

# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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## Prelude

HeavenSound Handbells

*Sonatina*  
Michael Heldman

## + Our Community Gathers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini & Steven Couch

## + Exchange of Peace

## Processional Hymn

DUKE STREET

### *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing out your  
Know that there is one God, in deed, who fash-ions  
En - ter the sa - cred gates with praise, with joy ap -  
Pro - claim a - gain that God is good, whose mer - cy

faith with cheer - ful voice; de - light in God whose praise you  
us with out our aid; Who claims us, gives us all we  
proach the tem - ple walls. Ex - tol and bless our God al -  
is for ev - er sure, Whose truth at all times firm - ly

tell, whose pres - ence calls you to re - joice.  
need, whose ten - der care you will nev - er fade.  
ways as peo - ple whom age will the Spir - it calls.  
stood, and shall from age to age en dure.

## + Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Prepare

The prelude is designed to set the tone for the worship service. It is also an offering from many of our gifted musicians. Many wish to listen and meditate during this time.

## We Worship

At the time of the Protestant Reformation, John Calvin led a movement to sing only texts that were taken directly from the Bible. To this end, the psalms were "versified," or made into rhymed paraphrases so as to be suitable for singing. The hymn *All people That on Earth Do Dwell*, based on Psalm 100, is the earliest examples of a metrical version of a psalm. The text was arranged by William Kethe of England. It first appeared, lined with a different tune, in the *Anglo-Genevan Psalter* of 1561.

## We Hear the Word

This psalm is a hymn of praise in the form of a summons to the community, this brief poem gives direct and simple counsel to the community.

Recognizing God as Creator and ourselves as God's people, cared for as a shepherd cares for the sheep, why would we not sing God's praises? Moreover, God is supremely good, merciful, and utterly faithful in keeping the divine promises. Should such a God not be praised by all?

This scene depicts the judgment of all the nations on the basis of how they have responded to the proclamation about Jesus. Jesus speaks specifically to the disciples about what is important to him.

It appears Jesus is most concerned with the hungry, weak and poor. Helping them in every way is helping Jesus and being like Jesus.

## Psalm Reading

Carlos Rivera (9 am)

John Smith (11 am)

### Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture. Enter the gates with thanksgiving, and into the courts with praise. Give thanks to God and bless that name. For God is good; and that steadfast love endures forever, and that faithfulness to all generations.

## Response



An-cient words, ev-er new, chang-ing me and chang-ing you. We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part. + An-cient words, ev-er new, chang-ing me and chang-ing you. We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part. We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part.

## Community Prayer

Rev. Mona Lopez

## + Gospel Reading

Jubi Headley

### Matthew 25:31-46

When the Child of Humanity comes in glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then he will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by the Creator, inherit the realm prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we did these things? And the Holy One will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we did not do these things? Then he will answer, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

## Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

*Be Blessed*  
Words & Music by Kurt Carr

## Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

*So Close to Heaven*

## Making Ministry Happen

Leslie Jackson

Offertory

Angles in Motion

*He Will Supply*

## Communion

Jason Wood

One: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Sanctus

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te - a dor - a! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de-cir: San - to er-es Se - nor!  
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

## We Listen

Kurt Carr is an American gospel music composer and performer. While living in the city of Hartford, Connecticut, he served as Minister of Music at The First Baptist Church of Hartford, located on Greenfield Street. Kurt credits Archbishop LeRoy Bailey as a positive influence in starting his professional gospel career, as Archbishop Bailey enabled Carr to perform his own music during church services.

## Music During Communion

### We Receive

All Congregations in MCC practice an open communion.

We believe that communion is a visible sign of Christ's presence and God's grace that each one of us, visitor, friend, or member, may receive.

Simply come forward as the ushers direct. We use grape juice for the cup. After you are served you will receive a blessing from the server. If you are in need of further prayer, our Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry team is available following both services to pray with you.

### We Sing

We sing as a body during the distribution of the elements. If you do not wish to sing, please be in an attitude of prayer for those who wish to meditate during this time.

God, draw us closer to heaven on earth through this table.

Receive God's living compassion through bread and through cup.

### *All We Like Sheep*

All we, like sheep, have gone astray,  
Each of us turning our own separate way,  
We have all sinned and fallen short of your glory;  
But your glory is what we desire to see  
And in your presence is where we long to be.  
O Lord, show us your mercy and grace, take us to your holy place;  
Forgive our sin and heal our land,  
We long to live in your presence once again.

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### *Draw Me Close*

Draw me close to you, never let me go,  
I lay it all down again to hear you say that I'm your friend.  
You are my desire, no one else will do,  
'Cause nothing else could take your place; to feel the warmth of your embrace.  
Help me find the way, bring me back to you.  
You're all I want, you're all I ever needed.  
You're all I want - help me know you are near.

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### *Think About God's Love*

Think about God's love, think about God's goodness,  
Think about the grace that's brought us through.  
For as high as the heavens above, so great is the measure of our Savior's love.  
Great is the measure of our Savior's love.

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### *Who Can Satisfy My Soul Like You?*

Who can satisfy my soul like you?  
Who on earth could comfort me and love me like you do?  
Who could ever be more faithful, true?  
I will trust in you, Lord, I will trust in you, my God.  
+ There is a Fountain who is my all,  
Victorious Savior and God of great and small.  
My Rock, my Shelter, my very own,  
Blessed Redeemer who reigns upon the throne!

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+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Jason Wood

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

**Postlude**

Joel Hammett

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HeavenSound Handbells Director

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### Rev. Mona Lopez

RevMona@ResurrectionMCC.org

## Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

The Chalice: Mid-Week Spiritual Deepening  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm

## Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

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# Welcome!

If you are visiting Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church for the first time, we are glad to have you here! We invite you to join us each week as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive way. All are welcome.

**Make sure to visit the Concierge Desk, located next to Inspirations, our coffee café and gift shop, to receive a gift from us.** You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

## Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

## A Special Welcome to our First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged 1-3 years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 am & 11 am services.

Children & Youth aged 4-12 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our main parking lot). Sign-in begins at 10:45 am. All children must be registered and signed-in to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children for Communion at 12 noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

## About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church with a primary outreach to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. We are a part of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, founded by Rev. Troy D. Perry in Los Angeles, California on October 6, 1968. Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people, and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality.

The **Mission** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **Vision** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. To that end, we embrace five core beliefs:

**We believe** in God's unconditional love for everyone.

**We believe in** the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

**We believe in** including everyone and excluding no one.

**We believe in** joyfully providing access to Christ-centered spiritual nourishment and Biblical truths.

**We believe that** each of us will discover our spirituality through active participation in the work of God and in the pursuit of health, wholeness, and justice for everyone.

**Again, welcome!**





# MUSIC MINISTRY

Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of music groups to minister at our worship services. Solo or professional quality voices are not necessary to be a part of these groups. Below is a list of the groups and when they meet. Please take some time to consider being a part of Resurrection MCC's music ministry.

## GOSPEL ENSEMBLE

Tuesdays • 7 pm

Directed by Cassandra White, this group sings music in the African-American Gospel tradition, traditional Spirituals and contemporary music of all types. Reading music is not required for this group, but the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody is.

## SANCTUARY CHOIR

Tuesdays • 7 pm

This group sings mostly traditional church choral music with some contemporary music added from time to time. The group is directed by Steven Couch. Reading music is not required for this group, but the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody is.

## RESURRECTION SINGERS

Thursdays • 7 pm

This is our newest group. Reading music would be very helpful and being comfortable on a separate microphone. This group is directed by Steven Couch.

## ANGELS IN MOTION

Saturdays • 1 pm

This group is a dance troupe that ministers through dance and movement. Led by Marcus Carter & Leslie Jackson, this group has its own choreographers. Experience in dance is not necessary, if one has the willingness to learn.

## HEAVENSOUND HANDBELLS

Sundays • 12:30 pm

Currently there are several open spots in the handbell choir. Interested people need to have some music reading skills. Experience in ringing is not required. The director, Jim Winslett, will teach anyone the techniques of ringing.

## RESURRECTION ORCHESTRA

Weekly rehearsal day has not been determined. We currently have about 6 people interested in beginning this new group, however, we need a few more to have a balanced instrumentation. Reading music is essential, as is having your own instrument (other than percussion).

If you have interest in any of these groups, please email [Steven@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Steven@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x109

# ILLUMINATIONS Project

"What does World AIDS Day mean to you?"

December 6, 2008

7:30 pm

Hobby Center's Zilkha Hall

Tickets:  
Orchestra \$35.00  
Mezzanine: \$25.00



## Featuring:

- \*Hope Stone
- \*Resurrection MCC
- \*Houston Ballet
- \*The Debris Sisters
- \*Houston Metropolitan Dance Company
- \*Houston's Fly Boys
- \*Shawn Welling's Planet Funk
- \*City Ballet of Houston
- \*Marcia Mink Anne Gill
- \*Lone Star Lariats
- \*Sara Sjolander
- \*Urban Souls
- \*Shy Anne

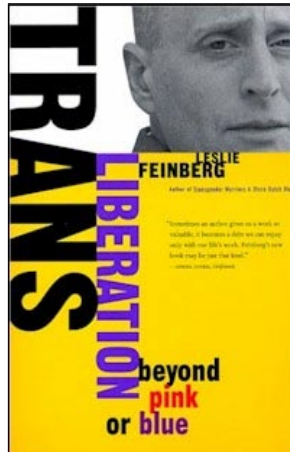
## A Benefit For

- \* AIDS Foundation Houston
- \* Montrose Counseling Center
- \* Legacy Community Health Services and AssistHers through ERSICSS

This years show is being presented in cooperation with  
The Empire of the Royal Sovereign Imperial Court of the Single Star, Inc.

All donations may be tax deductible.

For more information please email at [ILLUMINATIONSPROJECT@YAHOO.COM](mailto:ILLUMINATIONSPROJECT@YAHOO.COM)



## Are you interested in learning more about gender expression?

Do you recognize that human self-expression is diverse and often expressed in ways that "contradict" our society's expectations? Have you realized that rigid gender education begins early in life through such gender identification as the pink or blue color coding of infant clothing, toys and gender-labeled games? To stretch your thinking and language around this issue, our Equality Ministry recommends Trans Liberation, by Leslie Feinberg, available today in Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop.

"...And now I will show you the most excellent way."

1 Corinthians 12

Are you ready to use your gifts by the Spirit of God, and Excel for Christ?

Excel of the Armadillo is forming Team # 42 for 2009.

If you are a graduate of Excel or a former Team member, you are invited to sign up today at 1 pm in the workroom.





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# Red Ribbon Toy Drive

November 10 - December 9

A Project of AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc.

**DROP  
SPOT**



## Where is the Comfort & Joy?

Bring comfort and joy to Houston's own children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS this Holiday Season by donating a toy.

[www.AIDShelp.org](http://www.AIDShelp.org)

Please donate new, unwrapped toys appropriate for children between birth to 12 in the designated collection containers.  
For more information please call AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. at 713-623-6796 Ext. 230



Equality Ministry hosts

## GOING AWAY CELEBRATION FOR MARCUS CARTER

TODAY! • 12:30 - 2:00 pm  
Activities Building

Join us, along with his partner, Leslie, as we bid a fond farewell to Marcus as he heads to New York City to pursue his dream of professional dancing.

HOLIDAY CONCERT  
Sunday | December 7 | 6pm | Sanctuary

## JOURNEY IN SONG

FEATURING THE  
RESURRECTION MUSIC MINISTRY  
AND HOUSTON PRIDE BAND



## Why Become a Legacy Giver?



- To stimulate our worship experience through audio/visual enhancements.
- To forge new friendships through a revitalized, enlarged Welcome Center.
- To design a space that will transform lives by converting the Activities Building into the Life Development Center.
- To create committed leaders for tomorrow through expanded children and youth programs.
- To inspire adults to vitality and wholeness through increased education, wellness, community involvement, and spiritual growth opportunities.
- To reach millions with the *Would Jesus Discriminate?* billboard and marketing campaign.
- To impact the lives of those oppressed through further partnerships with organizations focused on social justice.
- To create financial health and long-term stability through increased payments on our debt.

**Commitment cards may be picked up at  
The Concierge Desk and Sanctuary  
entrances. They may be returned in the  
offering basket or by mail.**

## National HIV Behavioral Surveillance

Over the next several months, our congregation will have the opportunity to participate in a project with a goal to help evaluate and direct local and national HIV prevention efforts.

This project is called the National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS) and is collaboration between the Department of Health and Human Services, University of Texas School of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). NHBS is conducted in over twenty-five U.S. metropolitan areas with high HIV/AIDS prevalence. NHBS involves a repeated, cross-sectional survey and voluntary HIV testing of populations at high risk for HIV infection: men who have sex with men (MSM), injection drug users (IDU), and heterosexuals at risk for HIV infection (HET).

NHBS activities are implemented in one-year cycles so that data is collected from each risk group every three years; these study cycles are referred to as NHBS-MSM, NHBS-IDU, and NHBS-HET. The study provides data on 1) trends in sexual and drug-use risk behaviors, 2) HIV prevalence and incidence, 3) HIV testing patterns, and 4) the impact of prevention services.

The first round of cycles (MSM, IDU, and HET) have been completed and the second round is in process, beginning again with the MSM population. They are partnering with popular businesses and venues to conduct the survey and HIV testing in these locations. The project started in June and will last for approximately six months.

For the study, a small hand held computer is used to do the anonymous survey and participants are paid \$20 for their time. A rapid oral HIV test (also anonymous) is offered, and willing participants are paid \$20 for testing. Participants can receive a total of \$40 for their participation.

This Sunday, those who are facilitating the survey will be in the Gathering Place after both services.

Resurrection is proud to have been asked to participate in this opportunity to assist in the efforts to prevent HIV infection.

If you have questions, please contact Mark Eggleston, Director of Outreach, at [Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 713-861-9149 x106.

**BAYOU CITY**  
PERFORMING ARTS  
GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF HOUSTON  
BAYOU CITY WOMEN'S CHORUS  
& BAYOU CITY CHORALE

### 30th Anniversary Pearl Concert Series

*A Wish for the World*  
December 6 and 9 @ Unity Church

*WinterSong*  
December 16 @ Jones Hall

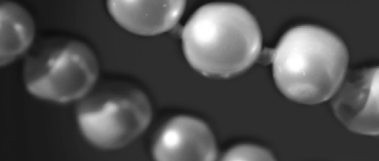
*Broadway Babies*  
March 17 @ Jones Hall

*Africa*  
May 16 and 19 @ Unity Church

*¡La Perla!*  
June 13 @ Jones Hall

All shows start at 7:30 PM

Single Concert and Full  
Subscription Tickets available  
for sale every Sunday from  
November 16 through  
December 7 in the  
Gathering Place  
after each  
service.



For more information, call  
713-521-7464 or go on the internet:  
[www.BayouCityPerformingArts.org](http://www.BayouCityPerformingArts.org)



## Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Resurrection's 5th Annual Christmas Craft Bazaar is Coming Soon!

Do you have a craft or an art that you would like to sell?  
Do you needlepoint, crochet, design jewelry?  
How about stained glass, woodwork, hand-sewn items?  
Food items also welcome (cookies, cakes, breads, ciders, etc...)

For those of you who are looking for unique Christmas gifts or who want to financially support the ministries of Resurrection you are encouraged to come and browse while fellowshiping with others in a holiday atmosphere!

Come take a walk down Candy Cane Lane or Snowflake Alley... you never know what you'll find!

**When:** Sunday, December 7  
**Where:** Activities Building  
**Time:** 2 pm - 6 pm  
**Booth Fee:** \$10.00

Also, VOLUNTEERS are needed to help with booth layout, decorate and assist with set up/cleanup.

To sign up for a booth or for volunteering, please visit the Christmas Craft Bazaar Table in The Gathering Place after Sunday services through November 30.

For more information on this event, contact Billy Stevens & Charles Clark II at [CraftBazaar@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:CraftBazaar@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Advertise with us.

As low as \$25 / week.

[Ads@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Ads@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Food Pantry

Mondays & Wednesdays

by appointment

**Team Lead: Marty Williams**

Food Pantry fund is very low.  
Please make a donation today.  
Write "Food Pantry" on your  
check or giving envelope.

**NONPERISHABLES Needed**  
Canned Meats / Vegetables / Fruit /  
Juice / Soup / Pasta / Rice / Beans

# The Chalice

*opening...receiving...offering  
Life in Fullness*

## Holiday Schedule:

**No Chalice Services will be held on...**

**November 26 - Thanksgiving Eve**

**December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**December 31 - New Years Eve**

The Promise of the Cup:  
Seeking the Presence of God  
we become that which we seek.

**Community Meal** – 6:00-6:30 pm – open to all

**Spiritual Deepening** – 6:30-7:00 pm  
new & ancient practices  
of prayer, meditation & worship

**Life Development Offerings** – 7:00-8:45 pm  
three classes, many paths ... where will you journey?

## The Chalice: Offering One

**OPEN TO ALL**

Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in ...

## The Open Door Discussion Series

A facilitated open discussion using the short NOOMA films as a jumping-off place for personal reflection and shared engagement with our journeys of faith.

## The Open Door - December 3: "Lump"

A lot of us have done things in our lives that we're ashamed of. Some are small things, and some of us have really big and devastating things. Some of us even have things that people close to us don't know about. Personal junk that we keep to ourselves so we don't have to deal with it. Because we don't know how to deal with it, do we? We're afraid that if we try it's just going to make everything worse. But no matter how big our junk is, no matter how much what we've done has impacted the way other people feel about us or how we feel about ourselves, it hasn't changed how God feels about us. God loves us, and always has and always will, and there's nothing we can do to change that.

## The Chalice: Offering Three

**Session Full**

CREATING A LIFE



THAT MATTERS

**SESSION II: 11.05-12.17 '08**

**My Self:** We will explore the influences that have shaped us & investigate ways to create a self we will want to live with, others will want to relate to, & God will be able to use in the service of all that is Sacred.  
**Spring CLM Dates Coming Soon!**

## Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

Stop by the Gathering Place after the services and find out more about exciting volunteer opportunities!

### Concierge Desk

**Leslie Jackson**

[Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org)

*Do you like to help people feel welcome and included?*

We need loving, warm and friendly people to serve at the Concierge Desk, located in the Gathering place, before and after both Sunday Worship Services! This desk helps welcome new visitors, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

### Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop

**Marcus Carter**

[Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org)

*We'll miss Marcus Carter & thank him for his year of service!*

Provide outstanding customer service in an atmosphere of fellowship for people to make connections.

### Second Family Care Partners

**Kristia Ammerman**

[SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org)

This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering emotional, practical, and spiritual support. Meets for lunch 1st Sun. at 12:30 pm.

### Security Team

**Karen Cruse**

[Security@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Security@ResurrectionMCC.org)

Provides safety throughout the building and parking lots during worship services and special events. A law enforcement or correctional institute background is recommended for this ministry.

### Ushers

**Dave Mathis**

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We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services. Teams serve one service (either 9 or 11 am) each month. Remember, "No one is JUST an usher."

### Welcome Team

**Jason Sowders**

[Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org)

*Do you like helping people feel special and welcome the moment they arrive to the church?*

We want to welcome people to the church and help them get to where they need to go. Team members are positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

If you have questions or would like to join any of these teams, email the team lead (listed above) or contact Jason Wood at [Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 832-971-0354.

## Thanksgiving Potluck & Worship Service

THIS Thursday, November 27

12 - 2 pm, Activities Building

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish, and give thanks for all the blessings given to our Resurrection family this year.

*Outreach, Wisdom, Laughter, Support:  
A Ministry for Seniors & Friends*



**Tuesday  
December 2, Noon  
Gathering Place**

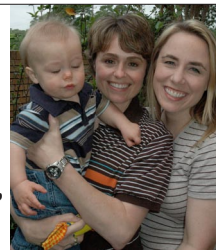
RSVP & Questions to Pat Walker, Team Lead, at  
[OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org)

### Parents Lunch Social

**Sunday, December 14**

**12:30 pm, Activities Building**

Parents, Parents-To-Be, or those interested in becoming parents, are invited to join us for lunch!



**Please bring a toy to donate.**

If you aren't able to join us today, but would like to receive announcements about future events, email [Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Holiday Services & Schedule Changes

**Wednesday, 11/26 (Thanksgiving Eve)**

NO CHALICE OFFERINGS

**Thursday, 11/27 (Thanksgiving Day), Offices Closed**

Thanksgiving Potluck & Worship, 12 - 2 pm, Act. Bldg.

**Wednesday, 12/24 (Christmas Eve)**

Christmas Eve Services, 8 & 10 pm, Sanctuary

NO CHALICE OFFERINGS

**Thursday, 12/25 (Christmas Day), Offices Closed**

**Saturday, 12/27 (Kwanzaa)**

Kwanzaa Celebration, 6 pm, Sanctuary

**Wednesday, 12/31 (New Year's Eve)**

New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil

NO CHALICE OFFERINGS

**Thursday, 1/1 (New Year's Day), Offices Closed**





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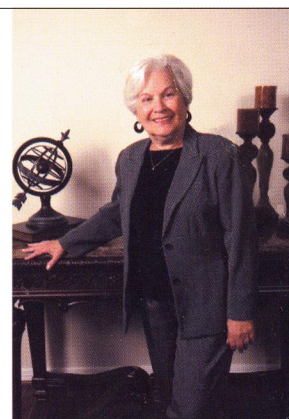
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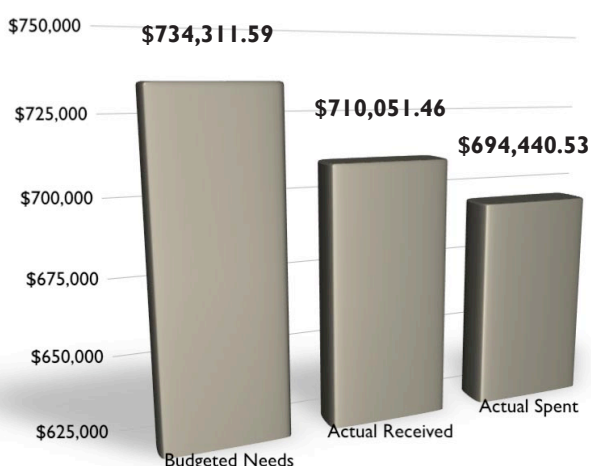
### Flowers in the Sanctuary

Please Consider Donating Flowers to Beautify Our Sanctuary  
Sign up on the chart in the Welcome Area.

## General Fund Financial Report

**Week Ending November 16, 2008**

Tithes & Offerings		Week	Year
11/16/08 9:00 am	132	\$2,889.00	\$214,030.09
11/16/08 11:00 am	299	\$5,537.35	\$306,592.57
11/12/08 7:00 pm	30	\$96.00	\$1,730.35
Special Services	132	\$945.75	\$6,779.19
Online Giving		\$931.67	\$60,754.00
Other Contributions		\$310.00	\$79,221.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>\$10,709.77</b>	<b>\$669,107.78</b>
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising		\$930.00	\$15,713.50
Miscellaneous		\$200.62	\$25,230.18
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$11,840.39</b>	<b>\$710,051.46</b>
<b>Budgeted Need</b>		<b>\$16,315.57</b>	<b>\$734,311.59</b>
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$4,475.18)</b>	<b>(\$24,260.13)</b>
<b>Total Imagine Capital Campaign</b>		<b>\$1,455.34</b>	<b>\$232,849.41</b>





# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 23

**9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini**

10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*

10:45 am Children & Youth Worship *Activities Building*

**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini**

12:30 pm Going Away Celebration for Marcus *Activities Building*

12:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

12:45 pm Pastoral Care Ministers Celebration *Act. Building #104*

## MONDAY

NOVEMBER 24

6:00 pm Board of Directors' Meeting *Gathering Place*

## TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 25

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous *Gathering Place*

7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Chapel*

## WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 26

7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

## THURSDAY

THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 27

*Office Closed.*

12:00 pm Thanksgiving Potluck & Worship *Activities Building*

## FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 28

*Office Closed Fridays.*

## SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 29

1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Chapel*

## SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 30

**9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**

10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*

10:45 am Children & Youth Worship *Activities Building*

**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**

12:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*