

# GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the  
**Glory of God**

**and the  
Renewal of His People**

January 25, 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

Lord, help me, for I am often lukewarm and chill;  
unbelief mars my confidence,  
sin makes me forget Thee.

Let the weeds that grow in my soul be cut as their roots;  
Grant me to know that I truly live only when I live to Thee,  
That all else is trifling.

Thy presence alone can make me holy, devout, strong and happy.  
Abide in me, gracious God.

Revive deep spirituality in my heart;  
Let me live near to the great shepherd,  
hear His voice, know its tone, follow its calls.

Keep me from deception by causing me to abide in the truth,  
from harm by helping me to walk in the power of the Spirit.

From the Valley of Vision

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## WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

I Chronicles 16:8-25

*David's Song of Thanks*

*Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;  
make known His deeds among the peoples!*

**Congregation: Sing to Him; sing praises to Him;  
tell of all His wondrous works!**

*Minister: Glory in His holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

**Congregation: Seek the LORD and His strength;  
seek His presence continually!**

*Minister: Remember the wondrous works that He has done,  
Declare His glory among the nations,  
His marvelous works among all the peoples!*

**Congregation For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!**

\*SONG of ADORATION

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Words by Joacim 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;  
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**

*from the Heidelberg Catechism, #1*

*Minister:*                    *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

**Congregation:**       **That I am not my Own,**  
                                  **but belong body and soul,**  
                                  **in life and in death-to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,**  
                                  **and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way**  
                                  **that not a hair can fall from my head**  
                                  **without the will of my Father in heaven:**  
                                  **in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to Him,**  
                                  **Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life**  
                                  **and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready**  
                                  **from now on to live for Him.**

## CONFESSION of SIN

*(please, pray the following in unison)*

**Congregation:**      **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 on 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

*Isaiah 1:18*

<sup>18</sup>“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.

**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.

**PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

**PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD**

## **Be Thou My Vision**

Words and Music: y Eleanor Henrietta Hull and Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

Matthew 7:15-23

#### **A Tree and Its Fruit**

<sup>15</sup>“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

<sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ <sup>23</sup>And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

## **A Mighty Fortress**

Words and Music by Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.

**\*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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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God has been called “The Battle Hymn of the Reformation.” This song was written by the great German reformer Martin Luther. It embodies the character of its author, in words and tune... bold, confident, defiant in the face of opposition.

Based on Psalm 46, the hymn is a celebration of the sovereign power of God over all earthly and spiritual forces, and of the sure hope we have in Him because of Christ. After publication, it gained immense popularity throughout Europe.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God was most likely written in October 1527 as a plague was approaching. This was during the period of Luther’s exile and during the time he was translating the Old Testament. Modern scholars believe that Luther wrote the tune himself. (They say a misunderstanding of German musical terminology caused a popular story that the tune came from a tavern song.)

There have been many attempts to translate this hymn into English. The most popular is the tune we know as A Mighty Fortress is Our God, translated by Frederic Henry Hedge in 1853.

## *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 25- Saturday, January 31, 2015

### Elder on Call

|               |             |                 |             |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Johnny Cotten | Jan 25 – 31 | Rob Sigler      | Feb 1 – 7   |
| Ed Arvin      | Feb 8 – 14  | Gordon Landreth | Feb 15 – 21 |

### Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve

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

**2014 Contribution Statements.** Your 2014 Contribution Statements are available for pickup in the narthex.

**First Friday Prayer Service of Celebration and Remembrance February 6th, 7:30 am** First United Methodist Church, 900 S. Shoreline. Both men and women are invited to come and pray; a complimentary breakfast follows.

### Sunday School Class Offerings

#### Children with Laura Miller & Emily Taylor

Jesus Storybook Bible "Every Story Whispers His Name" Room 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 and Ben Spivey - 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**.

**Youth.** February 6, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm, at church, we will have our first youth movie night. We'll be watching "the Count of Monte Cristo" and discussing it afterward. Pizza and drinks will be served. Bring your friends!

### Women's Ministry

**Women's Breakfast. Gather weekly Tuesdays 7:00 am at Town and Country Café,** 4228 South Alameda Street. All ladies invited to join them. Contacts are Jean Newberry at 537-0549 or 537-9681 and Linda Landreth at 992-3046.

**Women of Purpose Conference Theological Fitness Holding Fast to the Confession of Our Hope** Conference will be held at Christ Presbyterian Church, New Braunfels, TX, March 6-7, 2015. We will be attending as a group from Southside Community Church. The deadline for reduced cost of registration at \$40.00 is February 15, 2015.

### 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: \$ 12,471.00  
Budget Month-to-Date \$ 18,648.00

Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 207,182.00  
Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 261,063.00

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## *Ongoing Needs*

### Physical Healing

- **John and Janet Stalmach** – Janet recently diagnosed with cancer – in Houston at MD Anderson Hospital
- **Melodi Sigler** Cousin Tanya cancer is back in the lymph nodes of her neck. Please pray for peace, comfort, strength and trust for Tanya and her family. Also, pray for the doctors as they determine a course of action
- **Greg Hood** for Men's Retreat Jan 23-25 in New Braunfels. Pray for fruit in the lives of men.
- **Alan Temple** Passing of his cousin Casey please pray for Sherena Gondran and family.
- **From Bruce and Maria Schueneman** Bruce's mother now under hospice care. Bruce 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 and mother Dorothy healing from Bronchitis.
- **From Bill and Jean Newberry** Jean's mother Eleanor relief of advance medicine effects - continued relief of back pain.
- **From Linda and Gordon Landreth** Linda's cousin in Sweden whose wife Kirstin has breast cancer
- **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 memory, 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

- **Kevin & Adina Mattix** – Wisdom for God's plan for their future after Kevin's retirement. Adina's CASA ministry
- **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 & Lee Harris their 3 foster sons hoping to adopt ages 3 1/2, 1 1/2, 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*

- **Tena Beanland's brother-in-law Gary** open heart surgery.
- **Greg Hood Bible Study member** successful hip surgery for his mother, Elida,
- **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 her sister Claudia results of MRI, PJ's. return to work Gordon's mother Betty's full recovery from surgery
- **Judy Arvin's** mother Dorothy's full recovery from surgery and now in rehab.
- **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
- **Bill and Jean Newbery** –daughter Stephanie's family adopted son love family deeply receive Christ.
- **Alan Temple and his family** his father, Lynn Temple's praise successful hip replacement surgery.
- **Bailey Family** Praise for quick sale and closing of home in Lubbock.