

# GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the  
Renewal of His People**

January 11, 2015

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(If the temperature of the building is too cool, please avail yourself of shawls in the lobby near our water fountain)

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.



*Glorifying God...*

*Embracing Scripture...*

*Loving Corpus Christi...*

## REFLECTION and PREPARATION

When you pause to consider that God is infinitely *strong* and can do all that he pleases, and that he is infinitely *righteous* so that he only does what is right, and that he is infinitely *good* so that everything he does is perfectly good, and that he is infinitely *wise* so that he always knows perfectly what is right and good, and that he is infinitely *loving* so that in all his strength and righteousness and goodness and wisdom he raises the eternal joy of his loved ones as high as it can be raised – when you pause to consider this, then the lavish invitations of this God to ask him for good things, with the promise that he will give them, is unimaginably wonderful.

- John Piper

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## WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

### \*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 113:1-3

*Minister:*

*Praise the Lord!*

**Congregation:**

**Praise, O servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord!**

*Minister:*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth and forevermore!*

**Congregation:**

**From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
The name of the Lord is to be praised!**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Words by Joacim Neander

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;  
Praise Him 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 all your longings 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 can 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 aye we adore Him.

**\*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.

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**ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE**

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**CONFESSION of FAITH**

*Minister:*

*What is true faith?*

**Congregation:**

True faith is not only a sure knowledge  
by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture;  
it is also a wholehearted trust,  
which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel,  
that God has freely granted,  
not only to others but also to me,  
forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation.  
These are gifts of sheer grace,  
granted solely by Christ's merit.

Heidelberg Catechism, #21

## CONFESSION of SIN

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

*Proverbs 28:13-14*

- <sup>13</sup> Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.  
<sup>14</sup> Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always,  
but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

## Come Ye Sinners

Words: Joseph Hart Music: Matthew Smith

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, He is able  
He is willing; doubt no more

Come ye needy, come and welcome;  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall  
If you tarry till you're better  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream  
All the fitness He requires  
Is to feel your need of Him  
This He gives you, this He gives you,  
Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God ascended;  
Pleads the merit of His blood  
Venture on Him; venture wholly  
Let no other trust intrude  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.  
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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*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.

## EXTENDING THE KINGDOM through the Barnabas Mercy Offering

<sup>32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. <sup>36</sup> Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup> sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. – Acts 4

## PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

## GIVING of OFFERINGS

## PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

## 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

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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### \*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

*Matthew 7:7-12*

#### **Ask, and It Will Be Given**

<sup>7</sup>“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

#### **The Golden Rule**

<sup>12</sup>“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

## O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Words: Samuel Trevor Francis Music: Traditional Welsh Melody

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me,  
Is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, nevermore!  
How He watches o'er His loved ones,  
Died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth,  
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
For it lifts me up to Thee!

**\*BENEDICTION**

2 Corinthians 13:14

*Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**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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## *Prayers of Meditation*

### **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*

## Sunday, January 11 - Saturday, January 17, 2015

### Elder on Call

|                          |             |                            |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Ed Arvin – 816-6373      | Jan 11 – 17 | Gordon Landreth – 215-5586 | Jan 18 – 24 |
| Johnny Cotten – 877-4493 | Jan 25 – 31 | Rob Sigler – 215-5649      | Feb 1 – 7   |

### Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve

**Fellowship Luncheon.** Everyone is invited to stay after Worship Service today for a covered dish meal.

**January Activity and Ministry Calendar** Copies have been placed in the narthex.

**Mark your calendars!** A Shower for Kirstin Spivey has been planned for Jan 24<sup>th</sup>; 2pm at the home of Melissa Jones. Kirstin is registered at Amazon and Target.

### Sunday School Class Offerings

#### Children with Laura Miller & Emily Taylor

Jesus Storybook Bible “Every Story Whispers His Name” Rooms 5 & 7

#### Junior & Senior High Youth with Tim Mulder

Studying Judges – Room 13

#### Adults

“Foundations of Apologetics” led by Ed Arvin - Room 32

“Foundations of the Christian Life” led By Rob Bailey - Room 31

### Care Group

**Mirador Memory Care Ministry Opportunity – Evening Vespers.** Bible study and worship 4-5pm Sundays. For more information about this Care Group contact Richard Mittanck 853.7078 or Emily Weaver 876.1752. Groups to interact, sing, and pray with residents are always welcome.

### Serving Families with Children Ministry

**Nursery Volunteers Needed-** Would you consider serving? Please contact Meredith Hood if you are able and interested in more information and volunteering for in our rotation. MeredithHood730@yahoo.com or **361-232-1364**.

### Women’s Ministry

**The Women's Noon Fellowship** will be meeting on Tuesday, January 20th at 12:00 noon at Eva Steele's home at 3125 Mendocino. We will be studying Chapter 7 "Conquering the Pain in Your Past" in our study of Judges. All women of the church are invited to attend....just bring a sandwich and join us for Food, Study and Fellowship.

**Women of Purpose Conference Theological Fitness Holding Fast to the Confession of Our Hope** March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Christ Presbyterian Church New Braunfels. For more information please contact Jeanie Cotten.

### Men’s Ministry

**Men’s Study.** *Hebrews, LifeChange Bible Study.* They meet weekly Tuesdays 6:30 am at Town and Country Café, 4228 South Alameda. **Contacts Bill Newberry at 537-0549 or 537-9681, and Gordon Landreth at 992-3046.**

### Reformed University Fellowship – Texas A&M Corpus Christi

Leadership Paul & Laura Miller, 361.549.0404 and 361.945.4420, and Intern: Ben & Kirstin Spivey 910-916-4831.

### Financial Update

Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 6,097.00

Budget Month-to-Date \$ 6,216.00

Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 200,808.00

Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 248,631.00

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## *Ongoing Needs*

### Physical Healing

- **John and Janet Stalmach** – Janet recently diagnosed with cancer – in Houston at MD Anderson Hospital
- **Tena Beanland's brother-in-law Gary** having open heart surgery Saturday
- **Greg Hood Bible Study member** requested prayer for his mother, Elida, having hip surgery
- **Alan Temple** His cousin Casey passed away. Please pray for Sherena Gondran and family.
- **From Bruce and Maria Schueneman parents** They're home and contemplating many issues/ possibility of assisted living. Bruce still recovering with knee issues after his fall mid-January appt with orthopedic surgeon
- **From the Cabrera Family** for a home to rent before their baby is born.
- **From Judy Arvin** her son-in-law Mike who has Prostate cancer
- **From Bill and Jean Newberry** for Jean's mother Eleanor continued relief of upper back pain
- **From Linda and Gordon Landreth** Linda's cousin in Sweden whose wife Kerstin has breast cancer and her sister Claudia undergoing chemo therapy and its side effects. P.J's recovery she fractured her knee cap.
- **From Bob & Tena Beanland** for her uncle Ron end of stage cancer comfort and peace for him and his family. Christy's and Jennifer's ongoing health issues. Tena's friend Jane Brackney – recovery from brain surgery
- **From Roxanne Krnavek** her mother Virginia sciatica nerve pain – receiving physical therapy
- **Laura Miller and family** – continued healing and strength
- **Alan and Chrystal Temple** for Alan's VA Disability chronic back pain.
- **Frank and Jean Armstrong** – Jean enduring anemia
- **Janie Stewart** – in Assisted living @ **Mirador**
- **Tom Weaver** – in the Skilled Care unit @ **Mirador**
- **Carlene Johnson and son Blake**– Carlene's health and comfort
- **Ed and Becky Arvin** her mother Betty's health and move to Corpus.
- **From Andy Beaver** her daughter, Meredith Carter
- **From Kevin and Adina Mattix** for Lauren's father Gary Charles who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Leah Richter MacKichan** – for sustaining of health

### Spiritual Needs

- **From Andy Beaver** her son John
- **From Elizabeth Emmanuel** her friend Jessica
- **From Tim & Michelle Mulder** for their daughter Tiffany and son-in-law Mac and Peyton and Hailey

### Seeking Wisdom

- **From Bill & Jean Newberry** – Their grandson Hao's smooth cultural, emotional, and physical transition.
- **Kevin & Adina Mattix** – Wisdom for God's plan for their future after Kevin's retirement. Adina's CASA ministry
- **From Greg and Sarah Hood** – Pray for the ministries of Reach Ministries
- **From Linda and Gordon** for Claudia and Jerry and Gordon's mother Betty direction and clarity facing decisions.
- **From Jeanie and Johnny Cotten** for Jamia and Lee Harris and their three foster sons (3 children in 6 months) with hope to adopt. They are ages 3 1/2, 1 1/2, and 7 months.
- **Howard Irwin** for the Christians persecuted by ISIS – soften the hearts of ISIS
- **From Emily Weaver** –for Community Bible Study and other systematic Bible Study groups throughout our city. Praise for God's sovereign care, provision, and protection during life's many stages.

### *Answered Prayers*

- **Bruce and Maria Schueneman** – Bruce's father Bob's recovery from his heart attack and their daughter's pregnancy which has been smooth, uneventful. Mother's recovery from recent fall.
- **Gordon and Linda Landreth** – Linda's brother-in-law Jerry's successful surgery and birth of Evelyn Rose.
- **Judy Arvin's** mother Dorothy's full recovery from broken arm and recent successful surgery.
- **Michelle Mulder** – work schedule
- **Folley family** –Austin, and his wife Angie have become pregnant
- **From Toby Herro Praise** – God is good Rachel and her family answered prayer for a job
- **Gordon and Linda Landreth** – Betty Landreth's full recovery from surgery.
- **Bill and Jean Newbery** – Gratitude for smooth move and adoption of Hao Hall.
- **Alan Temple and his family** his father, Lynn Temple's praise successful hip replacement surgery.
- **Don Flint's** successful kidney surgery – medically cleared with no restrictions and present in worship.
- **Bailey Family** Praise for quick sale and closing on home in Lubbock.