

# GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the  
**Glory of God**

**and the  
Renewal of His People**

January 4, 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 I think of Christmas Eves, Christmas feasts, Christmas songs, and Christmas stories, I know that they do not represent a short and transient gladness. Instead, they speak of a joy unspeakable and full of glory. God loved the world and sent His Son. Whosoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life. That is Christmas joy.

*Corrie ten Boom (1892-1983)*

The Son of God became a man to enable men to become the sons of God.

*C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)*

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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 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!**

**Immortal Invisible**

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Immortal, invisible God only wise,  
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes  
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, your Great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
Not wanting or wasting, you rule us in might.  
Your justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

All life comes from you, Lord, to both great and small.  
In all life you live, Lord, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail.  
We wither and perish but you never fail.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we will render, oh Father of grace,  
Til one day in splendor we see face to face.

**\*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: Is God merciful?*

**Congregation: God is indeed merciful, but He is also just. His justice requires that sin committed against the most high majesty of God also be punished with the most severe punishment of body and soul. God demands that His justice be satisfied. Therefore full payment must be made either by ourselves or by another.**

*Minister: Why must our mediator be a true & righteous man?*

**Congregation: He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin. He must be a righteous man because one who himself is a sinner cannot pay for others.**

*Minister: But who is that Mediator who at the same time is true God and a true and righteous man?*

**Congregation: Our Lord Jesus Christ, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.**

From the Heidelberg Catechism #11, 16, 18

## 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

Hebrews 9:24-26

24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, 26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

SONG of RENEWAL

**Come As You Are**

Words and Music: Ben Glover, David Crowder and Matt Maher

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been  
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

**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**

**From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)**

Words: Martin Luther Music: Christopher Miner

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)  
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)  
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)  
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

What though I wait the live-long night, and ' til the dawn appeareth,  
My heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth;  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed;

And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)  
And wait ' il God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)  
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

*Matthew 7:1-6*

"Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

<sup>6</sup>"Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

#### **Words of Christ's Institution**

*Minister: Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.*

*All are invited to the table together whether eating and drinking or not. 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 also available to pray with for any and all persons here.*

*Feel free to bring children forward. If they are not partaking the bread and wine or juice, they may indicate clearly to the server by claspings their hands. Upon request, our servers will gladly pray for and with your children.*

*If you are unable, physically, to process forward but do wish to partake, servers will come to your seat with the elements.*

*Two elders are available to you for prayer at the back of the Sanctuary.*

**Serving of the Elements**      *(wine is in the outer ring of the trays; juice in the inner)*

\*SONG of RESPONSE

**How Great is Our God / How Great Thou Art**

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great how great is our God

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great how great is our God

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great how great is our God

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

Minister:

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

**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 4 - Saturday, January 10, 2015

### Elder on Call

|                            |             |                          |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Rob Sigler – 215-5649      | Jan 4 – 10  | Ed Arvin – 816-6373      | Jan 11 – 17 |
| Gordon Landreth – 215-5586 | Jan 18 – 24 | Johnny Cotten – 877-4493 | Jan 25 – 31 |

### Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve

**Lunch Bunch.** All are invited to lunch bunch at Beamer's 5922 South Staples Street, following worship service.

### Sunday Christian Education

All Sunday School classes resume next Sunday, January 11th.

### 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.** The ladies gather the third Tuesday, monthly. For more information please contact Andy Beaver 244-7085.

**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: \$ 25,538.00  
Budget Month-to-Date \$ 26,935.00

Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 194,711.00  
Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 242,415.00

### Calendar

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>** Barnabas Mercy Fund offering and Fellowship Luncheon

**Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** Session Meeting

**January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>** South Texas Presbytery Meeting

**Tom and Emily Weaver: New Year's Resolution:** *A genuine attempt to read something from God's Word before reading any other information at the beginning of the day. That would be a verse, a passage, a hymn, a prayer... which would set our minds on the mindset of God as our days begins. Studies, work tasks, events, all come after that brief moment of focus on the things of God. This challenge was made to me about 6 months ago. I do not always accomplish it, but I can tell you that it is on my mind to follow through with it and as I do, my sense of walking with Christ is more keen.*

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## *Ongoing Needs*

### Physical Healing

- **Alan Temple** His cousin Casey passed away. Please pray for Sherena Gondran and family.
- **From Bruce and Maria Schueneman** our daughter, to continue to follow diet and exercise. His father Bob still feeling weak and tires easily and mother Margaret recovering from fall suffers from neuropathy and arthritis. Bruce as he recovers from fall.
- **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. for Christy's ongoing health issues and healing also for Jennifer's continued Crohn's Disease treatment . for 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.
- **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 smooth uneventful pregnancy.
- **Gordon and Linda Landreth** – Linda's brother-in-law Jerry's successful cancer surgery
- **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 full recovery from surgery
- **Bill and Jean Newberry** – 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.