

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

December 4, 2016



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, O Redeemer Come

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega

Father enthroned on high, holy, holy
Ancient eternal Light, hear our prayer

Come, o Redeemer, come;
Grant us mercy.
Come, o Redeemer, come;
Grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark, of our striving
Faithless and troubled hearts, weighed down.

Come, o Redeemer, come;
Grant us mercy.
Come, o Redeemer, come;
Grant us peace.

Look now upon our need; Lord, be with us
Heal us and make us free from our sin.

Come, o Redeemer, come;
Grant us mercy.
Come, o Redeemer, come;
Grant us peace.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(See the inside of the back page)

MISSIONARY REPORT

Southwest Church Planting Network
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PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Revelation 22:16-17

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 117

Minister: Praise the LORD, all nations!

Congregation: Extol him, all peoples!

Minister: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**Congregation: And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!**

***SONG of ADORATION**

Angels We Have Heard on High (Hymnal #214)

Words and Music: Edward Shippen Barnes and 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.

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

*CONFESSION of FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

Minister:

Who is Jesus, and what does He do?

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)

**Have mercy on us, O God,
According to Your steadfast love;
According to Your abundant mercy.
Blot out our transgressions!
We know our sin too well;
It is painful to us, and offensive to You.
Have mercy on us, O God, through Jesus Christ,
Ever seated at Your right hand.
And to You be all glory,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
One God, forever. Amen**

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Titus 3:5-7

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

SONG of RENEWAL

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Words and Music by Stuart Townsend

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

Fellowship Books. Please take a moment to fill out the information on the attendance pads located underneath the seat on the inner aisles, providing any information to enable us to better serve you. When you finish, please pass the pads down the row so everyone has the opportunity to do so

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 2:18-27

Warning Concerning Antichrists

18 Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. 20 But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. 21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. 24 Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he made to us – eternal life.

26 I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. 27 But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie – just as it has taught you, abide in him.

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

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

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Exodus 20:1-21

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

¹⁸ Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off ¹⁹ and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." ²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin."

²¹ The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

*SONG of RESPONSE

Fairest Lord Jesus (Hymn #170)

Words: Munster Gesangbuch, 1677

Fairest Lord Jesus Ruler of all nature
Son of God and Son of man
Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

Fair are the meadows fair are the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine fair is the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast

Beautiful Savior Lord of the nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

Congregation: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Words of Christ's Institution

Minister: *Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.*

Congregation: **Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Minister: *The gifts of God are for the people of God.*

All are invited to the table whether or not you are partaking of the elements. 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.

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

***SONG of CELEBRATION**

Doxology

Music: Louis Bourgeois Words: Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

***BENEDICTION**

2 Corinthians 13:14

Congregation: (Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!

***PASSING the PEACE**

***POSTLUDE**

*We praise the Lord for our accompanists this morning
- vocalists and instrumentalists and audio and video technicians.*

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Southwest Church Planting Network

The Southwest Church Planting Network was formed to assist the church planting movement of our denomination in the southwestern United States. It is a joint venture of churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, and New Mexico. Formed in 1998, the Network now consists of over 50 churches.

Their mission is to provide guidance and resources for the establishment of new churches and Reformed University Fellowship ministries. Their support was a vital part of the establishment of RUF here in Corpus Christi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 4

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Montana Mike's located at 6542 South Staples Street following worship service.

Ladies Christmas Party Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 pm. Betty Clark will be hosting. Ladies can bring a sweet or savory dish to share and we are also collecting items for the Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend.

Items requested by the Center are:

Diapers sizes 5-6

Baby beds any types

Umbrella strollers (the cheaper little ones)

Baby gloves (mittens that keep babies from scratching themselves)

December 11th – Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering The Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering is used to help with needs among our congregation's members and acquaintances. Envelopes designated for Barnabas gifts have been placed inside the green pew books.

December 11th – Fellowship Luncheon Everyone is invited to stay after Worship Service for our monthly covered dish meal. Families are asked to bring a main dish and a side or main dish and dessert.

Women's Fall Evening Bible Study Wednesdays 8:00-9:30 pm at Hannah Feuchtenberger's house. We're studying "Hoping for Something Better: Refusing to Settle for Life as Usual", a study of Hebrews by author Nancy Guthrie. Extra books are available. For more information please contact Scotty or Hannah.