

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

December 3, 2023

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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...*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for December 3, 2023

**Lunch Bunch** – Please join us after worship at Chuy’s 5933 South Padre Island Dr.

**December 7, Thursday - This week only - the Sigler’s Bible study will meet on Thursday instead of Wednesday.** The following Wednesday, December 13 will be the last class and will resume in early February, 2024.

**December 10 – Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering and Fellowship Luncheon.** The Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering is used to help with needs among our congregation’s members and acquaintances. If you are able, please bring a covered dish and/or a dessert for the fellowship lunch.

**Save the Date! Sunday, December 17th Ladies Christmas Party** - at Cindi Hudson’s home, 434 Cape Cod Dr. All ladies welcome and a great opportunity to bring a friend! Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share as well as something gently worn or a blanket for the homeless and we will deliver later that week. More details to come soon.

**Save the Date - December 24, Sunday Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:30pm.**

**December 25 and January 1 – The office will be closed.**

**Save the Date – January 26 and 27, 2024** - Southside will host the next South Texas Presbytery meeting. Friday night dinner will begin at 5:30pm, followed by a worship service at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited – please consider coming and worshipping with us. The Saturday meeting will begin at 8:00am and you are invited to attend that as well. More information to follow.

**\*GATHERING SONG**

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

*Words: John Mason Neale*

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

## PREPARATION for WORSHIP

"Hence we see how great a mystery is the incarnation of Christ.

Two natures, infinitely distant from each other, are hereby united

in one Person, in order that sinners, who were at an infinite moral distance from God, might be admitted to the closest communion with Him."

*John Colquhoun*

## \*CALL to WORSHIP

*Psalm 150:1, 2, 6*

*Minister: Praise the Lord!*

**Congregation: Praise God in His sanctuary;  
praise Him in His mighty heavens!**

*Minister: Praise Him for His mighty deeds;  
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!*

**Congregation: Let everything that has breath praise  
the Lord!**

**\*HYMN of ADORATION**

**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  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

**\*PRAYER of INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

## **\*CONFESSION of FAITH**

### *Ligonier Statement on Christology*

**We confess the mystery and wonder of God made  
flesh  
and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.**

**With the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
the Son created all things,  
sustains all things, and makes all things new.**

**Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one  
person.**

**He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us.  
Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day,  
ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and  
judgment.**

**For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied  
God's wrath.  
He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous  
robe.**

**He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His  
church,  
interceding for us, and reigning over all things.**

**Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy Name forever.**

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION of SIN

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against You  
and against our fellow men,  
In thought and word and deed,  
In the evil we have done,  
And in the good we have not done,  
Through ignorance, through weakness,  
Through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may serve You in newness of life  
To the glory of Your name. Amen.

## ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

*Psalm 130:3-4*

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

**\*HYMN OF RENEWAL**

**There Is a Redeemer**

*Words and Music: Melody Green-Sievrigh*

There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Holy One.

Thank You, oh, my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til  
The work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.

Thank You, oh, my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til  
The work on earth is done.

When I stand in Glory,  
I will see His face.  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place.

Thank You, oh, my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til  
The work on earth is done.



## **GIVING of OFFERINGS**

Giving Month to Date \$39,462      Giving Fiscal Year to Date \$294,849

Goal Month to Date \$34,000      Goal Fiscal Year to Date \$297,500

**By check:** Southside Community Church  
3346 Airline Rd  
Corpus Christi, TX 78414

**Online:** [southsidepca.org](http://southsidepca.org)

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

*1 John 1 (Page 1021)*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Please contact Toby at the church office for prayer need**

**\*HYMN of PREPARATION**

**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Hymn #193)**

*from the Liturgy of St. James, Fifth Century*

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.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

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!”

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

*Mark 10:32-45 (Pages 846-847)*

## **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Elders are available to pray with you.*

*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.  
Please bring your elements back to your seats so that we can partake together.*

### **\*HYMN of RESPONSE**

#### **Nothing But the Blood of Jesus (Hymn #307 v 1-4)**

*Words and Music: Robert Lowry*

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing, this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my pardon, this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

## **BENEDICTION**