

# WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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Please join us after the service for Hospitality Time in Criswell Hall

## This week's activities:

**Today 3:00pm Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Concert** Sanctuary

Mon. 6:00pm Gerry's Quilt Class, Criswell Hall  
 Tue. 9:00am Senior Exercise, Criswell Hall  
 Tue. 10:00am Sew 'n Sews, McMillen Rm #113  
 Tue. 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall  
 Tue. 1:00pm Adult Bible Study, Criswell Hall  
 Tue. 3:00pm Joy Circle, McMillen Room #  
 Tue. 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Hand Bell Rm. #115  
 Tue. 6:30pm Charge Conference by Zoom  
 Wed. 9:00am Church Work Morning, Criswell Hall  
 Thu. 9:00am Senior Exercise, Criswell Hall  
 Thu. 10:00am Holiday Craft Workshop, McMillen Room #113  
 Thu. 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall  
 Thu. 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Hand Bell Room,  
 Thu. 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
 Thu. 7:30pm Friendly Neighborhood Big Band, Criswell Hall  
 Fri. 11:00am Nominations Committee, Pastor's Office  
 Fri. 5:00pm Trunk or Treat, 16<sup>th</sup> St. Park, Grover Beach  
 Sat. 11:30am Carina Mendez (Blanca's granddaughter) Baby Shower, 11:30am  
 Sun. 8:30am Informal Worship Service with Praise Band  
 Sun. 10:30am Traditional Worship Service

## Upcoming Events:

Sun. Oct. 26 Alternative Christmas after both services  
 Sun. Oct. 26 Free Movie: Haunted Mansion 4PM  
 Sat. Nov. 1 Youth Program 3PM Adults, 4PM Youth, 5PM Fried Chicken?  
 Fri. Nov. 7 Holiday Boutique, 9AM-7PM  
 Sat. Nov. 8 Holiday Boutique, 9AM-2PM  
 Sun. Nov. 9 Holiday Boutique, After services  
 Sat. Nov. 15 Turtle & Tortoise Rescue, Carpool from church at 10:45  
 Sun. Nov. 16 & 23 Noisy Offering (spare change for Turkeys)  
 Sun. Nov. 16 New Member Class, Noon  
 Sat. Nov. 1-30 See's Candy Fundraiser  
 Sat. Nov. 29 Hanging of the Greens 10:00am  
 Sun. Nov. 30 Advent Crafts Workshop After 2nd Service  
 Sat. Dec. 6 Youth Program, Progressive Dinner  
 Sat. Dec. 13 Christmas Extravaganza 3-5PM



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Hope, Joy & Love Rising



October 19, 2025

**19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

10:30 am

PRELUDE

"The Love Of God "

Frederich M. Lehman

HANDBELL INTROIT

Allegro

G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

We have gathered once again, Lord of all and Lord of us.

**We come to lift our prayers, and to sing your praises once again.**

We come to ask and hope and long to see your justice in the land.

**We worship in that hope and will work in that Spirit.**

OPENING HYMN\*

Sweet Hour of Prayer

No. 496

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**God who is always near, You invite us to draw close, to listen to**

**Your Word, to wrestle with Your truth, and to rest in Your love.**

**You are our help and our hope, our keeper and guide.**

**In this time of worship, write Your ways on our hearts,**

**shape us by Your Spirit, and send us out in Your name.**

**Amen.**

HANDBELL ANTHEM

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Timothy C Shepard

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell

**O God, we thank you for blessing us with the gift of children.**

**May they learn the stories of Jesus. May we share their joy. Amen.**

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| <b>A TIME OF PRAYER</b>   |                                |                |
| Call to Prayer  | Sanctuary                      | TFWS #2164     |
| Prayer/Lord's Prayer  |                                |                |
| Response  | Sanctuary                      | TFWS #2164     |
| <b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>  |                                |                |
|   | The Lord's Prayer              | Malotte        |
| <b>SCRIPTURE</b>  |                                |                |
|   | Luke 18:1-8                    |                |
| <b>HYMN</b>   |                                |                |
|   | What a Friend We Have in Jesus | No. 526        |
| <b>SERMON</b>   |                                |                |
|   | Keep Praying                   |                |
| <b>OFFERING</b>   |                                |                |
| Call to Stewardship and Mission   |                                |                |
| Offertory   | "Speak, O Lord"                | Getty/Towenend |
| Doxology/Prayer of Dedication*  |                                |                |
| <b>CLOSING HYMN*</b>  |                                |                |
|   | Do, Lord, Remember Me          | No. 527        |
| <b>BENEDICTION*</b>   |                                |                |
| <b>May we continually wrestle with prayer.</b>                              |                                |                |
| <b>May we beseech the door of heaven with shameless boldness.</b>           |                                |                |
| <b>May our prayers produce, in us, a countenance of joy,</b>                |                                |                |
| <b>a gracious demeanor, and a peaceful heart And may the God of hope,</b>   |                                |                |
| <b>fill us with all peace, that we may abound in hope, assured that our</b> |                                |                |
| <b>prayers are heard by a loving and gracious Father.</b>                   |                                |                |
| <b>RESPONSE*</b>  |                                |                |
|   | It's Me, It's Me, O Lord       | No. 352        |
| <b>POSTLUDE</b>   |                                |                |
|   | "I Saw The Light"              | Hank Williams  |

**\*Please stand as able**

**Bold - Congregational Reading**

**Assisting in today's service Pastor: Rev. Wesley Thompson,**  
 Liturgist: Patti Melsheimer, Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler, Choir Director: Tricia  
 Stewart, Sound Tech: Tom Thiel, Special Music: Rosslyn Clauson.

**Luke 18:1-8**

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged. **2** "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. **3** And there was a widow in that same town who kept coming to him and pleading for her rights, saying, 'Help me against my opponent!' **4** For a long time the judge refused to act, but at last he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or respect people, **5** yet because of all the trouble this widow is giving me, I will see to it that she gets her rights. If I don't, she will keep on coming and finally wear me out!'" **6** And the Lord continued, "Listen to what that corrupt judge said. **7** Now, will God not judge in favor of his own people who cry to him day and night for help? Will he be slow to help them? **8** I tell you, he will judge in their favor and do it quickly. But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when he comes?"

***Baby Shower Invitation***

*You're invited to join the church congregation in celebrating the birth of a new baby girl.*

*We are having a party for Carina Mendez (church secretary, Blanca's granddaughter).*

*Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 Time: 11:30am – 1:30pm*

*Place: Crisswell Hall. | Gift Suggestions: Diapers of various sizes, Wipes, Baby Toys, clothes of various sizes, etc.*

**HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Trustees  
 October 26<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by Staff Parish**

| <b>ATTENDANCE</b>             |             |              |                          |              |              |                              |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| <b>WEEK</b>                   | <b>8:30</b> | <b>10:30</b> | <b>IN-<br/>PERSON</b>    | <b>VIDEO</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>STEWARDSHIP</b>           |
| <i>Sep 21</i>                 | <i>46</i>   | <i>81</i>    | <i>127</i>               | <i>39</i>    | <i>166</i>   | <i>\$2,834</i>               |
| <i>Sep 28</i>                 | <i>34</i>   | <i>61</i>    | <i>95</i>                | <i>21</i>    | <i>116</i>   | <i>\$1,770</i>               |
| <i>Oct 05</i>                 | <i>52</i>   | <i>59</i>    | <i>111</i>               | <i>29</i>    | <i>140</i>   | <i>\$10,918</i>              |
| <i>Oct 12</i>                 | <i>41</i>   | <i>78</i>    | <i>119</i>               | <i>16</i>    | <i>135</i>   | <i>\$6,082</i>               |
| <b>Weekly needed: \$7,175</b> |             |              |                          |              |              |                              |
| <b>YTD Received: \$90,472</b> |             |              |                          |              |              | <b>YTD Needed: \$107,356</b> |
| <b>Youth Fund \$1,915</b>     |             |              | <b>New Nursery \$734</b> |              |              |                              |

**Treasurer is getting nervous, please give generously**