



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



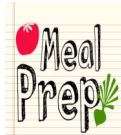
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec 30</b>	11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 1:30 PM Mission Team Peoples 'Kitchen Prep-Kitchen, 4:00 PM Communications Committee-Library
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Dec 31</b>	11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, ..... 11:00 AM Mission team leave for Peoples' Kitchen
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Jan 01</b>	New Years Day-Church Office Closed for Holiday
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Jan 02</b>	11:00 AM Chair Yoga-Criswell Hall, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal- Handbell Room, 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
		8:30 AM Contemporary Service-Sanctuary.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Jan 05</b>	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



### Monday, December 30

People's Kitchen  
Food Prep-K



### Saturday, January 25,

11 AM Fellowship Ministry  
visit to the Piedras  
Blancas elephant seals in  
Cambria.



### Tuesday, December 31



Food  
Distribution at  
People's Kitchen Site

HOSPITALITY TIME CUPCAKES  
in celebration of  
DON AND HELEN GUGELER'S  
75<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

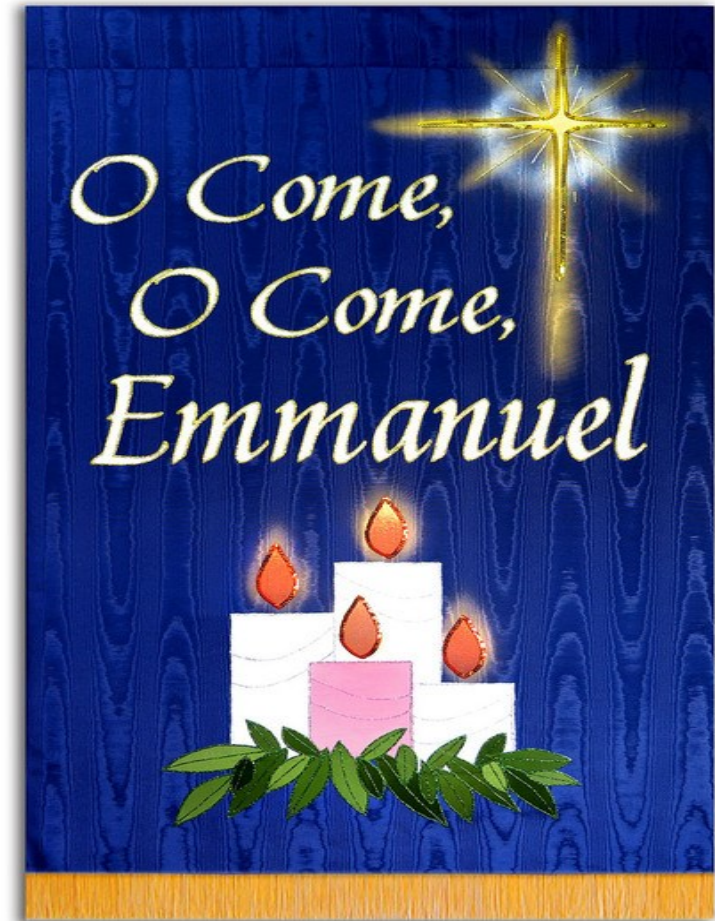


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December 29, 2024

8:30 AM



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday After Christmas

*"The reason for Simeon's song? Deep inside his tired old heart, he knew that the infant he held in his arms has in truth One who had been holding him all his life long."* --Michael Card

OPENING PRAISE *Today is the Day*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS *How Great Is Our God  
Learning to Be the Light  
We Three Kings of Orient Are*

ILLUMINATION *Oh Lord You're Beautiful*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40

SERMON FULL SPEED AHEAD Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING *I Love You Lord and I Lift My Voice*

COMMUNION *Oceans*

FINAL BLESSING *Bind Us Together*

CLOSING *My Sisters and Brothers*

*Praise Team Leader: Mike Clark Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Guitar: Ian Beard  
Bass: Bob Jorstad, Singers: Connie Clark, Chloe Keith, Pam Garza*

## Today's Scripture

### Galatians 4:7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

### Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in

peace, according to your word, or my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

*Today's Liturgist: Sharon Roemer*

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
12/01	30	50	80	31	111	\$ 9,553
12/08	34	44	78	30	108	n/a
12/15	40	71	111	23	134	n/a
12/22	61	71	107	22	129	n/a
Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,321						
STEWARDSHIP REPORT: n/a						

**HOSPITALITY TIME**

**Today's Hosts:**

**STAFF-PARISH  
RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE**