

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

### **This week's activities:**

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. 7:00pm Trustees, McMillen Room #113  
Tue. 7:30pm Friendly Neighborhood Big Band, Criswell Hall  
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  
Sun. 8:30am Informal Worship Service with Praise Band  
Sun. 10:30am Traditional Worship Service

### **Upcoming Events:**

Sat. Nov. 15 Angel Tree, 10:00AM  
Sat. Nov. 15 Turtle & Tortoise Rescue, Carpool from church at 10:45  
Sun. Nov. 16 & 23 Noisy Offering (spare change for Turkeys)  
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  
Sun. Dec. 7 Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Concert 3:00PM  
Thu. Dec. 11 Children's Center Christmas Program  
Sat. Dec. 13 Christmas Extravaganza 3-5PM  
Mon. Dec. 29 People's Kitchen Food Prep 1:30, Kitchen  
Tues. Dec. 30 People's Kitchen Food Distribution 11AM carpool from church



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*Hope, Joy & Love Rising*



November 09, 2025

8:30 a.m.



# 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OPENING PRAISE	All The People Said Amen
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
ADVENT CANDLES AND THE COLLECT	
PRAISE SONGS	Blessed Be Your Name A New Hallelujah Love Come Down
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
ILLUMINATION	Holy Spirit
SCRIPTURE	2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
SERMON	Stand Firm and Hold Tight
OFFERING	What A Friend We Have In Jesus
COMMUNION SONG	Amazing Love
FINAL BLESSING	Open Our Eyes
CLOSING	Lord I Lift Your Name On High

**Assisting in today's service – Pastor: Rev. Wesley Thompson**, Liturgist: Sharon Roemer, Praise Team Leader: Mike Clark, Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler, Bass Guitar: Bob Jorstad, Vocalists: Deb Bradley, Pam Garza and Connie Clark, Drums: Xander Thompson.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 15-16

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to be with him: I beg you, my friends, **2** not to be so easily confused in your thinking or upset by the claim that the Day of the Lord has come. Perhaps it is thought that we said this while prophesying or preaching, or that we wrote it in a letter. **3** Do not let anyone deceive you in any way. For the Day will not come until the final Rebellion takes place and the Wicked One appears, who is destined to hell. **4** He will oppose every so-called god or object of worship and will put himself above them all. He will even go in and sit down in God's Temple and claim to be God. **5** Don't you remember? I told you all this while I was with you. **15** So then, our friends, stand firm and hold on to those truths which we taught you, both in our preaching and in our letter. **16** May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and in his grace gave us unflinching courage and a firm hope, **17** encourage you and strengthen you to always do and say what is good.

**HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Nominating Committee  
November 16<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by Worship Team**

ATTENDANCE						
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
Oct 12	41	78	119	26	145	\$6,082
Oct 19	40	77	117	39	156	\$4,778
Oct 26	44	84	128	37	165	\$9,820
Nov 02	46	83	129		129	\$8,791
<b>Weekly needed: \$7,175</b>						
<b>YTD Received: 113,861</b>			<b>YTD Needed: \$128,827</b>			
<b>Treasurer is getting nervous, please give generously</b>						

**Today's Flowers In Honor Of  
Veterans & Marine Corps (From Lori Ford)  
John Balster (By Mike Balster)**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR ALL THE CARDS AND WORDS OF  
ENCOURGMENT  
FROM JIM AND ANN WILSON**