

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

December 29, 2019



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

Blessed Be Your Name

Words and Music: Matt and Beth Redman

Blessed be Your name, In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name, When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name, When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name, On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name

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My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name

(*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

Psalm 19:1-2

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 118

Minister: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**Congregation: This is the day that the LORD has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Minister: The LORD is God,
And He has made His light to shine upon us.*

**Congregation: The LORD is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation.**

*Minister: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
You are my God; I will extol You.*

**Congregation: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
For His steadfast love endures forever!**

***SONG of ADORATION**

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Hymn #203)

Words: Charles Wesley, Music: William H. Cummings

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim

Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

*INVOCATION

*CONFESSION of FAITH

Minister: *What do you understand by the providence of God?*

Congregation: **God's providence is His almighty
and ever present power,
whereby, as with His hand,
He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures,
and so governs them that leaf and blade,
rain and drought,
fruitful and barren years, food and drink,
health and sickness, riches and poverty,
indeed, all things,
come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.**

Minister: *What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?*

Congregation: **We can be patient in adversity,
thankful in prosperity,
and with a view to the future
we can have a firm confidence**

**in our faithful God and Father
that no creature shall separate us from His love;
for all creatures are so completely in His hand
that without His will they cannot so much as move.**

***CONFESSION of SIN**

Please, pray the following in unison

**Merciful God,
You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.
We humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy.
We have not loved You with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with You, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness.
In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,
and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

***SONG of RENEWAL**

Before the Throne of God Above

Words and Music: Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of my guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving Month to Date \$23,432

Giving Year to Date \$226,375

Goal Month to Date \$25,000

Goal Year to Date \$237,500

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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Scripture Reading

John 14 (Page 901)

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

*SONG of COMMITMENT

And Can It Be (Hymn #455 v 1, 3, 4, 5)

Words: Charles Wesley, Music: Thomas Campbell

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

He left His Father's throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Humbled Himself so great His love
And bled for all His chosen race
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

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

Isaiah 60 (Pages 619-620)

***SONG of RESPONSE**

Jesus, Messiah

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
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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**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen, amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Congregation: (Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!

***GREETING**

Reach South Texas

Reach South Texas is the church planting network of South Texas Presbytery. It has the goal of planting one church a year over the next 25 years, focusing on the Austin, College Station, Corpus Christi, Rio Grande Valley, and San Antonio areas. The purpose of Reach ST is to provide financial resources to new churches, as well as recruit, train, coach, mentor, and encourage the new church planters. The first church is planned for McAllen, TX in 2020. The planter will be Gama Pozos, a former member of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico and now on staff with Covenant PCA in Harlingen. Please join us in praying for this vital work in the Valley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for December 29, 2019

Today - There will be no CE classes. We are having brunch instead. Classes will resume next Sunday.

Today - Lunch Bunch - Join us at Catfish Charlie's, 5830 Mc Ardle Road.

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."

January 4 and 11 - The church will have work days the first two Saturdays of January in order to prepare the facility for hosting the South Texas Presbytery meeting Jan 24-25.

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.

Sunday, December 29 - Saturday, January 4, 2020
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Elder on Call

Johnny Cotten	Dec 29 - Jan 4	Tim Mulder	Jan 5 - Jan 11
Rob Sigler	Jan 12 - Jan 18	Ed Arvin	Jan 19 - Jan 25

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

2 Chronicles	34	Revelation	20	Dec-29	Malachi	2	John	19
2 Chronicles	35	Revelation	21	Dec-30	Malachi	3	John	20
2 Chronicles	36	Revelation	22	Dec-31	Malachi	4	John	21
Genesis	1	Matthew	1	Jan-1	Ezra	1	Acts	1
Genesis	2	Matthew	2	Jan-2	Ezra	2	Acts	2
Genesis	3	Matthew	3	Jan-3	Ezra	3	Acts	3
Genesis	4	Matthew	4	Jan-4	Ezra	4	Acts	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 Night Fellowship. Will not meet tonight.

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

Tim Mulder: Cell: 361-500-8395 Email: tim.mulder@ruf.org

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.
- **Toby Herro** - Traveling mercies for all those on the road this week.

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.