

# 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. 10:00am Sew 'n Sews, McMillen Rm #113  
Tue. 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall  
Tue. 1:00pm Adult Bible Study, Criswell Hall  
Tue. 1:30pm Finance, Library  
Tue. 3:00pm Joy Circle,  
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  
Thu. 10:30am Staff Parish, Pastor's Office  
Thu. 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall  
Thu. 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Hand Bell Rm. #115  
Thu. 1:00pm Children's Center Board, McMillen Rm #113  
Thu. 6:30pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary  
Fri. 10:30am UWF Book Club, Library  
Fri. 11:00am Nominations Committee, Pastor's Office  
Sun. 8:30am Informal Worship Service with Praise Band  
Sun. 10:30am Traditional Worship Service

## **Upcoming Events:**

Wed. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service, 4:00PM  
Mon. Dec. 29 People's Kitchen Food Prep 1:30, Kitchen  
Tues. Dec. 30 People's Kitchen Food Distribution 11AM carpool from church

## **BRING THE ANIMALS TO BABY JESUS CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

So far 9 Doves, 1 Cat, no Dogs, 2 Donkeys, 1 Sheep and 1 Camel have arrived at the manger. Please support our Christmas offering by bringing more animals to the manger. And we hope someone will bring an Angel or two. In the first week we raised \$815 towards the \$6,500 goal of our Christmas offering.



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*Hope, Joy & Love Rising*



December 14, 2025

8:30 a.m.



## 6th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OPENING PRAISE	“All hail King Jesus”
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
ADVENT CANDLES AND THE COLLECT	Beard Family
PRAISE SONGS	“Angels We Have Heard On High” “Jesus Be The Center” “Agnus Dei”
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
ILLUMINATION	“Praise To The Lord (Joyful, Joyful)”
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 11:2-11
SERMON	“Prepare The Way”
OFFERING	“Lord You Have My Heart”
COMMUNION SONG	“I Surrender All”
FINAL BLESSING	“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”
CLOSING	“Shepherd’s Rock ”

**Assisting in today's service – Pastor:** Rev. Wesley Thompson,  
**Liturgist:** Lucy Jacob, **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 11:2-11

**2** When John the Baptist heard in prison about the things that Christ was doing, he sent some of his disciples to him. **3** “Tell us,” they asked Jesus, “are you the one John said was going to come, or should we expect someone else?” **4** Jesus answered, “Go back and tell John what you are hearing and seeing: **5** the blind can see, the lame can walk, those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases are made clean, the deaf hear, the dead are brought back to life, and the Good News is preached to the poor. **6** How happy are those who have no doubts about me!” **7** While John's disciples were leaving, Jesus spoke about him to the crowds: “When you went out to John in the desert, what did you expect to see? A blade of grass bending in the wind? **8** What did you go out to see? A man dressed up in fancy clothes? People who dress like that live in palaces! **9** Tell me, what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes indeed, but you saw much more than a prophet. **10** For John is the one of whom the scripture says: ‘God said, I will send my messenger ahead of you to open the way for you.’ **11** I assure you that John the Baptist is greater than anyone who has ever lived. But the one who is least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than John.

**HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Trustees**  
**December 21<sup>st</sup> will be hosted by Mission Team**

<i>ATTENDANCE</i>						
<i>WEEK</i>	<i>8:30</i>	<i>10:30</i>	<i>IN- PERSON</i>	<i>VIDEO</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>STEWARDSHIP</i>
<i>Nov 16</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>183</i>	<i>\$2,356</i>
<i>Nov 23</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>\$5,815</i>
<i>Nov 30</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>\$2,495</i>
<i>Dec 07</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>129</i>		<i>129</i>	<i>\$11,907</i>
<b>Weekly Needed: \$7,175</b>			<b>YTD Received: \$150,870</b>		<b>YTD Needed \$164,612</b>	
<b>CHRISTMAS OFFERING \$815</b>				<b>CHRISTMAS BUDGET \$6,500</b>		

**Today’s Flowers In Honor Of**  
**Cyndee Rohla**  
**Happy Birthday**  
**From Christina Cuddy**