

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the
Renewal of His People**

December 15, 2019

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(If the temperature of the building is too cool shawls have been donated and placed in the narthex for your use.)

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...*

## 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 15, 2019

**Today - Lunch Bunch** - Join us at Luby's, 5730 Saratoga.

**Men's Bible Study** - Men, come join us at Southside every other Saturday morning (starting January 4) at 8am for breakfast and Bible study. We will be studying Richard Phillips' book the Masculine Mandate. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. See Tim Mulder or Jonathan Feuchtenberger for **more** information.

**New CE courses** - The new Christian Education quarter has begun. The Ladies class meets in classroom 31 and is studying the Gospel of Luke. Jean Newberry, Jeanie Cotten, and Megan Lockyer are teaching. Ed Arvin is leading the other class in room 32. The subject is "God's Power through Ordinary People."

**December 17** - Women's fellowship at Judy Arvin's home at noon, 4822 Olympia Dr. Bring a salad.

**December 24** - The Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 6:30pm.

**December 29** - There will be no CE classes, we will be having brunch instead.

**January 24** - You are all invited to attend the South Texas Presbytery dinner and worship service on Friday night, January 24. Dinner begins at 5:00, and the worship service begins at 6:30. Paul Miller, former RUF Campus Minister at TAMUCC, will preach.

*We praise the Lord for our accompanists this morning - Vocalists, instrumentalist  
and audio/video technicians.*

**\*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**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

**O Come Let Us Adore Him**

*Words: C. Frederick Oakeley, Music John Francis Wade*

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye citizens  
of heav'n above  
Glory to God!  
All glory in the highest!

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

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

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(See the inside of the back page)

**PREPARATION for WORSHIP**

John 6:35

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 103:1-5, 19, 22

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless His holy name!

**Congregation: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all His benefits**

Minister: Who forgives all your iniquity,  
Who heals all your diseases

**Congregation: Who redeems your life from the pit,  
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy**

Minister: Who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Congregation: The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,  
and His kingdom rules over all.**

Minister: Bless the LORD, all His works,  
in all places of His dominion.

**Congregation: Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*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 RESPONSE

**Angels From The Realms Of Glory (Hymn #218 v 1, 2, 4, 5)**

*Words: James Montgomery, Music: Henry Smart*

Angels from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth  
Come and worship come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

Shepherds in the field abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with man is now residing  
Yonder shines the infant light  
Come and worship come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

Saints before the altar bending  
Watching long in hope and fear  
Suddenly the Lord descending  
In His temple shall appear  
Come and worship come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

All creation join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son  
Evermore your voices raising  
To the eternal Three in One  
Come and worship come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

\*SONG of ADORATION

**What Child is This? (Hymn #213)**

*Words: William Chatterton Dix*

What Child is this who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian fear for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading  
Nails spear shall pierce Him through  
The cross be born for me for you  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh  
The Babe the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh  
Come peasant king to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him  
Raise raise the song on high  
The Virgin sings her lullaby  
Joy joy for Christ is born  
The Babe the Son of Mary

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

*Isaiah 60 (Pages 619-620)*

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*CONFESSION of FAITH**

*Romans 10:9-13*

**If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord  
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,  
you will be saved.**

**For with the heart one believes and is justified,  
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

**For the Scripture says,  
"Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."  
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;  
the same Lord is Lord of all,  
bestowing his riches on all who call on him.  
For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."**

\*SONG of COMMITMENT

**O Holy Night**

O holy night the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn  
Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night O holy night  
O night divine

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming  
Here came the wise men from Orient land  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger  
In all our trials born to be our Friend  
He knows our need  
To our weakness is no stranger  
Behold your King  
Before Him lowly bend  
Behold your King  
Before Him lowly bend

Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother  
And in His name all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we  
Let all within us praise His holy name  
Christ is the Lord  
O praise His name forever  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim

CONFESSION of SIN

*Please, pray the following in unison*

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
Sin is my malady, my monster, my foe, my viper,  
born in my birth, alive in my life,  
strong in my character, dominating my faculties,  
following me as a shadow,  
intermingling with my every thought,  
my chain that holds me captive.**

**Yet your compassions yearn over me,  
your heart hastens to my rescue,  
your love endured my curse,  
your mercy bore my justice.**

**Let me walk in humility,  
bathed in your blood,  
tender of conscience,  
living in triumph as an heir of salvation  
through your blessed name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death,  
but the free gift of God  
is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**\*SONG OF RENEWAL**

**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

*Words: Bernard of Clairvaux*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful,  
His own self for Heavenly food.

At His feet the six-winged seraph;  
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry,  
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”

**PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

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| Giving Month to Date | \$14,848 | Giving Year to Date | \$217,791 |
| Goal Month to Date   | \$12,500 | Goal Year to Date   | \$225,000 |

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

*Information Cards. Please place your card in offering tray as it passes or on your seat after the service.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Revelation 3:14-22 (Page 1030)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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