

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

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

February 1, 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

**Come Thou Fount**

Words: Robert Robinson Music: John Wyeth

Come Thou fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it  
Name of God's redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blest me Thou hast brought me to this place  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Bought me with His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above  
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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 100:1-5

*Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*

**Congregation: Serve the LORD with gladness!**

*Minister: Come into His presence with singing!*

**Congregation: Know that the LORD, He is God!**

*Minister: It is He who made us, and we are His;*

**Congregation: We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

*Minister: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!*

**Congregation: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

*Minister: For the LORD is good;*

**Congregation: His steadfast love endures forever,  
and His faithfulness to all generations.**

**Come Thou Almighty King**

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Come Thou Almighty King  
Help us Thy name to sing  
Help us to praise  
Father all glorious  
O'er all victorious  
Come and reign over us  
Ancient of Days

Come Thou Incarnate Word  
Gird on Thy mighty sword  
Our prayer attend  
Come and Thy people bless  
And give Thy Word success  
Spirit of holiness  
On us descend

Come Holy Comforter  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour  
Thou who almighty art  
Now rule in ev'ry heart  
And ne'er from us depart  
Spirit of pow'r

To Thee great One in Three  
Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see  
And to eternity  
Love and adore

**\*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

*Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## CONFESSION of SIN

*(please, pray the following in unison)*

**Congregation:** Almighty and most merciful Father;  
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against Your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
And there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.  
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent;  
According to Your promises declared unto mankind  
In Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake;  
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
To the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

*Ezekiel 36:25-27*

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

## Thy Mercy My God

Words: John Stocker    Music: Sandra McCracken

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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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.

**PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

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

**Isaiah 43**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,  
And the waves will not overcome you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God  
*(I am the Lord your God),*  
I am the Lord your God *(I am)*  
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

For I am the Lord your God  
*(I am the Lord your God),*  
I am the Lord your God *(I am)*  
The Holy One of Israel Your Savior

I am the Lord *(do not fear)*  
I am the Lord *(do not fear)*  
I am the Lord *(do not fear)*  
I am the Lord *(do not fear)*

When you walk through the fire you'll not be burned,  
And the flames will not consume you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God  
*(I am the Lord your God),*  
I am the Lord your God *(I am)*  
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

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I am the Lord *(do not fear)* I am the Lord *(do not fear)*  
I am the Lord *(do not fear)* I am the Lord *(do not fear)*

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

*Matthew 7:24-29*

#### **Build Your House on the Rock**

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

#### **The Authority of Jesus**

And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

## 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 clasping 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**

**On Christ the Solid Rock**

Words and Music by Edward Mote and William R. Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound oh, may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

**\*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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## **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Robert Robinson (1735-1790) was eight years old at the time of his father's death. He was a very bright, headstrong boy who became increasingly more difficult for his mother to handle. In his teenage years, Robert took on a life of drinking and gambling.

At 17, Robert and some of his drinking buddies decided to attend an evangelistic meeting. The intent was to make fun of the preacher at the open-air revival service. George Whitfield was preaching on Matthew 3:7, "But when Jesus saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, He said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" Robert felt as if the sermon was just for him. The words of the evangelist would haunt him for the next three years.

On Dec. 10, 1755, at age 20, Robert finally yielded his life to Christ, and "found full and free forgiveness through the precious blood of Jesus Christ." Very soon thereafter he answered a call to the ministry. Three years later, as he was preparing to preach a sermon at the Calvinist Methodist Chapel in Norfolk, England, Robert wrote *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* to complement his sermon. The music for the hymn was composed by Asahel Nettleton in 1813.

In the hymn, Robinson speaks of being "prone to wonder, prone to leave the God I love." This seems to be a forecast of his later life, when he lapsed into sin, unstableness and depression. There is a well-known story of Robinson, riding a stagecoach with a lady who was deeply engrossed in a hymnbook. Seeking to encourage him, she asked him what he thought of the hymn she was humming. Robinson burst into tears and said, "Madam, I am the poor unhappy man who wrote that hymn many years ago, and I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the feelings I had then."

## *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, February 1- Saturday, February 7, 2015

### Elder on Call

|                 |             |               |             |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Rob Sigler      | Feb 1 – 7   | Ed Arvin      | Feb 8 – 14  |
| Gordon Landreth | Feb 15 – 21 | Johnny Cotten | Feb 22 – 28 |

### **Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve**

**Lunch Bunch.** All are invited to lunch bunch at Jason's Deli 5325 Saratoga, 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. It's early so you will have time to join them and get to work too. Breast Cancer has touched everyone whether it is a family member or friend.

### **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!

**Youth TobyMac Concert March 6<sup>th</sup>** tickets \$25.00 - 5 tickets available. Contact Tim Mulder for more information.

### **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.

**The Women's Noon Fellowship** gather monthly on the third Tuesday. For more information contact Andy Beaver or Betty Clark.

**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. Brochures have been placed on the front table located in the narthex.

### **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: \$ 19,472.00  
Budget Month-to-Date \$ 26,935.00

Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 214,184.00  
Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 269,350.00

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## *Ongoing Needs*

### Physical Healing

- **John and Janet Stalmach** – Janet recently surgery to remove cancer – Feb 10<sup>th</sup> procedure at MD Anderson Hospital
- **Melodi Sigler** Melodi's cousin Tanya for strength, courage, faith; wisdom for doctors and effective results from the chemo therapy she begins this week and peace and unity for Tanya and her family.
- **Tim Mulder** tendonitis
- **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 Brochitis.
- **From Bill and Jean Newberry** Jean's mother Eleanor relief of renewed lower back pain and for grandson Drew softened heart toward his new brother
- **From Linda and Gordon Landreth** Linda's cousin's wife Kerstin having breast cancer surgery in February
- **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

- **Peyton Mulder** for temper
- **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*

- **Tim Mulder** praise for healing finger from the cut
- **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; birth of Evelyn Rose for her sister Claudia MRI results; 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.