

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

February 18, 2018



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

Agnus Dei

Words and Music: Michael W. Smith

Alleluia! Alleluia,
For the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia! Alleluia,
For the Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia! Holy,
Holy are You, Lord God, Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb;
Worthy is the Lamb.
You are holy,
Holy are You, Lord God, Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb;
Worthy is the Lamb.

You are Holy! Holy,
Holy are You, Lord God, Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb;
Worthy is the Lamb.
You are holy,
Holy are You, Lord God, Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb;
Worthy is the Lamb.
Amen.

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 89:1

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-3

Minister: *Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;*

Congregation: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Minister: *Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;*

Congregation: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Minister: *For the LORD is a great God,*

Congregation: And a great King above all gods!

*SONG of ADORATION

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Trinity Hymnal #53, Verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

Words: Joachim Neander Music: Traditional German Melody

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness
And mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty will do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for-e'er we adore Him.

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

***CONFESSION of FAITH**

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

CONFESSION of SIN

After silent confession, please, pray the following in unison

Lord Jesus, I am blind, be my light,
ignorant, be my wisdom,
self-willed, be my mind.
Open my ear to grasp quickly the Savior's voice,
and delightfully run after His beckoning hand.
When Satan approaches, may I flee to Your wounds.
Your cross was raised to be my refuge,
Your blood streamed forth to wash me clean,
Your death occurred to give me a surety,
Your name is my property to save me.
By You all heaven is poured into my heart,
but it is too narrow to comprehend Your love.
I was a stranger, an outcast, a slave, a rebel,
but Your cross has brought me near,
has softened my heart,
has made me Your Father's child,
has admitted me to Your family,
has made me joint-heir with Yourself.
O that I may love You as You love me,
that I may walk worthy of You, my Lord,
that I may reflect the image of heaven's first-born.
May I always see Your beauty with the clear eye of faith,
and feel the power of Your Spirit in my heart,
for unless He move mightily in me,
no inward fire will be kindled. 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.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Words and Music: 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 in February to date	\$ 11,307.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 260,063.00
Goal for February to date	\$ 11,806.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 271,538.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:18-39

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Trinity Hymnal #529)

Words: Charles Wesley Music: John Zundel

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
all Thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art
visit us with Thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith as its beginning
Set our hearts at liberty

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee,
Without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heav'n we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

John 3:16-21

***SONG of RESPONSE**

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.

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

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***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

Tim & Cheri Hoke

African Bible University, Kampala, Uganda
africanbiblecolleges.com/Uganda

The vision for African Bible University began decades ago with Dr. & Mrs John Chinchon. John and Nell were training pastors in Liberia when they realized the need for university level education from a Christian perspective. The goal was to impact Africa with the gospel through colleges. This became a reality with the first African Bible College in 1978, which was opened in Liberia. The second college was opened in Malawi in 1992. The third, called African Bible University of Uganda, was founded in 2005 just outside the capital city of Kampala.

Since 2009, Tim & Cheri Hoke have been a key part of the University through their teaching, mentoring, administration (running the school), fund-raising, and recruiting. The Hoke's have some specific prayer requests.

- Pray that Cheri's siblings will be cared for as her sister Diane (54) is with them in Uganda, while her brother Mark (67) remains in a nursing home in Lubbock.
- God would impart His Word through the Hokes to their students, who would then impart it to others
- God would continue to use ABU in the lives of the students and in the entire continent of Africa

ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18

Today Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Wallbanger's, located at 4102 South Staples following worship service.

This Evening 6:00pm Worship. Join us for singing, prayer, a Bible lesson, and fellowship.

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

2017 Giving Statements. Your giving statements have been placed on the Welcome Table.

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 at 281-605-0387 or mpavlick4@gmail.com

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 at 361-991-6478 or jcotten@stx.rr.com.

Save the Date June 3 – 12 Dominican Republic Mission Trip

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