

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

December 17, 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

Lord For Your Glory

Words and Music: David B. Hampton, Matt Huesmann, and Grant Cunningham

Lord, for Your glory we sing Your praises.
We magnify Your holy name.
All for Your glory, Lord, we bring blessing.
We seek to honor You all of our days.

We lift our hands; we lift our praise to You.
We worship all You are in spirit and truth.
We give our hearts; we lift our lives to You.
We offer all we are for the glory of You.

Almighty Father, we are Your children
You have been faithful to Your own
Lord, for Your glory, we have been chosen.
We lay down all we have here at Your throne.

We lift our hands; we lift our praise to You.
We worship all You are in spirit and truth.
We give our hearts; we lift our lives to You.
We offer all we are.
We offer all we have.
We offer all our lives for the glory of You.

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

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!

*SONG of ADORATION

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

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

***CONFESSION of FAITH**

Heidelberg 27, 28

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

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature –
prone to evil and slothful in good –
and all our shortcomings and offenses against You.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts,
in forgetting Your love.
O Lord, have mercy upon us,
who are ashamed and sorry for all we've done to displease You.
Teach us to hate our errors,
cleanse us from our secret faults,
and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.
Send Your purifying grace into our hearts,
that we may live in Your light and walk in Your ways,
according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

SONG of RENEWAL

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.

PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving in December	\$ 7,924.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 186,387.00
Goal for December	\$ 11,806.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 194,799.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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SCRIPTURE READING

2 Chronicles 15

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

In Christ Alone

Words: Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Til on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Luke 1:39-56

*SONG of RESPONSE

Fairest Lord Jesus (Hymn #170)

Words and Music: August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben

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 heav'n can boast

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

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**

Romans 1:7

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

***GREETING**

***POSTLUDE**

*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 17

Today Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Fuddruckers, located at 1949 South Padre Island Drive following worship service.

December 19th – Women’s Noon Fellowship will meet in the home of Jeanie Cotten, 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.

**December 24th –
Morning Worship Service 10:30 am
Children’s Lessons in Carols 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.

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