

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 Room
- Tue. 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
- Tue. 1:00pm Adult Bible Study, Criswell Hall (Suspended until Jan. 13)
- Tue. 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Hand Bell Rm. #115
- Tue. 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Tue. 7:30pm Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Rehearsal, Criswell Hall
- Sun. 8:30am Informal Worship Service with Praise Band
- Sun. 10:30am Traditional Worship Service

BRING THE ANIMALS TO BABY JESUS CHRISTMAS OFFERING

An impressive menagerie of animals have gathered at the Manger to worship Baby Jesus. So far, we have 32 doves, 7 cats, 2 dogs, 1 skunk (in honor of Dennis Eiler), 4 donkeys, 10 sheep, 2 cows, 2 camels, 1 llama, 1 elephant and 2 angels. Our Christmas Offering has raised \$7082.50. Thank you everyone for your generous support. There is still time for more animals to arrive before the Wise Men come on Epiphany which is January 6.

Assisting in today's service – Pastor: Rev. Wesley Thompson,
Liturgist: David Beard, **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.



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Hope, Joy & Love Rising



December 28, 2025

8:30 a.m.



Christmastide

OPENING PRAISE	“Little Drummer Boy”
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
PRAISE SONGS	“Joy To The World” “Come all Ye Faithful” “Here I Am To Worship”
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
ILLUMINATION	“King Of Kings” (Hillsong)
SCRIPTURE	John 1:1-18
SERMON	The Word
OFFERING	“Wind Through The Olive Trees”
COMMUNION SONG	“What Child Is This”
FINAL BLESSING	“Emmanuel”
CLOSING	“When A Savior Dreams”

John 1:1-18

In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** From the very beginning the Word was with God. **3** Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. **4** The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out. **6** God sent his messenger, a man named John, **7** who came to tell people about the light, so that all should hear the message and believe. **8** He himself was not the light; he came to tell about the light. **9** This was the real light—the light that comes into the world and shines on all people. **10** The Word was in the world, and though God made the world through him, yet the world did not recognize him. **11** He came to his own country, but his own people did not receive him. **12** Some, however, did receive him and believed in him; so he gave them the right to become God's children. **13** They did not become God's children by natural means, that is, by being born as the children of a human father; God himself was their Father. **14** The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son. **15** John spoke about him. He cried out, “This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘He comes after me, but he is greater than I am, because he existed before I was born.’” **16** Out of the fullness of his grace he has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another. **17** God gave the Law through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is the same as God and is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

**HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Fellowship Ministry
January 4th will be hosted by Endowment**

ATTENDANCE						
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
<i>Nov 30</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>\$2,495</i>
<i>Dec 07</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>\$11,907</i>
<i>Dec 14</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>109</i>		<i>109</i>	<i>\$5,089</i>
<i>Dec 21</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>104</i>	<i>150</i>		<i>150</i>	<i>\$20,529</i>
Weekly Needed: \$7,175						
YTD Received: \$176,488			YTD Needed \$178,926			
CHRISTMAS OFFERING \$7,083			CHRISTMAS BUDGET \$6,500			