

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

January 21, 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

Behold Our God

Words and Music: Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, Stephen Altrogge

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice,
All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him!

Men: You will reign for - ev er!

Women: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth!

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Come let us adore Him!
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Come let us adore Him!

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

Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-3

Minister: I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall continuously be in my mouth.

Congregation: My soul makes its boast in the Lord.
Let the humble hear and be glad.

Minister: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

Congregation: And let us exalt His name together!

*SONG of ADORATION

Our God Our Help in Ages Past (Hymn #30, Verses 1, 2, 3, 4, 7)

Words: Isaac Watts (Based on Psalm 90)

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting You are God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Our God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
O be our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

***CONFESSION of FAITH**

Westminster Confession 8.1

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose,
To choose and ordain the Lord Jesus,
His only begotten Son,
To be the Mediator between God and man,
The Prophet, Priest, and King,
The Head and Savior of His church,
The Heir of all things, and Judge of the world,
Unto whom He did from all eternity
Give a people to be His seed,
And to be by Him in time
Redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

CONFESSION of SIN

from Daniel 9

Minister: *I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and petition,
in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.
I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:*

Congregation: **O Lord, the great and awesome God,
Who keeps His covenant of love
with all who love Him and obey His commands,
we have sinned and done wrong.
We have been wicked and have rebelled;
we have turned away from Your commands and laws.**

**The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving,
even though we have rebelled against Him;
we have not obeyed the Lord our God
or kept the laws He gave us through His servants the prophets.**

**Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servants.
We do not make requests of You because we are righteous,
but because of Your great mercy.
O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act!
For Your sake, do not delay,
because Your people bear Your Name. Amen**

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

SONG of RENEWAL

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words: Charles Wesley Music: Greg Thompson

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving in January to date	\$ 9,580.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 239,289.00
Goal for January to date	\$ 11,806.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 247,926.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 17

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Savannah Maribella Mulder

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

*SONG of COMMITMENT

Jesus Cast a Look On Me

Words: John Berridge Music: Matthew Perryman Jones

Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul may rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

John 1:29-51

*SONG of RESPONSE

Lead On, O King Eternal (Hymn #580)

Words and Music: Ernest W. Shurtleff and Henry Smart

Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing
nor roll of stirring drums
but deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal;
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.

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**

We Fall Down

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

***BENEDICTION**

Psalm 23:6

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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MINISTRY 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 Corpus Christi. Please be praying for this strategic ministry as they minister to many young women each year. It's been a phenomenal year: 305 babies saved from abortions, 5,388 client visits, 482 enrolled in their Earn While You Learn parenting classes, and 1,125 ultra sounds provided.

Their services include pregnancy tests, onsite ultrasounds, information about abortion and adoption, adoption agency referrals, post-abortion support, parenting education, maternity and 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.

The Pregnancy Center's Annual Banquet is scheduled for March 22 and 23 featuring John Stonestreet who is the President of The Chuck Colson Center and Breakpoint Radio Co-host. It will be held at the Solomon Ortiz Center. Southside families will be hosting tables both nights; call Rob or Ludie for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAY JANUARY 21

Today Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at TGI Fridays, located at 5217 South Padre Island Drive following worship service.

This Evening 6:00pm Worship. Join us for hymn singing, prayer, a brief sermon, and immediately following the service, fellowship.

2018 Church Directory. A draft copy of the 2018 directory has been placed on the Welcome Table for everyone to verify and make needed edits.

Officer Nominations. Last day for nominations; please see one of the elders if you would like to nominate someone for the office of elder or deacon.

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

Crosses for display in your yard leading up to Easter. Please see Ludie Austin if you would like for him to make one for you.

Volunteers needed for SCC Grounds Beautification Team. Mark Pavlick is looking for skilled and unskilled volunteers to serve this vital ministry team. For more information please contact Mark.

Save the Date April 13-14th Women of Purpose Conference *Compassionate Community: Woman to Woman Life on Life*, speaker Susan Hunt. For more information please contact Jeanie Cotten.

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