



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec 02</b>	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Dec 03</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew & Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study-CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 7:00 PM Board of Trustees-MMR.
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Dec 04</b>	9 AM Church Work Morning-CH, 10:00 AM Fellowship Committee-L.
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Dec 05</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal HR, 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-S.
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Dec 06</b>	3:00 to 5:00 PM Christmas Extravaganza- Criswell Hall.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 08</b>	8:30 AM Contemporary Service-Sanctuary, 10:30 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary

Abbreviation  
Legend  
CH--Criswell Hall  
S--Sanctuary  
K--Kitchen  
L--Library  
Room #123  
MMR--McMillen  
Room #113  
PS--Pastor's Study  
HR--Handbell  
Room #115



**ADVENT CRAFTS WORKSHOP** Sunday, Dec. 1, Crafts workshop and light lunch of soup, salad, roll and cookies. 11:30 to 4 PM. \$15 per person or \$25 per family. Lots of fun!



### CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA VARIETY SHOW



**Friday, December 6th** in Criswell Hall. Memorable performances by talented people. No charge for a great show!

### BIBLE STUDY, Tuesdays, Criswell Hall 1:00 PM

New Book: "An Unlikely Advent" by Rachel Billups  
See Nancy Laurent for books.

### SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER FOR THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

is underway now! The money raised will be used to provide supplies and materials for the children.



The ANGEL TREE is set up in Criswell Hall! The gifts are due no later than 12/18/24 by noon. They can be brought to the tree or to the church office with prior notice.



*To Brad Bettencourt and Dennis Eiler for their dedicated service and amazing music!*



**AGUMCC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:00 PM** in the Sanctuary, followed by a social in Criswell Hall.

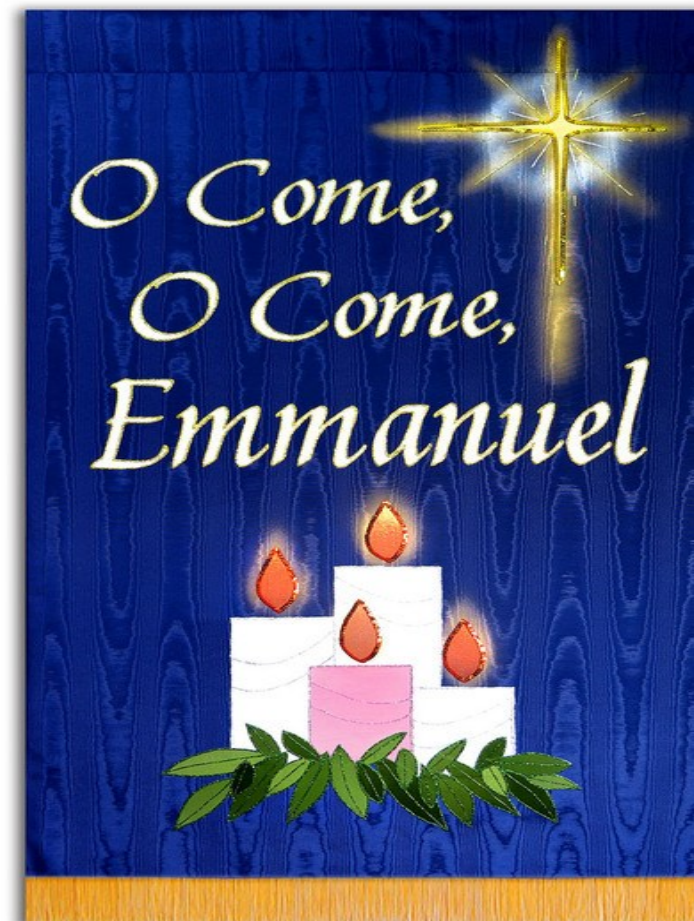


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December 01, 2024

8:30 AM



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Today's Scripture

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent

CENTERING WORDS

Once you choose hope, everything is possible."

---Christopher Reeve

OPENING PRAISE

Let All the Earth

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS

Here I Am to Worship  
King of Heaven  
Oh the Grace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ILLUMINATION

All My Hope

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Luke 21:25-26

SERMON

A LIGHT IN THE DISTANCE:  
Hope Keeps Watch

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Open Our Eyes

COMMUNION

Arms of Love

FINAL BLESSING

Emmanuel

CLOSING

Today is the Savior's Day

Praise Team Leader: Mike Clark Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Singers: Connie Clark and Pam Garza

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Luke 21:25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up

and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Today's Liturgist: Joseph Brown

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
11/03	45	52	97	37	134	\$15,905
11/10	37	49	86	16	102	\$ 4,579
11/17	59	78	137	34	171	\$ 2,214
11/24	37	48	85	14	99	\$ 2,040
Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,321						
STEWARDSHIP REPORT:						
YTD Received \$122,990 YTD Budgeted \$130,351						
Thanksgiving Received \$1,533 Thanksgiving Budgeted \$3,500						

HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

FELLOWSHIP  
MINISTSRY

Next Sunday  
December 8  
ENDOWMENT/  
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