



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

December 19, 2010

Prelude

Anthony White

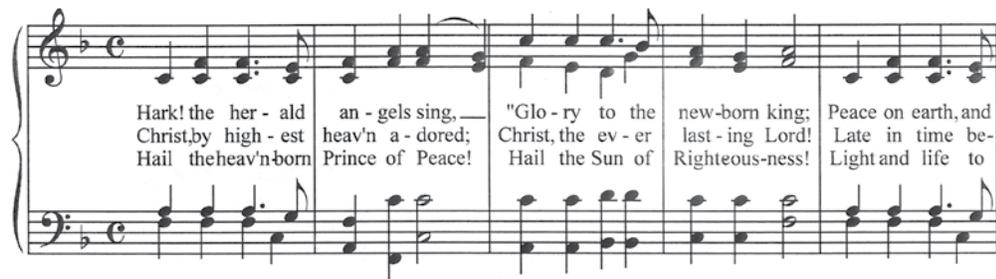
We Three Kings
arr. Carol Tornquist

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Harry Knox
Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Hymn

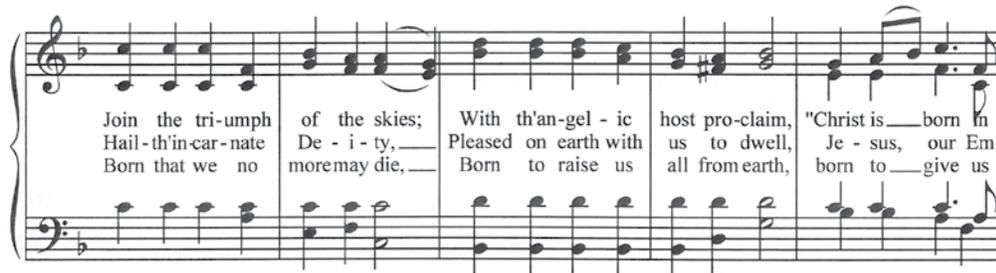
Hark the Herald Angels Sing



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing,— "Glo-ry to the new-born king; Peace on earth, and
Christ, by high-est heav'n a-dored; Christ, the ev-er last-ing Lord! Late in time be-
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteous-ness! Light and life to



mer-cy mild,— God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!" Joy-ful, all ye na-tions rise,—
hold him come,— Off-spring of a vir-gin's womb: Veiled in flesh the God-head see,—
all he brings,— Ris'n with heal-ing in his wings. Mild he lay his glo-ry by,—



Join the tri-umph of the skies; With th'an-gel-ic host pro-claim, "Christ is—born in
Hail-th'in-car-nate De-i-ty,— Pleased on earth with us to dwell, Je-sus, our Em-
Born that we no more may die,— Born to raise us all from earth, born to—give us



Beth-le-hem!" Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry— to the new-born King."
man-u-el. Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry— to the new-born King."
sec-ond birth. Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry— to the new-born King."

+ 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

In time the conversion process – in which you learn to identify less and less with your superficial self and more and more with your deep self, one with God – will mature and come to fulfillment. Be patient. Trust that God's generosity is at work, bringing you to a realized oneness with God infinitely beyond anything you might have imagined possible.

~ James Finley as quoted in by Joyce Rupp: *Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self*

Open the Door: Lighting of the Advent Candle & Invocation

Robert Sliepka
Billy Stevens

+ One: Light of Heaven, we open the door of our hearts to You:

**All: Open our minds to remember Your love
Open our mouths to speak of Your love
Open our hearts to receive Your love
Open our hands to embody Your love
Open our lives to make real Your love**

One: Open our worship as we rejoice in Your love.
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

Baptism

Charlie Sportell (11 am)

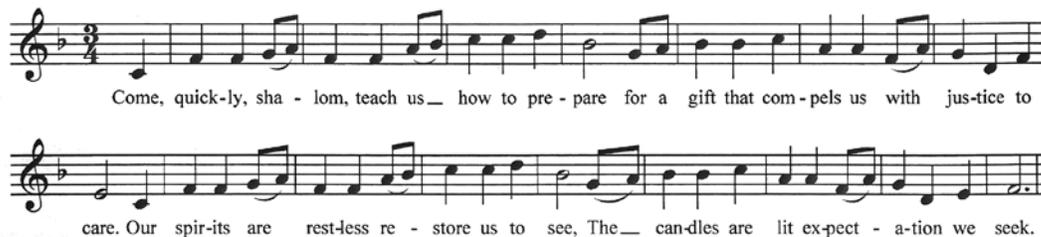
First Reading

Susan McIntosh (9 am)
Ron Drumm (11 am)

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.'

Response



Come, quick-ly, sha - lom, teach us_ how to pre - pare for a gift that com - pels us with jus-tice to
care. Our spir-its are rest-less re - store us to see, The_ can-dles are lit ex-pect - a-tion we seek.

+ **Second Reading**

Joel Palomares (9 am)
Karla Johnson (11 am)

Matthew 1: 18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Anthem

HeavenSound Handbells
Anthony White

For Unto Us
by George Frideric Handel

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Harry Knox

*Open the Door:
Standing On the Threshold*

Response

O come Em-man - u - el. help us find your peace, as we show your
light to a shad - owed world. Come, Em-man - u - el, Word that be - came
flesh, God of Peace to us, Child of Hope for all. Come, Em - man - u - el.

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Michael Diaz

Offertory

Angels In Motion

My Redeemer Lives
by Nicole Mullins

Communion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

**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.

Communion Songs

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.

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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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. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Harry Knox

Postlude

Joel Hammett

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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.

The SUNDAY BASICS SERIES

December 26 • 12:30 - 2 pm • Activities Building



What do people here believe about Jesus?

Why do we stand when we read certain parts of the Bible during worship?

Can I become a member here even if I don't agree with a lot of the Bible?

Got questions? We got ... questions too!

How do we understand, experience, and engage "the basics" – Jesus, Worship, The Bible – in a theologically diverse community of faith which claims "Inclusivity" as its central Core Value? Join Rev. Kristen for our new "Sunday Basics" series as we explore together the riches – and challenges – of what it means to be a truly inclusive Christian community of faith! Attend one, some or all of this open monthly series geared toward Grounding for All Paths in the Journey of Faith!

OPEN THE DOOR

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

SUNDAYS, 9 & 11 AM

DEC. 26 - Closing the Door - Rev. Kristen

JAN. 2 - Beyond the Door - Rev. Harry

Christmas BASKETS



Volunteer Support

Volunteers are needed to distribute the baskets today at 2 pm in the Activities Building

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



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

A Dialogue with God by Ron Reeser

This is a time for joy. This is a time for sharing, exuberance and overwhelming excitement for what is and for the anticipation of Christmas. We anticipate the coming of the greatest gift God has given to us all, Jesus and especially, what Jesus represents. Sometimes the exuberance is so strong, I want to start singing "It's the most wonderful time of the year." And yet, with all this exuberance, there might be numbness in the air. For some, there might be the presence of loneliness, depression or anger.

We must understand that feelings of loneliness, depression, anger or anything negative, are NOT the feelings of God's loving Light, so we must commit to trusting in God with our heart, mind and soul. When we replace the negative feelings with trust and love for God, all negativity evaporates and we will then grow closer to God, closer to ourselves and closer to other believers of Christ.

Dear Mother, Father, Creator God, this is the most wonderful time of the year! Thank you for your goodness. Thank you for your sustaining love. Open my heart and clear my calendar so I may be present for those who are hurting. Allow your Light to shine within for all to see and for all to feel your love. 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 -

Un-Deck the HALLS

Christmas Clean-Up

Sunday, December 26

12:30 pm, Sanctuary

Join us for lunch, fellowship, and fun as we put away the Christmas decorations and prepare the Sanctuary for the next season.

Please RSVP at www.ResurrectionMCC.org so that plenty of food is available for all who want to come out and help.

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

Kwanzaa

A Celebration of Family, Community & Culture

by Elisa Vega-Burns

Kwanzaa is a unique African-American celebration with a focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement. Kwanzaa is neither political nor religious and, despite some misconceptions, is not a substitute for Christmas. It is simply a time for African-Americans to reaffirm and reinforce communitarian values and practices that strengthen and celebrate family, community and culture.

The word "Kwanzaa" comes from the phrase "matunda ya kwanza" which means "first fruits of the harvest" in the African language, Swahili.

The "First Fruits" are celebrated as we uplift principles which support and strengthen family, community and culture. The NGUZO SABA (The Seven Principles) lifted up during Kwanzaa are UMOJA (Unity), KUJICHAGULIA (Self-Determination), UJIMA (Collective Work and Responsibility), UJAMAA (Cooperative Economics), NIA (Purpose), KUUMBA (Creativity), IMANI (Faith).

There is a traditionally established way of celebrating Kwanzaa. First, you should come to the celebration with a profound respect for its values, symbols and practices and do nothing to violate its integrity, beauty and expansive meaning. Secondly, you should not mix your Kwanzaa celebration or its symbols, values and practices with any other holiday or cultural celebrations. Thirdly, choose the best and most beautiful items to celebrate Kwanzaa. This means taking time to plan and select the most beautiful objects of art, colorful African cloth, fresh fruits and vegetables, etc. so that every object used represents African culture and your commitment to Kwanzaa in the best of ways.

During Kwanzaa, we light the MISHUMAA SABA (seven candles: one black, three red, and three green), which together represent the seven Kwanzaa principles. The black candle represents the first principle Umoja (Unity) and is placed in the center of the Kinara. The red candles represent the principles of Kujichagulia (Self-determination), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) and Kuumba (Creativity) and are placed to the left of the black candle. The green candles represent the principles of Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Nia (Purpose) and Imani (Faith) and are placed to the right of the black candle.

The black candle is lit first on the first day of Kwanzaa (December 26); the remaining candles are lit afterwards alternating from left to right on the following days (December 27 through January 1).

The last day of Kwanzaa is January 1, the first day of the New Year. Historically this has been for African people a time of sober assessment of things done and things to do, and of self-reflection. Following in this tradition, this day of meditation is a time for us to ask ourselves and answer soberly and humbly the three Kawaida (Kwanzaa value system) questions: Who am I? Am I really who I say that I am? and, Am I all that I ought to be? Thus, it is a time to recommit ourselves to our highest ideals.

Since its founding in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa has come to be observed by more than 18 million people worldwide. Join us for this rich cultural celebration, as together we commit ourselves to our highest ideals for 2011.

For additional details about Kwanzaa, visit www.ResurrectionMCC.org and click on the Kwanzaa link. Please RSVP by Friday December 24 to Kwanzaa@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Get Connected to a **First Impressions Ministry**

Concierge Desk

Donna McRoberts

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 friends, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Bookstore

Kecia Bullock

Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org

Looking for new friendly faces and volunteers for this ministry! Provide outstanding customer service in an atmosphere of fellowship for people to make connections.

Ushers

Milton Ressmann

Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org

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

Donna McRoberts

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 Rev. Michael at RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105.

Open the Door

Advent Connection Groups

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

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Worship

with Rev. Harry Knox, our new Senior Pastor

Friday, December 24 | 7:00 pm



Meet Me at the MANGER



Some gifts are gladly received yet quickly forgotten. They dazzle the eyes. They may even find their place in our home. Yet they never quite enter the heart. Then there is the gift of God's love: this gift not only enters the heart—it transforms it.

At Resurrection MCC we celebrate the gift of God's love the entire year. There really is no gift that compares to spiritual transformation. The idea behind our Annual Meet Me at the Manger challenge is for each of us to participate in an act of gratitude for God's priceless gift to us.

The concept is simple: The power of God was revealed at the manger through the birth of Jesus. Nobody would have predicted that something as simple as a manger would have become a place to ultimately change history. There at the manger, God placed each of us first by giving the finest gift possible: The gift of Jesus.

Now it is time for us to put God first. Resurrection MCC invites you to put God first by giving a special offering (beyond regular pledges and giving) that is equal in amount to the most expensive Christmas gift you give—plus one dollar. Such an act is considered a spiritual practice, in the spirit of such spiritual practices as prayer or fasting.

Gift giving is all about celebrating relationships, and our most important relationship is with Christ. Even one dollar more than our most expensive gift does not express the value of our most important relationship. Yet such a gift is a way to thank God for the ultimate gift of eternal life.

Here is how you can participate. We have provided gift boxes (available now in the Narthex and Gathering Place) for you to take with you as a visible reminder of this opportunity. Children especially love to put some money in the box each week. Others simply write one check.

Then, on Christmas Eve you are invited to bring your gift and place it in the basket in front of our altar.

Join your friends and family at the Resurrection Manger on Christmas Eve. When you make your gift list, remember to put God first.

Kids Communicate God's Love Every Fifth Sunday!



Come allow your kids to experience the joy of giving! Sign up your kids to serve at the Fifth Sunday services in the Sanctuary today. Every fifth Sunday our students will have the opportunity to serve as ushers, greeters, and eucharistic ministers. Experience the greatness of our kids!

Sign them up on Sundays in the Activities Building after Children's Church, or email Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org

We Can Do It!



I Want You!

Do you have a smile, a hello, and 20 minutes a month? That's all it takes to be a part of the Welcome ministry.

Contact Donna at: Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org

ADOPT A BED

Recent Work Days have beautified our campus! There are a few beds that need to be adopted so they'll stay maintained.

Email Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org if you would like to help!



FOOD PANTRY

Open by Appointment:
713-861-9149 x103

Nonperishables Needed:
Canned Meats, Vegetables, Fruit, Juice, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Beans

Please place donations in the shopping cart located in the Welcome Area.



Board Members on Duty

Karla Johnson & Tricia Phillips

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.

Financial Report

For the Week and YTD Ended December 12, 2010

Tithes & Offerings & Capital Giving	Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Total	YTD Average Per Person
Amount Needed	530	\$16,534.62	\$826,730.77	\$31.20
Amount Received	737	\$17,798.40	\$774,413.20	\$30.16

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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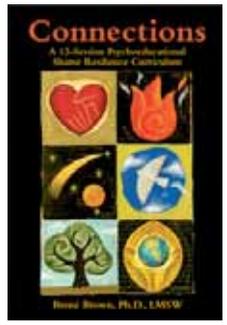
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SUNDAY DECEMBER 19

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Harry Knox	
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. Harry Knox	
12:30 pm	Reception for Rev. Harry	<i>Activities Building</i>
2:00 pm	Christmas Basket Distribution	<i>Activities Building</i>

MONDAY DECEMBER 20

6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
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TUESDAY DECEMBER 21

7:00 pm	Mass Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22

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 23

No Events Scheduled

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 24

7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service / Rev. Harry Knox	<i>Sanctuary</i>
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SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 25

No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini	
10:00 am	Fundraising Committee Meeting	<i>Work Room</i>
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. Kristen Klein-Cechettini	
12:30 pm	"Un-Deck the Halls" Christmas Clean-Up	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	The Sunday Basic Series	<i>Activities Building</i>