

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

December 22, 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

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

*Words and Music: John Francis Wade*

O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels

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

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Late in flesh appearing

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)

**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

*“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.”*

Charles Wesley

## \*CALL to WORSHIP

### 1 Chronicles 16:8-25

*Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

**People: Sing to him; sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

*Minister: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

**People: Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!**

*Minister: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

**People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!**

\*SONG of ADORATION

**Good Christian Men Rejoice (Hymn #207)**

*Medieval Latin carol*

Good Christian men rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Give ye heed to what we say  
Jesus Christ is born today  
Earth and heav'n before Him bow  
And He is in the manger now  
Christ is born today  
Christ is born today

Good Christian men rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Now ye hear of endless bliss  
Jesus Christ was born for this  
He has opened heaven's door  
And man is blessed evermore  
Christ was born for this  
Christ was born for this

Good Christian men rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Now ye need not fear the grave  
Jesus Christ was born to save  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain His everlasting hall  
Christ was born to save  
Christ was born to save

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*CONFESSION of FAITH**

Colossians 1:15-20

*Minister: Who is the Lord Jesus Christ?*

**Congregation: He is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.  
For by Him all things were created,  
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions  
or rulers or authorities –  
all things were created through Him and for Him.**

**And He is before all things,  
and in Him all things hold together.  
And He is the head of the body, the church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything He might be preeminent.  
For in Him all the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell,  
and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of His cross.**

**\*CONFESSION of SIN**

*Please, pray the following in unison*

**Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.**

**Remember not the sins of our youth  
and our rebellious ways.**

**According to your love remember us,  
for You are good, O Lord.**

**For the sake of your name, O LORD,  
forgive our iniquity, though it is great.**

**Turn to us and be gracious to us,  
for we are lonely and afflicted.**

**Relieve the troubles of our hearts  
and free us from our anguish.**

**Look upon our affliction and our distress  
and take away all our sins. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS**

*Isaiah 55:6-7*

Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD,  
that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

\*SONG of RENEWAL

**O Little Town Of Bethlehem (Hymn #201 v 1, 2, 4)**

*Words: Phillips Brooks, Music: Lewis H. Redner*

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep  
The angels keep their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King  
And peace to men on earth

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel

**PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

|                      |          |                     |           |
|----------------------|----------|---------------------|-----------|
| Giving Month to Date | \$19,729 | Giving Year to Date | \$222,672 |
| Goal Month to Date   | \$18,750 | Goal Year to Date   | \$231,250 |

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

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**Scripture Reading**

*John 10:1-21 (Page 896)*

**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)**

*Words: Edmund Sears, Music: Richard 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 61 (Pages 620-621)*

**\*SONG of RESPONSE**

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

*Traditional French carol*

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

**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 divine, O 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

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*GREETING**

**Khen and Rith Tombing**

Khen and Rith Tombing are missionaries in India with Presbyterian Mission International (PMI). They have served in Manipur (northeast India) for over 25 years. They have gone through great persecution and political chaos. Nevertheless, Khen has been a part of 26 churches being planted in India and 12 more in Burma. He has started more than 10 Christian primary schools in the poor rural areas. They also work with the Covenant Children's home where there are over 400 orphans, and Agape Babies Home with children 3 years old and under.

Khen is the Chief Coordinator of the Presbyterian Church in India and oversees all the ministries in that denomination. Rith is the Secretary of the denomination's Women in the Church, which seeks to empower and transform the women they come in contact with.

Please pray for the many lives they impact through the ministries already mentioned, plus the 50 new believers in Ngathal Village, the Presbytery leaders (elders) being disciplined in their region, and more than 5000 students attending Rayburn High School and College (preschool – college). What an honor it is to be involved with such a tremendous ministry!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS for December 22, 2019**

**Today - Lunch Bunch** - Join us at TGI Friday's, 5217 South Padre Island Drive.

**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.

**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, beginning at 9:15am.

**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.*

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| <b>Sunday, December 22 – Saturday, December 28, 2019</b> |
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***Elder on Call***

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|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Gordon Landreth | Dec 22 – Dec 28 | Johnny Cotten | Dec 29 – Jan 4 |
| Tim Mulder      | Jan 5 – Jan 11  | Rob Sigler    | Jan 5 – Jan 11 |

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

|                 |       |            |    |               |           |         |      |    |
|-----------------|-------|------------|----|---------------|-----------|---------|------|----|
| 2<br>Chronicles | 26    | Revelation | 13 | <b>Dec-22</b> | Zechariah | 9       | John | 12 |
| 2<br>Chronicles | 27-28 | Revelation | 14 | <b>Dec-23</b> | Zechariah | 10      | John | 13 |
| 2<br>Chronicles | 29    | Revelation | 15 | <b>Dec-24</b> | Zechariah | 11      | John | 14 |
| 2<br>Chronicles | 30    | Revelation | 16 | <b>Dec-25</b> | Zechariah | 12-13:1 | John | 15 |
| 2<br>Chronicles | 31    | Revelation | 17 | <b>Dec-26</b> | Zechariah | 13:2ff  | John | 16 |
| 2<br>Chronicles | 32    | Revelation | 18 | <b>Dec-27</b> | Zechariah | 14      | John | 17 |
| 2<br>Chronicles | 33    | Revelation | 19 | <b>Dec-28</b> | Malachi   | 1       | John | 18 |

## 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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Southside Community Church, 3346 Airline Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78414 Phone: 992-4977 Fax: 992-0369

## *Physical & Spiritual Needs*

- **Judy Arvin** - Prayers for Yuki Fujimoto, for wisdom and physical strength to minister to women in Okinawa.
- **Nora Graf** - Asking prayer for issues with her left eye.
- **Tena Beanland** - 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. Pray for protection as her nephew, Dakota, starts a work release program. 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** - Prayers for healing and recovery for their daughter, P.J. Langham. 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 recovery from falls that have caused abdominal muscle damage and 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 for traveling mercies on their travels to Washington State this Christmas season.
- **Jean and Johnny Cotten** - Prayers for complete healing from Johnny's surgery and continued prayers for their friends, RL and Maxine Weatherford over the loss of their son, Lee, who was killed in an accident.
- **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 renewed life, health, and strength.
- **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. Prayers also for the families of those killed or injured at the NAS Pensacola shooting.
- **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. Praise also that their daughter-in-law, Kelli had a good report and no cancer was found.
- **Emily Weaver** - Praise for Emily's Vespers ministry at Mirador.
- **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 Tena as she is feeling better. Praise for brother-in-law, Toby Kinder. His numbers are down after 30 without chemo.