



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

December 5, 2010

Prelude

Joel Hammett

Rise Up, Shepherd
arr. Osterland

Our Community Gathers

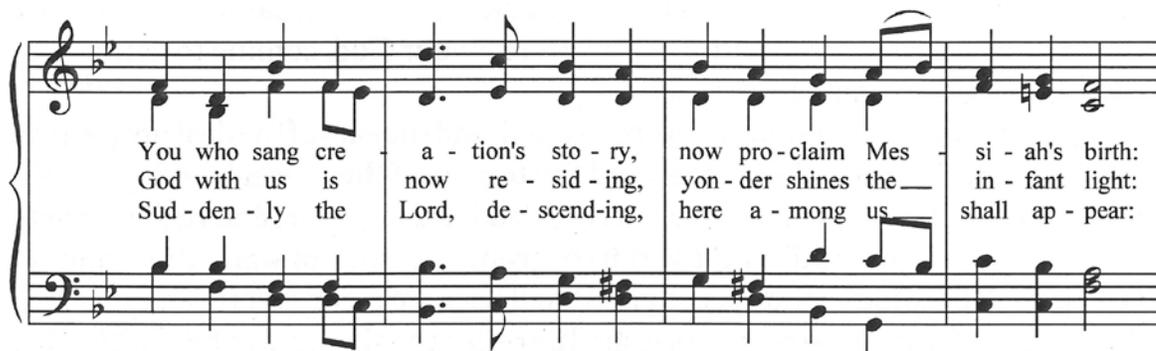
Rev. Janice Ladd
Mark Eggleston

+ Hymn

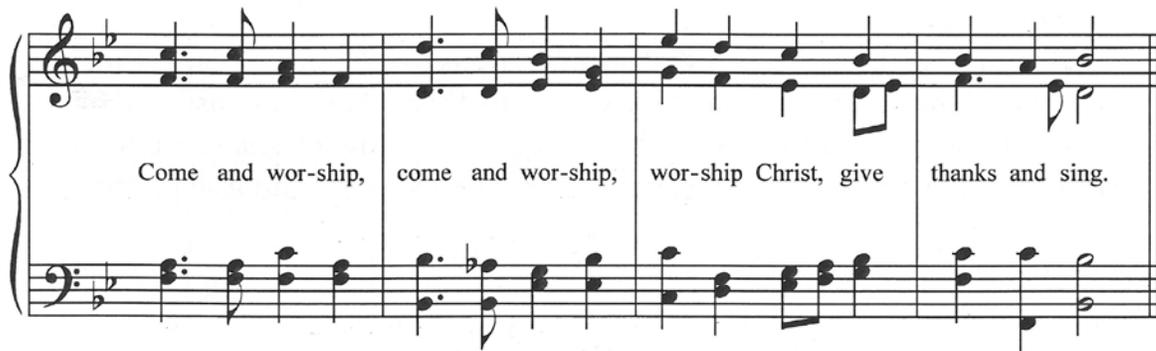
Angels from the Realms of Glory



An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,



You who sang cre a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light:
Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, here a - mong us shall ap - pear:



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, give thanks and sing.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Gather

From many places we gather here. This is a high point of our week. We see our friends. We make new friends. And we spend time with The Friend -- the loving Christ who meets us where we are, as we are. In this Sanctuary we worship and through worship the courage within us is kindled to inspire courageous living beyond this place.

We Listen

As we traverse the road of life, we come to unknown and unsought doors revealing further truth about our authentic self. These unfamiliar doors of life hide pieces of beneficial wisdom. They contain information for our transformation even though we may not understand this for quite awhile. Every moment is a doorway, a promise of revelation. Doors to the sacred are waiting for our knock. If we give due attention and do not run from what repels or brings us pain, we unearth a wealth of knowledge and inspiration. We find our way home.

~ Joyce Rupp:
Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self

- + One: Light in the Darkness, we open the door of our hearts to You:
All: Open our minds to remember Your hope
Open our mouths to speak of Your hope
Open our hearts to receive Your hope
Open our hands to embody Your hope
Open our lives to make real Your hope
 One: Open our worship as we rejoice in Your hope.
 Open the door of our hearts to You.

Response

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
 Open the eyes of my heart
 I want to see You
 I want to see You

First Reading

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini (9 am)
 Chris DeJohn (11 am)

Revelation 3:20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

Response

Raise, raise your song on high, and listen for a lul-la-by;
 Joy, joy, in unity, await the child of Mar-y!

+ Second Reading

Mary McDowell (9 am)
 Gemma Burns (11 am)

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

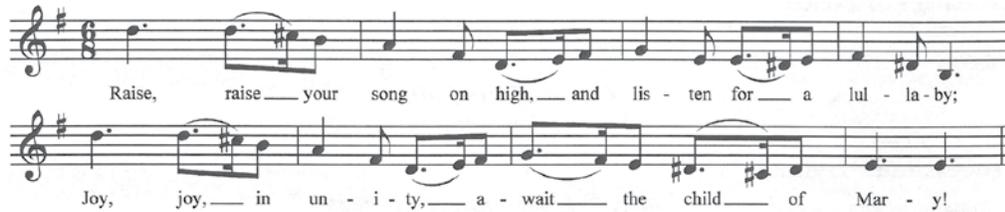
Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child
Traditional

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Michael Diaz

*Open the Door:
Knocking at the Door*

Response



Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Janice Ladd

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

Angels We Have Heard on High
Arr. Sherman

Communion

Rev. Mona Lopez

Communion Songs

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, your name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; your name is called Emmanuel.

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Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names;
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us;
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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**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, friend or member, may receive. Simply come forward as the ushers direct.

During Communion you will be offered bread and cup with a brief blessing.

We use grape juice for the cup so that all may participate.

If you desire a deeper partnering in prayer (intercessory prayer), prayer ministers are available at the Side Altar during communion. The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry is also 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.

We Go Forth

God's love cannot be contained within the walls of this Sanctuary. Take the love of Christ from this place into your homes, neighborhoods and communities.

Prayer

If you are in need of prayer support, you can find prayer partners available during our time of communion or after worship in the right wing of the Sanctuary.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the joys of highest heaven.
No ear may hear Christ's coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

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Tune: ST. LOUIS

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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Tune: AWAY IN A MANGER

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Michael Diaz

Postlude

Anthony White



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Volunteer Clergy

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Worship | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

Children & Youth Worship | Sunday, 11 am

Nursery | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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Welcome!

If you are attending 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 in our Welcome Area, 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 First-Time Families!

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

Children and youth aged 4 - 17 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 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. Metropolitan Community Churches, founded in 1968, is a human-rights movement and ministry operating as a Christian denomination in 22 countries around the world. MCC is an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, and homophobia can result in violence and death.

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. Because of our faith we are called to: do justice, show kindness, and live humbly with God (Micah 6:8); explore life's questions with open hearts and minds; raise our voices in sacred defiance against exclusion, whether religious, political or systemic; reach out to those with no hope; equip new generations of remarkable, far-reaching spiritual activists.

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. We embrace four core values:

Core Values

Inclusion

Love is our greatest moral value and resisting exclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We want to continue to be the conduits of a faith where everyone is included in the family of God, and where all parts of our being are welcomed at God's table.

Community

Offering a safe and open community for people to worship, learn and grow in their faith is our deep desire. We are committed to equipping ourselves and each other to do the work that God has called us to do in the world.

Spiritual Transformation

Providing a message of liberation from the oppressive religious environment of our day or to those experiencing God for the first time is what guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives will be transformed.

Social Action

Working to talk less and do more, we are committed to resisting the structures that oppress people and standing with those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.

The Chalice

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

Where Will You Journey?

COMMUNITY GATHERING

6:00 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building
Bring a brown bag and purchase a drink or snack from Inspirations Coffee Cafe while you meet new friends.

ADVENT CONNECTION GROUPS

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

OFFERING ONE

6 Weeks - Open to All

ADVENT CONNECTION GROUPS

Wednesdays

December 1 - January 5

OPEN THE DOOR

"The full person God created us to be contains more than we can imagine, but most of us dwell within only a small portion of the superb castle of ourselves. Opening the door of our heart allows us entrance to the vast treasure of who we are and to the divine presence within us. We have an immeasurable amount of love and tenderness in us if only we open the door to discover it. The same is true with the multitude of our other qualities and virtues. Each door we open helps us grow into the fullness of who we are. Each discovery moves us to contribute love in our world."

~ Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self by Joyce Rupp

You are invited to participate in the upcoming 6-week small group study. During the season of Advent, Connection Groups will gather once a week to share their experience with the incredible book entitled: "Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self." In this book beloved author and spiritual guide, Joyce Rupp, explores the rich image of the door as an invitation to growth and awareness and leads readers to search more deeply for their authentic selves in fuller union with God. The book provides a structure of daily reading, scripture, prayer, reflection, and meditation and the Advent Connection Groups will provide encouragement and companionship throughout the journey.

Mark your calendar to meet each Wednesday from December 1 to January 5 when we will have Advent Connection Groups on site in the Activities Building. Sign up today and purchase your book at the Inspirations Coffee Café and Bookstore or download the book to your Kindle through Amazon.

If you need more information, contact
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105.

Christmas BASKETS



Food & Cash Donations
Received in Gathering
Place After Services

Shopping List

2 cans corn, 2 cans green beans, 2 cans vegetables, 2 lb. bag of rice, box of mashed potatoes, can of cranberry sauce, 2 packages of gravy mix, 2 boxes of mac & cheese, large can of sweet potatoes, box of stuffing, 2 lb. bag of dried beans, 4 or 5 lb. bag of flour, 4 or 5 lb. bag of sugar, box of cake mix, corresponding container of frosting, 32 oz. vegetable oil, box of snack cakes, and a \$25 grocery gift card.

Volunteer Support

Volunteers are needed to shop (evenings of December 16 - 18), assemble the baskets (Saturday, December 18, 9 am - Noon), and distribute the baskets (Sunday, December 19, 2 pm).

If you are able to provide assistance helping our hungry neighbors, please email
ChristmasBaskets@ResurrectionMCC.org

OPEN THE DOOR

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

SUNDAYS, 9 & 11 AM

DEC. 12 - Opening the Door - Christmas Concert

DEC. 19 - Standing on the Threshold - Rev. Harry

DEC. 26 - Closing the Door - Rev. Kristen

JAN. 2 - Beyond the Door - Rev. Harry



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

A Dialogue with God by Ron Reeser

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Psalms 23:1

Do we believe this? Within the materialist society we live, it is easy to lose focus on this verse and the meaning within. God provides everything. God sustains us, comforts us, and provides our food, water and ... everything! God is great, our total fulfillment and we lack nothing when we focus upon, place our trust within, and keep an open dialogue with God. During this time of year when commercialism seems all too imposing; remember to praise and pray. Praise God for all you have and pray for others and situations which needs God's intervention.

Dear Sustainer, Provider and Protector God, we come to you today, collectively and individually to praise you for all that we have and all you provide. We come to you in prayer and ask for your divine intervention for the needs around us. We acknowledge the needs are many and know You are greater than the need. Oh, Lord, thank you for the entire twenty-three Psalms and especially verse one; where we know with you in our lives, we lack nothing. In your many names. Amen.

Join us each Sunday in the Chapel between services or near the Prayer Wall after our 11 am Worship service for one-on-one personal prayer. You can also send your requests to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org. Requests are immediately prayed over by the Fishers Net Prayer members and published each week in a Praise and Prayer email (unless your request is to remain anonymous). To sign up for Praise and Prayer alerts, go to our Web site and click on the "In Need of Prayer?" link.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~

Children's Choir Rehearsal

Sundays | Activities Building, Room 104
10:30 am - 11:00 am | 3rd - 7th grades welcome



Please email questions to ChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org

NEW TEEN GROUP
13-17 years

Youth Ministry also includes:
SPROUTS • 4 - 6 years
FAITH BEGINNINGS • 7 - 9 years
FAITH EXPLORERS • 10 - 12 years

Sign up in Activities Building starting at 10:45 am

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT December 10, 7 pm



The Chelsea Grill
4621 Montrose Blvd
713.942.9857
www.chelseagrill.com

Join our group on Facebook: [Resurrection MCC Friday Night OUT](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCCFridayNightOUT)
RSVP to FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NORTH



Friday, December 10, 7 pm

Carrabba's Italian Grill
25665 I | 45
The Woodlands, TX 77380

Make new friends and reconnect with those you know over a shared meal at our newest social gathering, Friday Night OUT North!

RSVP to
FridayNightOUTNorth@ResurrectionMCC.org

Friday Night OUT North meets on the second Fridays of each month.

EQUALITY MINISTRY MEETING



Monday, December 6
6:30 pm
Gathering Place

Join team lead Ryan Rolston, as we discuss recent accomplishments and exciting upcoming activities!

Questions or to Sign up: Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org

Give Thanks

CAMPAIGN

That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn't stop thanking God for you — every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask — ask the God of Jesus Christ, the God of glory — to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing God personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is God is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life God has for the followers, oh, the utter extravagance of God's work in us who trust — endless energy, boundless strength!

Ephesians 1:15-19

Dear Members & Friends,

As we conclude into this season of Thanksgiving, I hold a deep sense of gratitude for the people of Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church. I look over the last ten months and I can say with great joy, "We made it!" We endured the waiting period with great love, deep passion, and solid commitment. We prayerfully and thoughtfully remained a steadfast congregation in attendance, giving, and service, while our Pastoral Search Committee worked diligently to bring forth a Senior Pastor Candidate. Throughout the process, we could feel God's presence in our midst. We could see the hand of God in each moment and it provided hope and promise for our future. Standing on faith, we leaned into each other and into this moment in our God-story. I believe each of us can look back over this year and see that God has been forming us and shaping us into the Church Alive! We are now truly ready for what God holds for us. We are ready to step into our future with a purpose and a calling.

On October 24, 2010, we took a pivotal step into this exciting future by electing Rev. Harry Knox as our next Senior Pastor. The spirit among us was tangible as we also said "Yes!" to the expansion of our ministry goals for 2011. From these faithful decisions, we find ourselves standing at the threshold of God's calling for this congregation. It is from this place of excitement and gratitude that I write this letter to you. We need to come together again and support these decisions with a financial contribution over and beyond our regular tithes and offerings.

The goal of the Give Thanks Campaign is \$50,000. As of November 29, we have already achieved \$41,291 or 83% of our goal! The Executive Team, Board of Directors and Lay Delegates, with full participation, pledged \$25,266, and we have received an additional \$12,933! Will you prayerfully consider joining us in this campaign? Envelopes are available at all Sanctuary entrances, or if you would prefer, you may contribute online. As we begin this new chapter in the life of Resurrection MCC, it is critical that our finances be strong and sustaining. Your gift will enable us to move forward and attain our ministry vision as the Church Alive.

A new day is dawning and tomorrow holds great promise for the people of Resurrection MCC. I can say with absolute confidence that this church will keep our eyes focused and clear, so that we can see exactly what it is God is calling us to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life God has for the followers (Eph 1:18). As we keep our hearts focused on a foundation of love, and open to the work of the Spirit, we will be in awe of what we can accomplish together to impact both individuals and our community. Our greatest hopes, and God's greatest calling for us, are fulfilled as we faithfully offer our best. God will continue to stir our hearts to be a spiritual force for fullness and transformation in our community and beyond.

In Gratitude,

Rev. Janice Ladd
Executive Pastor



"Do you feel any different?" a couple of people have asked me in the days since my ordination on Saturday, November 13.

Yes!

Holy Spirit was powerful and gentle among us as we gathered at MCC Washington on a crisp fall day so sunny we had to shield our eyes in the beautiful glass domed sanctuary. Rev. Dwayne Johnson was all smiles as he welcomed my family and friends from around the country and noted how apparent God's hand has been in the connections between our two congregations in the last year or so.

The music! Lynn Loosier began a capella - "My faith has found a resting place, not in device nor creed. I trust the Ever-living One, Whose wounds for me shall plead..." We were reminded of the Sovereignty of God as the Gospel Choir sang "Perfect Praise" - and of God's loving care when Marvin Matthews sang "His Eye Is On the Sparrow".

The sermon on servant leadership was the proper prelude to my vows. How humble I felt to say them in the presence of a living saint like Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson.

To concelebrate Holy Communion with Rev. Dwayne and a hero like Rev. Pat Bumgardner of MCC New York was more than the fulfillment of a lifelong dream. It was much more than a personal accomplishment in the face of all the obstacles I have encountered as a result of institutional heterosexism over the years. In the end, it was what it should always be - a remembrance of all the ways the embodied God suffers with us in order to redeem our suffering.

But it was different. This time it was me saying the words of institution. This time the church had gathered to affirm my calling to speak those words of remembrance. This time I was working with the Church instead of working in spite of it. Because you called me to be your senior pastor; because the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches affirmed my ministry; and because I vowed to follow Christ and lead Christ's sheep; I felt more at peace than I ever have before.

I finally felt at home in the Church - and in an odd way, in my own skin - for the first time. All because you and God and I have chosen each other and committed to a relationship that matters.

Thanks be to God. I feel ordained.

Rev. Harry

Open the Door

Advent Connection Groups

Wednesdays, December 1 - January 5 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Joy to the World

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 12 | 9:00 & 11:00 am

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Worship

with Rev. Harry Knox, our new Senior Pastor
Friday, December 24 | 7:00 pm



DECEMBER 12, 2010 • 12:30 PM

HOLIDAY

RAFFLE

TICKETS : \$10 EACH OR \$40 FOR 5

1ST PRIZE
\$1,000 AMEX
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2ND PRIZE
16 GB iPad
+ Wi-Fi

3RD PRIZE
\$200 MARRIOTT
GIFT CARD

Tickets on sale in Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Bookstore

Nursery Christmas Gathering

For Children ages 1 month through 3 years and their families

Sunday, December 12th • 12:30 - 1:30 • Nursery

Refreshments ~ Christmas Music ~ Gift Exchange

Join us as we celebrate the joys of the season with our children and thank our nursery staff for their faithful service this year.

Gift Exchange: So that every child will have a gift to open - please bring a wrapped gift (\$10 maximum) for your child to give at the gift exchange

Light refreshments will be provided
R.S.V.P. Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org



Santa's Workshop

For Children of All Ages!

Saturday • December 11 • 2 - 5 pm • Activities Building



Bring a Christmas list of loved ones you hope to surprise with a special gift this Christmas, and join the creative elves of Santa's Workshop as they assist one and all in making delightful ornaments, delicious cookies, and other unique treats for gifting and giving! Carols, hot chocolate and a special Christmas hayride are all part of the fun - and a secret visit by Santa for wishes and photos, too! Grown-ups welcome!

RSVP for planning purposes to:
Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Join us in a

Celebration of Family, Community & Culture

Saturday • January 1 • 6 pm • Activities Building

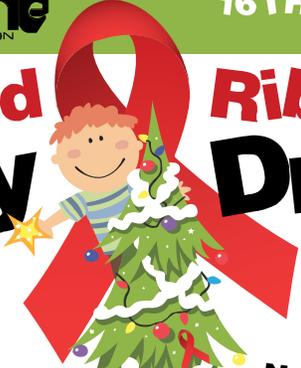


Saturday • January 1 • 6 pm • Activities Building

Join us for a meal and time of celebration.

RSVP by December 21: Kwanzaa@ResurrectionMCC.org

Red Ribbon Toy Drive



A Project of
**AIDS Foundation
Houston**

Nov. 6 - Dec. 6

**DROP
SPOT**



Donate a toy to Houston's own children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Over 800 children living with or affected by HIV / AIDS receive toys each year.

Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy appropriate for children between birth and age 15 before Sunday, December 5.

Our collection box is located in the Welcome Area near our Food Pantry shopping cart.

Board Members on Duty

Karla Johnson & Wayne Wiggins

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day. Email the date and message to Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x106.

WANTED

AWESOME PARENTS

Seeking mature, responsible couples and individuals who desire the joy and fulfillment only found from adopting a child. Must provide a permanent, stable and loving home to a child(ren) for their entire life. This may include: teaching them to ride a bicycle or make cookies, help with homework or acquiring a job. No experience necessary. Awesome parents come in all orientations.

Free Information Meeting - December 6th

Call Scott at (832) 428-6267 or inquire online at www.pathway.org



Pathways Youth & Family Services is licensed & funded by the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services

FOOD PANTRY

Open by Appointment:

713-861-9149 x103

Nonperishables Needed:

Canned Meats, Vegetables, Fruit, Juice, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Beans



Financial Report

For the Week and YTD Ended November 28, 2010

Tithes & Offerings & Capital Giving	Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Total	YTD Average Per Person
Amount Needed	530	\$16,534.62	\$793,661.54	\$31.20
Amount Received	411	\$16,220.97	\$738,879.81	\$30.21

Bottom Line:

Did you know that it only takes an average of \$31.20 per week per person to transform lives in our community? Currently, we are not receiving sufficient offerings to accomplish the 2010 ministry goals approved by the congregation. We manage our cash flow accordingly, but due to the budget variance, we are falling short of fulfilling our ministry vision.

Ministry Plan for 2011

Amount Needed	671	\$21,762.54	\$1,131,652.00	\$32.43
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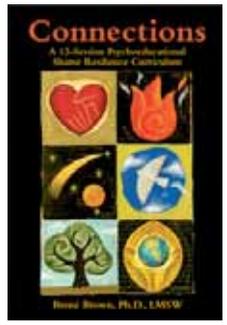
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SUNDAY DECEMBER 5

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Michael Diaz	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Michael Diaz	
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

MONDAY DECEMBER 6

6:30 pm	Equality Ministry Meeting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
6:30 pm	Pastoral Installation Ceremony Planning	<i>Music Room</i>

TUESDAY DECEMBER 7

7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8

8:00 am	Nonprofit Consulting	<i>Activities Building</i>
6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Advent Connection Groups	<i>Activities Building</i>

THURSDAY DECEMBER 9

No Events Scheduled

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 10

7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT	<i>The Chelsea Grill</i>
7:00 pm	Friday Night Out NORTH	<i>Carrabba's Italian Grill</i>

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 11

10:00 am	Christmas Concert Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
2:00 pm	Santa's Workshop	<i>Activities Building</i>

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Christmas Concert	
10:00 am	Fundraising Committee Meeting	<i>Work Room</i>
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
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