

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: Carolyn Anderson, **Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler, **Organ:** Brad Bettencourt
Choir Director: Tricia Stewart, **Sound Tech:** Tom Thiel, **Video Tech:** Susan Thronson,
Percussion: Xander Thompson. **Soloist:** Dave Anderson.



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December 28, 2025

Christmastide

10:30 am

PRELUDE "Thou Dids't Leave Thy Throne" Timothy R. Matthews

INTROIT "The Snow Lay on the Ground" TFWS #2093

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, "What now?"

We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom for captives, flourishing for the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign in so many places.

We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.

We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OPENING HYMN* "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 238

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

God of Lovingkindness You are the source and spark of all love and delight.

We come to You knowing that You have already approached us and knowing that You gather us in to the beloved community.

We bring our hopes and offerings. We bring, too, our limitations, our wounds, our shame and our guilt for having been less than loving towards each other.

We come to You with confidence knowing that You have already come to us and that Your embrace gathers in all the lost and creates a safe home. Amen.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT

Maria Hamane

We invite all children and youth to participate in this intergenerational time of learning about Jesus

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.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Call to Prayer	“Holy, Holy”	TFWS #2039
Prayer/Lord's Prayer		
Response	“Holy, Holy”	TFWS #2039

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Born On Christmas Day“

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-18

SERMON

The Word

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission		
Offertory	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”	Traditional Carol
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication*		

CLOSING HYMN*

“The First Noel” No. 245

BENEDICTION*

Family of Christ, may we go now into the world in the blessing and power of the Triune God to resist the misuse of power in our world, to point to the signs of good news all around us, and to work for the empowerment and flourishing of all people, especially the vulnerable among us. Amen.

RESPONSE* “The Snow Lay on the Ground” TFWS #2093

POSTLUDE “Go Tell It On The Mountain” Spiritual

***Please stand as able
Bold - Congregational Reading**

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