

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

December 10, 2017



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

Southside Men's Chorus

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

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

*CALL to WORSHIP

Sursum Corda

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*

Congregation: And with your spirit.

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.*

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Congregation: It is fitting and right to do so.

*SONG of ADORATION

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Hymn #203)

Words: Charles Wesley, 1753 Music: Arr. By William H. Cummings, 1856

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 host 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 Son 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

***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**

Heidelberg #81

Minister:

Who should come to the Lord's table?

Congregation:

**Those who are displeased with themselves
because of their sins,
but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned,
and that their remaining weakness is covered
by the suffering and death of Christ,
and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith
and to lead a better life.

Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however,
eat and drink judgment on themselves.**

CONFESSION of SIN

Please, pray the following in unison

**Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Acts 10:43

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

SONG of RENEWAL

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Words and Music: John Mason Neale and Thomas Helmore

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving in November:	\$ 21,475.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 178,463.00
Goal for November	\$ 23,612.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 182,993.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 2:1-17

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

Isaiah 40:27-31

*SONG of RESPONSE

Joy To The World (Hymn #195)

Words and Music: Isaac Watts and George Frideric 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

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**

Blessed Assurance (Hymn #693, Verse 1)

Words and Music: Fanny Jane Crosby and Phoebe Palmer Knapp

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

***BENEDICTION**

Psalm 23:6

Congregation: (Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!

***GREETING**

***FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

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

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MISSIONARY of the WEEK

Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend

The Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend now has a center in Portland as well as in Corpus Christi. Please be praying for this strategic ministry as they minister to many young women each year.

Their services include pregnancy tests, onsite ultrasounds, information about abortion & adoption, adoption agency referrals, post-abortion support, parenting education, maternity & infant supplies, as well as support for men. We are thankful that the Lord has provided these resources in Portland as well as Corpus Christi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAY DECEMBER 10

Today Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering and Fellowship Luncheon. Envelopes designated for Barnabas gifts have been placed inside your bulletin. Everyone is invited to stay after Worship Service for our monthly covered dish meal.

December 12 Christmas Caroling 6:30pm at Harbor Place, 5518 Lipes. For information contact Johnny Cotten.

December 14th Concert at Southside. Alex and Katherine Jeoung will be raising money for Hurricane Harvey relief.

December 15th Men's Fellowship 7:30 at the Mulders. Contact Tim for more information, mulderis@aim.com or 361-334-0787.

December 19th – Women's Noon Fellowship will meet in the home of Jeanie Cotten, 8206 Seashore Drive, 12:00pm. All women in the church are invited to join them for their Christmas gathering. Salad lunch, everyone brings their favorite to share. For more information contact Jeanie Cotten at 361-991-6478.

December 19th Women's Ministry Team Meeting 4:30pm at Southside.

December 24th –Children's Lessons in Carols. Service begins at 6:30 pm; childcare provided.

Volunteers needed for SCC Facilities and Lawn Maintenance Team. Mark Pavlick is looking for skilled and unskilled volunteers to serve this vital ministry team. For more information please contact Mark at 281-605-0387 or mpavlick4@gmail.com

Weekly Women's Craft Night Wednesdays 7pm – 9pm at Becky Arvin's house.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and show me the reality of who You are. – Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Heavenly Father, I admit that I am more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I deserved. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. – Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, help me to look to You as the fulfillment of all my needs, and to turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. – Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. – Amen