



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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Prelude

Joel Hammett

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace

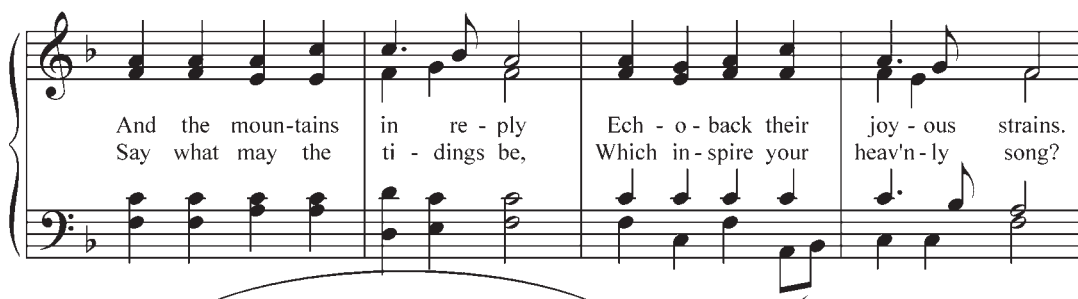
+ Processional Hymn

GLORIA

## Angels We Have Heard on High



An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?



And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o - back their joy - ous strains.  
 Say what may the ti - dings be, Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

+ Invocation

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Prepare

As the prelude begins, the congregation is invited to be in an attitude of expectation for the worship of God.

## We Worship

The angelic hosts proclaim to the shepherds God's gift of life and hope over the plains and mountains. It is a great message of music, for the ancient carol has the shepherds responding to the glorious message of heaven by moving forward in faith to see the Christ of lowly birth. The refrain reflects moving parts in each voice to proclaim that God's glory is being sent to earth in the Christ. There have been many versions of this hymn, which was first published in 1855, but all stem from the same source, *Holy Family Hymnal* (1860). It came to have prominence in hymnals during this century by way of an anonymous version from a mystery play entitled "The Nativity" in 1922. Several minor adjustments to the hymn make it more useful in today's congregations.

## We Hear the Word

This is a communal lament, a genre well known from the book of Psalms. Such laments typically contain, as does this poem, a description of the community's beleaguered state and an appeal to God for redemption. Often there is also assurance from God that the petitioners' requests will be granted, but that is not present here.

*It was fitting*, that it accomplished God's plan. *Many children* The redeemed. *Glory* Their salvation and ultimate eschatological inheritance. *The one who makes holy* is Christ. The words *Brothers and sisters* are from quotations in v. 12. The early church readily applied the whole of Psalm 22 to Jesus. In the early church's interpretation of Psalm 22:22, Jesus stands with the people, proclaiming and praising God's name. He is thus fully identified with the people. The author understands Jesus as the speaker in the next two quotations from Isaiah 8:17-18.

## Hebrew Lesson

Michelle Freeman (9 am)  
Georgette L. Monaghan (11 am)

### Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds and praise worthy acts of our god. I will rejoice because of all that God has done for us, and the goodness to the house of Israel that God has shown them according to great mercy, according to the abundance of steadfast love.

God said, "They are my people. Surely they will not be false again." And so God became their savior, sharing their suffering with them. It was not a messenger or angel but God's presence saved them. With love and mercy God saved them. God lifted them up and carried them through all the years.

## Anthem

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## Epistle Reading

Rev. Bernie Barbour

### Hebrews 2:10-14

It was fitting that, when bringing many children to glory, God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.

The one who makes holy and those who are made holy are all from the one God. And because of this, Jesus is not ashamed to call us sisters and brothers. As it is written: "I will proclaim your name to my sisters and brothers. I will sing your praise in the midst of the assembly." And again, "I will put my trust in God." And again, Jesus says, "Here I am, with the children God has given me."

Since, therefore, the children of God share flesh and blood, Jesus likewise shared that flesh and blood.

## Response

*sung twice*



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet — and a light un-to my path.

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## Special Music

JustUs

## Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

### *Unexpected Expectations: Unexpected Sharing*

## Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Bernie Barbour

Offertory

Joel Hammett & Steven Couch

## Communion

Rev. Charli Merchant

One: On the night you were betrayed you took the bread;  
After giving thanks you broke it and said,  
"This is my body broken for you, and as you eat it remember me;

**All: This is my body broken for you and as you eat it, remember me.**

One: On the night you were betrayed you held the cup  
After giving thanks you lifted it up.  
This is my life poured out for you, and as you drink it remember me.

**All: This is my life poured out for you, and as you drink it remember me.**

One: So we thank you for the cup and for the bread,  
For we see the life you gave and the blood you shed.

**All: And we remember your wondrous love;  
You gave your body you shed your blood.  
And we remember your wondrous love;  
You gave your Spirit to live in us.  
And we remember your wondrous love;  
You gave your body you shed your blood.  
And we remember your wondrous love;  
You gave your Spirit to live in us.**

## 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... visitor, friend, or  
member, may receive.

## We Sing

During a year's sabbatical from his ministry at Holy Trinity Church in Philadelphia, author Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) rode to Bethlehem on horseback for Christmas Eve 1865. As a year that had seen the end of the American Civil War and the assassination of an American President drew to a close, Brooks' longing for peace found expression as he pondered the "everlasting light" that had shone in Bethlehem's "dark streets."

Once believed to have been composed by Martin Luther, its origin, text and tune have been traced by modern research to the United States of the nineteenth century. Although the text is of unknown origin, the tune AWAY IN A MANGER was composed by James R. Murray (1842-1905). At one time he taught music in the public schools of Andover, Massachusetts. He later served as an editor for a publisher of sacred music.

## Communion Songs

### *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.

Words by Phillips Brooks, Music by Lewis H. Redner  
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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.

Words anonymous, Music by James R. Murray  
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Tune: AWAY IN A MANGER

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Charli Merchant

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

**Postlude**

Joel Hammett



## *Sacred Reading*

So much of the Christian life, I am reminded, is about being alert on all levels. Alert to the Spirit's promptings that come to us in a multitude of ways: through tradition, Scripture, community, prayer, music, visual arts, literature, the natural world, intellect, imagination, mentors, friendships, families, our bodies, desires, affective states, and dreams. And how much alertness it takes to sort through the complex, often misleading movements of our hearts and minds to make discernments with a freedom not constricted by destructive images of God, false notions about our own motivations, the weight of past wounds, the remnants of childhood (and childish) assumptions, or the tyranny of social convention.

~ Wendy M. Wright, *"To Be Alert," Weavings XXII:6, 10-11.*

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All creatures, worship God most high! Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

~ Francis of Assisi

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Solitude is not found so much by looking outside the boundaries of your dwelling, as by staying within. Solitude is not something you must hope for in the future. Rather, it is a deepening of the present, and unless you look for it in the present, you will never find it.

~ Thomas Merton, *The Sign of Jonas*, 262.

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So stay alert. Don't for a minute forget the covenant which God, your God, made with you.

~ Deuteronomy 4:23, *The Message*

## *Spiritual Maturity & Application*

Throughout the day ask yourself, "What is this the moment for?" Explore where Christ is present in the "good" moments and the challenging moments. Journal your discoveries, affirmations, and surprises.

~ Adapted from *"Keep Alert," Weavings XXII: 6, 48.*

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Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13 (see Sunday) is a good scripture to consider as we release 2007 and receive 2008. We enter the new year with a sense of the past and a sense of the future. Through Christ, both the past and future are grounded in eternity. Our present is affected not only by our past but also by the future to which God is calling us.

On one half of a sheet of paper make a list of some things God might be calling you to do. Then, on the other half, list the things that you may need to relinquish to make time for responding to God's call. As you review it, ask yourself if you see signs that this "making room" has already begun.

~ Adapted from *The Spiritual Formation Bible*, 870.



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## Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

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Phone 713-861-9149 / Fax 713-861-2520  
www.ResurrectionMCC.org

## 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.



*Creating a Life that Matters...Creates a Church that Matters!*

Please stop by the **Concierge Desk**

located next to **Inspirations**, our coffee café and gift shop, to receive a welcome gift. 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.

## 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!*



## **A vigil of resolve for the New Year**

**NEXT Sunday, January 6, 4 pm**

Covenant Church, 4949 Caroline St, Houston 77004

When Kenneth Cummings Jr. was murdered last June, his murderer exclaimed that he was Elijah, called by God to carry out a code of retribution by killing a gay man.

And there was silence. Not a single clergy person spoke out in protest.

On January 6, 2008, they will speak out. At *A Raising of Voices*, members of the clergy, the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community, and friends of human rights will speak out at a vigil of resolve. At *A Raising of Voices*, we will lament that earlier silence with music and stories and proclaim that the common thread of all religions is love, not hate. We will resolve to work for a more just society for all.

Rev. Dwayne is one of several clergy participating, and everyone is invited to join in *A Raising of Voices*, as we remember Kenneth Cummings Jr. and commit ourselves to speak out in compassion for all people.

## **New Members' Class** **Saturday, January 19** **9 am - 12 pm**

**Gathering Place**  
**Breakfast Served**

Rev. Janice Ladd guides the participant to learn the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, to discover our connection to the world through our affiliation with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and to join this family in purpose, service, and fellowship.

Please RSVP to Jason Wood, [JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 713-861-9149 x105. Download *Spiritual Gifts Assessment* from [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)

## **Music Ministry Opportunities**



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**

Wednesdays, 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.

### **Praise Dancers**

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.

### **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.

### **HeavenSound Handbells**

Sundays, 1:30 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 [SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x109





**Our Children Need You!**

**Teachers & Volunteers Needed**

for our Children & Youth Ministry

Nursery (0 - 2 years) Sprouts (3 - 5 years)

Faith Beginnings (6 - 12 years) Youth (13 - 18 years)

We are now training volunteers to care for and teach our children and youth.

Jason Wood, Director of Connections, will be providing one-on-one training at your earliest convenience.

Contact Jason at 832-971-0354 or by email, [JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org)

**Parents Group!**

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

If you'd like to receive information about future events for Parents, email [Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org)



**Single?**

Join Us!

To join our new singles group, or learn about our upcoming gatherings, email Brandon at [Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org)



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*Inspirations*  
Coffee Café & Gift Shop

**Come by for a FREE Christmas Gift!**

*(no purchase necessary, while supplies last!)*

Volunteers are needed to assist this ministry. Please contact Travis Ochoa at [Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org)

Meet Me At the Manger 2007

*Celebrate the Gift that Enters the Heart*

by Rev. Dwayne Johnson



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 Sixth 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 gave-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 as a visible reminder of this opportunity. Children especially love to put some money in the box. Others simply write one check. Then, you are invited to bring your gift and place it in the manger in front of our altar.

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

# Get Connected!

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

## 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.

If you would like to receive a care visit, or are interested in becoming a care visitor, please contact Jason at [JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 832-971-0354.

Meet 1st Sun, 12:30, Act. Bldg #108

## Loaves & Fishes

**Robert Sliepka**

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

*Do you like cooking, serving, and providing nourishment to others?*

This group provides food for those in need due to a funeral, a special need, as well as for occasional church events.

## Care Callers

**Karen Cruse**

**Terry Talley**

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

*Do you have a friendly, loving attitude and enjoy speaking with people on the phone?*

Our care callers make phone calls to our first time visitors and follow up on congregational care needs.

## Volunteer Receptionist

**Fabiola Cruz**

**Carole Wiseman**

**Jerry Reitz**

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

*Do you like answering the phone and helping out around an office?*

We need people to help answer our phone each day from Sunday through Friday.

Training can be done immediately. Please contact Jason Wood for additional information, or to sign up.

## 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 will help welcome new visitors, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

## Ushers

**Kecia Bullock**

**Dave Mathis**

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

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services.

There are 10 exciting teams!

Each team ushers one service a month, at either the 9 am or 11 am Service.

Remember, "No one is JUST an usher."

## H.O.M.E. Groups

These small groups meet regularly, throughout the Houston area, for prayer, study, fellowship, and outreach.

To attend a HOME Group, please visit our Web site at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org) for a list of locations.

If you are interested in starting a new group, please contact Jason Wood at [JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 832-971-0354

## Welcome Team

**Flo Perry**

[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 will be positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

# SOULFORCE

## The American Family Outing

### Mother's Day through Father's Day, 2008

Jay Bakker, son of Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker, will serve as a clergy leader for the American Family Outing.

Soulforce is seeking couples with or without children, single parent families, and single individuals who want to participate with a member of their extended family. Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, 2008, these diverse families will create meaningful dialogue with six of America's most influential evangelical leaders and their mega-churches. The six churches on our schedule have a combined membership of nearly 150,000 and their pastors reach millions every week through television, radio, and best-selling books. Our goal is to begin a process of changing hearts and minds and to educate the national public through the media about LGBT people and our families.

Lakewood Church will be the first stop, so we hope you'll consider joining us!

For more information, contact Mark Eggleston. [MEggleston@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:MEggleston@ResurrectionMCC.org), 713-861-9149 x106



## Holy Union Preparation Seminar

**NEXT Sunday!**

**January 6, 12:30 - 3:30 pm**

**Gathering Place / Lunch Served**

Are you and your partner thinking about having a Holy Union? This seminar is the recommended first step to having a Holy Union performed by Resurrection clergy.

It is designed to help couples discuss relationship matters, while keeping Christ in the center of their relationship.



## New Year's Eve Worship Service

**TOMORROW!**

**December 31, 7:00 pm**

**Spiritual Encouragement by Chris DeJohn**



**What is a Sacristan?**

Sacristans are the people that prepare the communion for us each Sunday morning at both services. Currently, we are seeking more people to service in this way.

If you are interested, please contact Steven Couch at SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x109 at the church.

**Communion Server**

This is an important task. For many that visit our church, the only contact they have with another queer Christian is when they take communion on Sunday morning. If you have interest in serving in this capacity, please contact Steven Couch at SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x109 at the church.

**Food Pantry  
Monthly Food Drive**

**Sunday, Jan. 20** 3rd Sunday of each month

**Welcome Area**

**Forgot your donation?  
Cash is always welcome.**



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

**Baptism? Yes!**

Baptism is a high moment in the Christian spiritual journey, shared in community.



At Resurrection MCC, we consider it a sacred honor to baptize infants, children, and adults.

For more information and to schedule a baptism during a Sunday worship service, contact Jason at JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org

**Board Members on Duty**

Bryan Long & Debbie Skelly

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

**O.W.L.S. Gathering**

*Outreach, Wisdom, Laughter, Support: A Seniors' Ministry*

**Tuesday, January 15  
12:00 pm, Gathering Place**

RSVP to OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org  
*Lunches held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each Month*

**A.A. Recovery Group**

**Every Tuesday, 7 pm - 8 pm  
Wellness Center**

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

For more information, please call Jason Wood, Director of Connections, at 832-971-0354.



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**youthLife**

**Sunday, Jan. 13**

**12:30 pm**

**Activities Bldg.**

*youthLife meets 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.*

**Now Training Volunteers!** JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org

**Christmas Card Mailbox**



Don't forget to check the mailbox for your cards!

Next Sunday is the last Sunday it will be in the Gathering Place!

**Flowers for the Sanctuary**

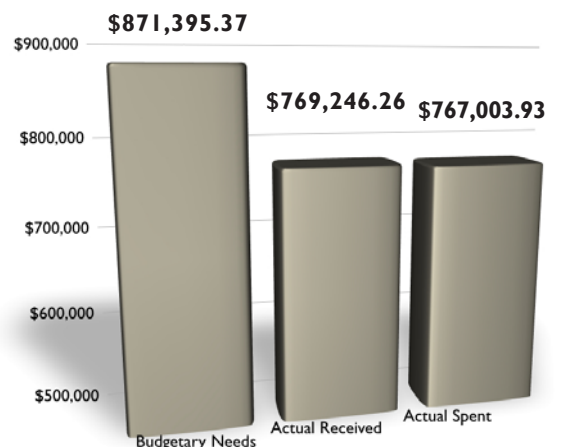
"Happy New Year to All!"

—Flo & Kimberly

**General Fund Financial Report**

**Week Ending December 23, 2007**

<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>		<b>Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	
12/23/07 9:00 am	103	\$1,729.00	\$213,365.05	
12/23/07 11:00 am	306	\$6,689.72	\$295,155.92	
Special Services		\$295.00	\$20,692.22	
Online Giving		\$900.00	\$23,300.29	
Gift of Love Campaign			\$14,440.30	
Other Contributions		\$1,087.31	\$115,826.81	
<b>Total</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>\$10,701.03</b>	<b>\$682,780.59</b>	
<b>Other General Fund Income</b>				
Fundraising			\$25,323.15	
Miscellaneous		\$100.00	\$61,142.52	
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$10,801.03</b>	<b>\$769,246.26</b>	
<b>Budgetary Need</b>		<b>\$17,604.63</b>	<b>\$871,395.37</b>	
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$6,803.60)</b>	<b>(\$102,149.11)</b>	



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## SUNDAY DECEMBER 30

- 9:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*  
 11:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## MONDAY New Year's Eve DECEMBER 31

- 7:00 pm **New Year's Eve Worship Service / Chris DeJohn**

## TUESDAY New Year's Day JANUARY 1

*Office Closed.*

- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Open) *Wellness Center*

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2

- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## THURSDAY JANUARY 3

- 6:30 pm Lesbian Health Initiative Board Mtg *Gathering Place*  
 7:00 pm Krewe of Olympus *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Chapel*

## FRIDAY JANUARY 4

*No Events Scheduled.*

## SATURDAY JANUARY 5

- 1:00 pm Praise Dancers Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## SUNDAY JANUARY 6

- 9:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*  
 11:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*  
 12:30 pm Holy Union Preparation Seminar *Gathering Place*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*  
 4:00 pm *A Raising of Voices Vigil* *Covenant Church*