John | 3 |
| 2<br>Chronicles | 16    | Revelation | 5 | <b>Dec-14</b> | Zechariah | 1 | John | 4 |

### Weekly Opportunities to Gather

**Sunday Coffee in the Narthex 9:15 am.**

**Sunday Children, Youth, and Adult Christian Education 9:30 am**

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

**Sunday Evenings 6:00pm Sunday Night Fellowship.** Please join us for singing, prayer, a Bible lesson, and fellowship.

**Tuesday Women’s Breakfast Fellowship.** 7:00 am at Town and Country Café, 4228 South Alameda Street. All ladies are invited to join us for a time of sharing, card writing, and prayer. Contacts: Jean Newberry at 537-9681 and Linda Landreth at 992-3046.

**Tuesday Men’s Study. Tuesdays** 7:00 am at Town and Country Café, 4228 South Alameda. **Men’s group is studying Proverbs.** Contacts are Bill Newberry at 537-0549 and Gordon Landreth at 992-3046.

**Friday Prayer Meeting** - Everyone is invited to gather Fridays at the church at 2:00 pm for a dedicated time of prayer for revival.

**New CE Courses** - The Winter Christian Education courses are now meeting. The Ladies meet in classroom 31 and are studying Luke, led by Jean Newberry, Jeanie Cotten, and Megan Lockyer. Ed Arvin is teaching the other class in room 32, "God's Power through Ordinary People."

### Serving Our Families

**Nursery Volunteers** - If you are the helper, make sure to check in with Roxy and the primary worker before church and about 10-15 minutes into the service. Anyone interested in volunteering for the nursery rotation, please contact Toby at the office.

### Women's Ministry Team

**Leadership:** Hannah Feuchtenberger, Melissa Jones, Jeanie Cotten, Jean Newberry, Judy Arvin, and Leigh Graf. For more information contact Hannah at 361-935-4513.

### RUF Leadership

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### *Physical & Spiritual Needs*

- **Nora Graf** - Asking prayer for issues with her left eye.
- **Tena Beanland** - Prayers that the stent inserted will bring relief from pain. Please continue to pray for her brother-in-law, Toby Kinder. He suffered a stroke after surgery and is have to learn to walk. Chemo is on hold for now. Prayer for Toby's son, Dakota who is incarcerated. Please continue to pray for Bob's brother, Paul Beanland.
- **Teresa Hinojosa** - Please pray for her recovery from illness and a car accident.
- **Jefferson Markey** - Please pray for comfort as his stepmother passed away.
- **Mike and Jeannie McCrocklin** - Prayers for healing for Mike and Jeannie from medical procedures.
- **Leonard Sullivan** - Prayers for healing, for his brother Ronnie who is having surgery on the veins in his neck.
- **Gordon and Linda Landreth** - Pray for their son-in-law's father, Paul Bolton, a Christian, as he is close to the door of heaven.
- **Sarah Hood** - Pray for successful recovery from gall bladder surgery, and pray that the doctors would be able to determine if there are other sources of her pain.
- **Kathy Robinson** - Pray for her painful dry eye condition, that she would find a treatment other than the very expensive medication she has been taking and also for dental issue.
- **Bruce Schueneman** - Prayers that the doctor's analysis of Maria's issue is correct as there was no cancer found in her recent tests. Traveling mercies for trip to New York.
- **Jean and Johnny Cotten** - Prayers for healing for Jeanie from hip replacement surgery and continued prayers for their friends, RL and Maxine Weatherford over the loss of their son, Lee, who was killed in an accident.
- **Dick Clark** -Continued prayers for a successful recovery for daughter-in-law Kelli Clark and good reports.
- **Jill Austin** - Prayers for neck spasms, although she is having less of them.
- **Julie Anil** - Please pray for her chemo treatments at M.D. Anderson after successful cancer surgery. Pray for a full recovery and a quick return to the Dominican Republic for her and Luis.
- **Andy Beaver** - Homebound.

- **Lloyd Ramey** – Homebound
- **Dot Pitts** – Homebound.
- **Paul & Pat Turton** - That Paul would have a desire to be engaged with others and his desire to eat would return. Encouragement for Pat and stamina for wisdom and guidance in her decisions.
- **Rob & Melodi Sigler** – Prayers for their friend Joe Marcum, dealing with stage four colon cancer and continued chemotherapy. Prayers for his family as well.
- **Howard Irwin** - Comfort for Pam as she mourns the loss of her mother and also for Pam’s health to improve.
- **Bill & Jean Newberry** – Prayers for Eleanor; for wisdom, clarity and restraint.
- **Ed and Becky Arvin** – Prayers for the father of one of Ed’s former wrestlers who has stage 4 pancreatic cancer and stage 2 esophageal cancer. Continued prayers for relief from hip pain for Betty.
- **Emily and Tom Weaver** – Prayers for healing for Emily from knee surgery and as she continues to care for Tom, for strength and peace.

### *Answered Prayer*

- **Dick Clark** – Praise for brother and sister-in-law, as they are doing great and recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- **Emily Weaver** – Praise for Emily’s Vespers ministry at Mirador.
- **Michael McCrocklin** – Praise for God’s mercy. Jeannie is home and recovering.
- **Jill Austin** – Pain free from hip replacement surgery.
- **Ed and Becky Arvin** – Praise for Becky’s mother, Betty, and her successful procedure.
- **Tena and Bob Beanland** – Praise for brother-in-law, Toby Kinder. His numbers are down after 30 without chemo
- **Toby Herro** – Praise for answered prayer for her cousin Becky. This new chemo seems to be working, her tumor markers are normal for the first time in several years. Praise that the swelling is slowly going down in his eye and he only has to have one more steroid treatment. Praise that sister Rene’s living situation is good for right now.