

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday	Jan. 2	New Years Day Holiday
Tuesday	Jan. 3	Senior Exercise 9:00 AM CH Sew n Sews 9:00 AM MMR Chair Yoga 11:00 AM CH Hand Bell Practice 5:00 PM HR
Wednesday	Jan. 4	Senior Exercise 9:00 AM CH
Thursday	Jan. 5	Senior Exercise 9:00 AM CH Bell Practice 5:00 PM CH Choir Practice 6:30 PM S
Saturday	Jan. 7	Taking Down of the Decorations 9:30 AM
Sunday	Jan. 8	Contemporary Service 8:30 AM S Traditional Service 10:30 AM S



### ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME

ALL CHURCH HOSPITALITY TIME IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Thank you to all who have provided snacks today!

### FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Bible Study Classes resume Tuesday, Jan. 17 with two new studies. See Castanet newsletter for details.

A Docent-led walk at Oso Flaco (no dogs) is scheduled for Friday, January 27; again sign up with Program Ministry.

The "Preparing for Life's Crises" series presented through Program Ministry begins the week of January 16. Sign Up with Program Ministry in the Narthex.

With and/or without dogs is the Avila Dog Walk on Monday February 13 at 10 AM.

Mardi Gras Celebration Feb. 21, 6-8:30 PM.

**Abbreviation Legend:** \* Please sign up in advance at the welcome desk in the Narthex.  
CH = Criswell Hall HR = Hand Bell Room #115 PS = Pastor's Study  
MMR = McMillen Room #113 L = Library Room #123 S = Sanctuary



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January 1, 2023

10:30 AM

### EPIPHANY

*Arise, shine!  
Your light has come.*

PRELUDE *Thou Dids't Leave Thy Throne* Timothy Matthews

CHORAL INTROIT *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* No. 176

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ's light is shining,  
**calling us to respond with joy.**

Christ's light is shining,cf  
**calling us to worship and praise.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Angels from the Realms of Glory (verses 1-3)* No. 220

### WELCOME

### OPENING PRAYER

**God of glory and grace, shine upon our worship  
with your presence.  
Shine in our hearts with your love.  
Shine in our lives with your grace,  
that we may arise with confidence  
and go forth to bring your justice and love to all.**

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

### A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (verse 1)* No. 229

Prayers of the People  
Choral Response *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (verse 2)* No. 229

CHORAL ANTHEM *Do You Hear What I Hear?* arr. by Harry Simone

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60:1-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN *(please remain seated)* *We Would See Jesus (verses 1-2)* No. 256

SERMON LIGHT OF THE WORLD Rev. Mary Birgelaitis  
WE HAIL THEE

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory *One Holy Night in Bethlehem* Keithahn/Harman  
 Doxology Melody from Hymnal, No. 95

***Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,  
 whose Daystar shines for us on high,  
 whose Spirit brings into our sight  
 the light to which our world draws nigh.***

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal, page 15  
 Sharing the Bread and Cup  
 Communion Music *What Child is This?* Trad. English Melody

\*CLOSING HYMN *Christ is the World's Light (verses 1, 2, & 4)* No. 188

\*BENEDICTION

Go forth to shine with the light of Christ's love.  
**Go forth to shine with the glory of Christ's justice and peace.**  
 Go forth to shine with the gift of finding the Christ child.

RESPONSE *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* No. 176

POSTLUDE *Christmas Joy* Franklin Ritter

\* Please stand as able.

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**Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

**Matthew 2:1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with

him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Today's Liturgist: Nancy St. Laurent*

WEEK	ATTENDANCE			VIDEO	TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON			
12/11	38	50	88	46	134	\$2,664
12/18	34	44	78	46	124	\$7,961
12/24 Eve			107	36	143	\$235
12/25 Day			47	blended		\$4,744
<b>Weekly offering needed: \$6,160</b>						

Fiscal Year To Date  
**Needed: \$160,160**  
**Received: \$161,610**  
**Christmas Offering: \$6,565**