

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

Today's activities:

3:00PM Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Concert,

This week's activities:

Mon. 6:00pm Gerry's Quilt Class, 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. 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Hand Bell Rm. #115
Tue. 7:30pm Friendly Neighborhood Big Band, Criswell Hall
Wed. 9:00am Church Work Morning, Criswell Hall
Wed. 9:30am Mission Team, McMillen Rm #113
Wed. 10:00am UWF Steering Committee, Library
Wed. 6:30pm Daughter's of Grace, McMillen Rm #113
Thu. 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
Thu. 6:00pm Children's Center Christmas Program, Sanctuary
Sat. 3:00pm Christmas Extravaganza Variety Show,
Sun. 8:30am Informal Worship Service with Praise Band
Sun. 10:30am Traditional Worship Service

Upcoming Events:

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

**Today's Flowers In Memory Of
Ayleen Melsheimer
From Dick & Patti Melsheimer**



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Hope, Joy & Love Rising



December 07, 2025

8:30 a.m.



5th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OPENING PRAISE	“Friendly Beasts”	
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
ADVENT CANDLES AND THE COLLECT		Inman Family
PRAISE SONGS	“Let All The Earth” “Open The Eyes Of My Heart” “Prince Of Peace”	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
ILLUMINATION	“All My Hope”	
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 3:1-12	
SERMON	“Prepare The Way”	
OFFERING	“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”	
COMMUNION SONG	“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”	
FINAL BLESSING	“Emmanuel”	
CLOSING	“He Came Down”	

Assisting in today's service – Pastor: Rev. Wesley Thompson,
Liturgist: Joe Brown, **Praise Team Leader:** Mike Clark, **Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler,
Bass Guitar: Bob Jorstad, **Vocalists:** Deb Bradley, Pam Garza and Connie Clark,
Sound & Video Tech: David & Valarie Beard, **Drums:** Xander Thompson.

Matthew 3:1-12

At that time John the Baptist came to the desert of Judea and started preaching. **2** “Turn away from your sins,” he said, “because the Kingdom of heaven is near!” **3** John was the man the prophet Isaiah was talking about when he said,

“Someone is shouting in the desert,
 ‘Prepare a road for the Lord;
 make a straight path for him to travel!’”

4 John's clothes were made of camel's hair; he wore a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. **5** People came to him from Jerusalem, from the whole province of Judea, and from all over the country near the Jordan River. **6** They confessed their sins, and he baptized them in the Jordan. **7** When John saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to him to be baptized, he said to them, “You snakes—who told you that you could escape from the punishment God is about to send? **8** Do those things that will show that you have turned from your sins. **9** And don't think you can escape punishment by saying that Abraham is your ancestor. I tell you that God can take these rocks and make descendants for Abraham! **10** The ax is ready to cut down the trees at the roots; every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown in the fire. **11** I baptize you with water to show that you have repented, but the one who will come after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. He is much greater than I am; and I am not good enough even to carry his sandals. **12** He has his winnowing shovel with him to thresh out all the grain. He will gather his wheat into his barn, but he will burn the chaff in a fire that never goes out.”

**HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Endowment/ELT
 December 14th will be hosted by Trustees**

ATTENDANCE						
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
<i>Nov 09</i>	44	73	117	48	165	\$14,261
<i>Nov 16</i>	51	82	133	48	181	\$2,356
<i>Nov 23</i>	52	73	125	22	147	\$5,815
<i>Nov 30</i>	39	75	114		114	\$2,495
Weekly Needed: \$7,175						
YTD Received: \$138,963					YTD Needed \$157,455	
THANKSGIVING RECEIVED \$3,387				THANKSGIVING BUDGET \$3,000		