

### 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



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8:30 AM

### ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME

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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.

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.

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

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



# EPIPHANY



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WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

OPENING PRAIER *Come Now is the Time to Worship*

PRAISE SONGS *How Great is Our God  
We Three Kings of Orient Are  
Endless Night*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Light of the World*

SCRIPTURE

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

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

OFFERING *Trust and Obey*

COMMUNION *Oceans*

FINAL BLESSING *How I Love You Lord*

\*CLOSING *My Sisters and Brothers*

*\*Please stand as able*

**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: Sharon Roemer*

WEEK	ATTENDANCE		STEWARDSHIP			
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
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**