

Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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Prelude

HeavenSound Handbells

Christmas Lullaby / Traditions of Christmas

By Chip David, Arr. by Jim Winslett

+ Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Exchange of Peace

Processional Hymn

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things
 O come, De - sire of cv - cry na - tion, bind all pco - ples in one

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un -
 ad - vent here; and drive a - way the shades of night, and
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show, and
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; fill

til the Son of God ap - pear,
 pierce the clouds and bring us light! Re - joice! re - joice! Em -
 cause us in her ways to go.
 all the world with heav - en's peace.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

+ Invocation & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ 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 some of our gifted musicians. Many wish to listen and meditate during this time.

We Worship

The medieval Christian church sang seven "Great O Antiphons" during the week before Christmas. The hymn presented here lifts up four of these images in metrical verse form and dates from the twelfth century. Each stanza features one Old Testament name for the Messiah.

These four are:
 Stanza 1 - Emmanuel ("God with us"),
 Isaiah 7:14; Stanza 2 - Dayspring (morning star), Numbers 24:17;
 Stanza 3 - Wisdom, Isaiah 11:2; Stanza 4 - Desire of nations, Jeremiah 10:7.
 This tune has been traced back to a fifteenth-century processional of French Franciscan nuns.

We Hear the Word

Isaiah 40:1 - 55:13 contain coracles of the anonymous prophet Second Isaiah, whose ministry was conducted in Babylon during the final years of the exile there (c. 540 BCE). Primary themes are the reconciliation of Israel with the deity and the restoration of the people to their land. This text has been set to music many times over the centuries, most notably by George F. Handel for his famous oratorio, *Messiah*.

Other modern composers such as Knut Nystedt in his anthem *Get Your Up*, and René Clausen in his modern oratorio *A New Creation*, also use this text.

This chorus was written by Steven Couch in 2003 for the Advent Season, calling upon the Christ in expectation with the many names by which we know him.

The first thirteen verses of Mark serve as a prologue to the entire Gospel, introducing Jesus, and identifying his importance as God's Child and representative. This text summarizes the Jesus narrative that will unfold throughout the rest of the Gospel.

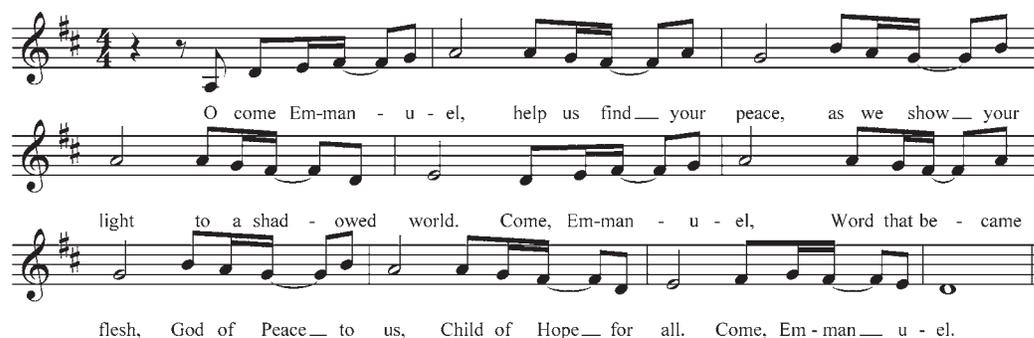
Hebrew Reading

Loyal Kletzien (9 am)
Jules Gauvin (11 am)

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that the penalty is paid, that she has received from God's hand double for her iniquities. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of God blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might. God will feed the flock like a shepherd; gathering the lambs in his arms and carrying them in her bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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.

Community Prayer

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ Gospel Reading

Rev. Janice Ladd

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Child of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make the path straight.'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Anthem

Houston Gay Men's Chorus
Directed by Reed Hoke

Bashana Haba'a

Words by Ehud Manor, Music by Nurit Hirsh, Arranged by John Leavitt

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

***Journeys to Bethlehem:
Wilderness Journey***

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Mona Lopez

Offertory

Houston Gay Men's Chorus

Silver Bells

Arranged by David Maddox

Communion

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communions Songs

Emmanuel

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

Words & Music by Bob McGee
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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.

Words & Music by Naida Hearn
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We Listen

This Hebrew song's text was written by Ehud Manor and the music by Nurit Hirsh. The words to *Bashana Haba'a* speak of next year, when peace will come and we shall return to the simple pleasures of life so long denied us. *You will yet see how good it will be next year. Next year we will sit on the porch and count migrating birds. Children on vacation will play catch between the house and the fields. Red grapes will ripen till the evening, and will be served chilled to the table. And languid winds will carry to the crossroads old newspapers and a cloud. Next year we will spread out our hands towards the radiant light. A white heron, like a light, will spread her wings and within, then, the sun will rise.*

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. 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, let us trust your call and the path of your ways.

Receive the light of light, may it make a home within you.

Music During Communion

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. Dwayne Johnson

+ Benediction

+ Benediction Response



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

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Postlude

Joel Hammett

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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

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

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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 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.

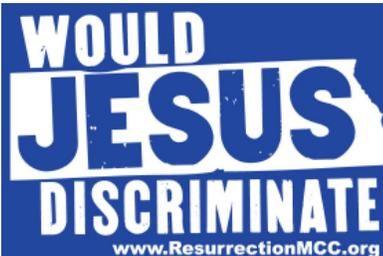
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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. This group has its own choreographers. Experience in dance is not necessary, if one has the willingness to learn.

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 Steven@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x109

PWA Holiday Charities & Resurrection

This upcoming fund-raiser, put on by PWA Holiday Charities, has selected our Food Pantry as one of its beneficiaries. The show is being produced and hosted by An' Marie Gill and Regina Dane. You may remember An' Marie Gill was one of our most gracious hosts for our *Labor of Love* event at Meteor.

For this charity fund-raiser, An' Marie has requested HeavenSound Handbells to perform for the show. The event is Sunday, December 14, at 7:00 pm at Brazos River Bottom.

Mark your calendars now to come out and support our Handbell Choir and our food pantry.



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



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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

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

The Season of Advent

Have you noticed that Christmas decorations and holiday music seem to show up in stores earlier and earlier each year? As Rev. Dwayne said last Sunday, it appears that we see Christmas décor even before Halloween.

The Advent season should be one of expectation, anticipation of the coming of Christmas. The Advent Season is made up of the four Sunday's preceding Christmas. It is considered a penitential season, like Lent. The first Sunday of Advent also marks the beginning of the Liturgical year.

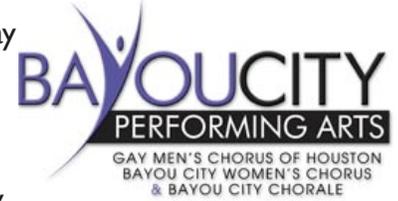
At Resurrection, we will be working to create more expectation and anticipation. You may have noticed last Sunday we only had the Advent Wreath as our decoration. This Sunday more greens have been added. As Christmas Eve draws nearer, each Sunday more decorations will be added in anticipation of the birth of Christ, God among us.

May we all wait in anticipation for the coming Christ!



Our Guest Chorus Today

Our guest singers today need no introduction to many in our congregation. Houston Gay Men's Chorus (HGMC) was originally founded as the Montrose Singers by Resurrection member Andy Mills. Founded in 1979, the chorus is one of the oldest in the United States. The group has now expanded into Bayou City Performing Arts and includes Houston Gay Men's Chorus, Bayou City Women's Chorus, Bayou City Chorale and Bayou Rhythms.



In today's service you will experience just a taste of HGMC's upcoming concert, *Winter Song*, to be performed on Tuesday, December 16, 7:30 pm at Jones Hall. The concert is full of holiday favorites and some original pieces as well; you won't want to miss your own Director of Worship in a comedic operatic piece singing about Santa Claus!!! Tickets for the concert are available today and next Sunday in the Gathering Place. Make it a Holiday tradition to attend a Bayou City Performing Arts concert!

Blessings to you all,
Steven Couch
Director of Worship

JOURNEY IN SONG

HOLIDAY CONCERT

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 7 | 6 PM

Featuring the Resurrection Music Ministry & Houston Pride Band

JOURNEYS TO BETHLEHEM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24 | 8 & 10 PM

Candlelight Communion



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WORSHIP SERVICES · WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 PM · SUNDAYS, 9 & 11 AM

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.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Resurrection's 5th Annual Christmas Craft Bazaar is TODAY! 12:30 - 4:00 pm Activities Building

Items being sold include Jewelry, Bedazzled Pine Cones, CDs by Cassandra White, Cookies, Wassail, Dog Treats, Honey, Wooden Crafts, Floral Designs, a book by Rev Rick Elliott entitled *Faith Journeys of the Heart*, and Crocheted items.

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!

For more information on this event, contact Billy Stevens & Charles Clark II at CraftBazaar@ResurrectionMCC.org

The Chalice

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

**No Chalice Services will be held on...
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve / Dec 31 - New Years Eve**

Community Meal – 6:00-6:30 pm – Open to All

Spiritual Deepening – 6:30-7:00 pm

Life Development Offerings – 7:00-8:45 pm

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 10: "Rhythm"

What does it mean to have a relationship with God? What does it look like? For a lot of us it's a hard thing to fully understand. If God is an infinite spirit with no shape or form, how can we possibly relate to that? And what about Jesus? He said he came to give everyone life in its fullest. He came to show us how to live. Maybe it's through trusting Jesus and living the kind of life he taught us to live – a life of truth, love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, and sacrifice – that we have a relationship with God. Maybe the way we live every day, every single choice we make, determines how in tune with God we are.

The Chalice: Offering Two 12/3, 10 & 17 OPEN TO ALL



Journeys to Bethlehem - Walking the Labyrinth

"Walking the Labyrinth clears the mind, gives insight into the spiritual journey and helps us see our lives a spiritual pilgrimage."

Everyone welcome this Advent on the path of this ancient practice!

The Chalice: Offering Three - CLM

Session Full

The Chalice: After-Offering 8:30-9 pm OPEN TO ALL



Praise & Worship Jam!

All hearts and voices welcome

Lift a joyful noise to God this Advent Season!

Following Chalice offerings 12/3, 10 & 17

Pastoral Care Ministers Commissioned and Ready to Care!

On Sunday November 30, twenty caring persons were commissioned as Pastoral Care Ministers. These caring persons completed a three-week training course designed to equip them for offering genuine, Christ-Centered love and care in our congregation. As the ministry grows and matures others will be invited to become part of this ministry. I am extremely thankful for the commitment of these persons to be servants of Christ in our midst!

What will our Pastoral Care Ministers do? Their role can be best remembered by using the word PACE. PACE stands for Prayer, Availability, Contact and Encouragement. The Pastoral Care Minister will pray for members of his/her group, understanding that prayer builds concern on behalf of Christ for others. Pastoral Care Ministers will be available to pray and listen, as availability conveys genuine interest. The Pastoral Care Ministers will contact the people they are praying for and offer them encouragement. The Pastoral Care Ministers will seek to build friendships and to understand the needs and joys of each person they care for.

People need people who care about them and love them; they need to be part of a caring community. People need to be understood, accepted, welcomed, known, supported, encouraged and comforted. The purpose of this ministry is to provide Christian care for every person in the sphere of influence of Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church on a continuing basis. This ministry will concentrate on the skill of showing genuine concern and empathy from a Christian perspective.

I hope you will prayerfully support this ministry. If you have questions, ask! You will see the Pastoral Care Ministers wearing a button which indicates that they are Pastoral Care Ministers. If you need someone to talk to or pray with please let them know; that is what they are here for. If you would like a minister to come and visit you in the hospital or at home, please feel free to call our 24-hour prayer and care line at 713-861-9149 x105, or send an email to Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org.

In Christ's Love and Care,
Jason Wood, Director of Connections

Holiday Services & Schedule Changes

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

Resurrection
Inspirations
Coffee Café & Gift Shop
**50% ALL
Merchandise**
(except t-shirts)

Volunteers are needed to assist this ministry.
Please contact Jason@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



Christmas Baskets

Today!

**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, container of frosting, 32 oz. vegetable oil, box of snack cakes, \$25 grocery gift card.

Volunteer Support

This team needs your help on Saturday, December 20, at 9 am to assemble the baskets and get them ready for pick-up. Please RSVP if you can assist. Volunteers are also needed on Sunday, December 21, at 12:30 pm to assist in distributing the baskets to those in need.

To volunteer or for questions, email Robert & Billy:
LoavesAndFishes@ResurrectionMCC.org

Join Us in a Celebration of Family, Community & Culture

Kwanzaa

Saturday, December 27, 6:00 pm
The Gathering Place



Please RSVP by
December 21:

Kwanzaa2008@
ResurrectionMCC.org

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Board Members on Duty

Goldie Brown & Georgette L. Monaghan

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.



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Flowers in the Sanctuary

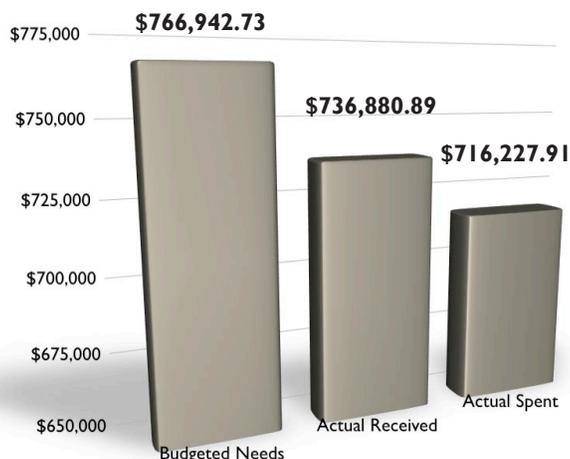
In honor of those living with HIV / AIDS.

—Bill O'Rourke & Loyal Kletzien

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending November 30, 2008

		Week	Year
Tithes & Offerings			
11/30/08 9:00 am	107	\$3,575.00	\$219,706.09
11/30/08 11:00 am	333	\$7,922.00	\$321,506.87
11/26/08 7:00 pm	0	\$0.00	\$1,849.35
Special Services	35	\$131.06	\$6,910.25
Online Giving		\$1,350.00	\$62,860.07
Other Contributions		\$1,050.00	\$82,230.58
Total	475	\$14,028.06	\$695,063.21
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising		\$24.00	\$15,657.50
Miscellaneous		\$315.00	\$26,160.18
Total Received		\$14,367.06	\$736,880.89
Budgeted Need		\$16,315.57	\$766,942.73
Total Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$1,948.51)	(\$30,061.84)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$2,227.00	\$239,572.41



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SUNDAY

DECEMBER 7

- 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 Christmas Craft Bazaar *Activities Building*
12:30 pm EXCEL of the Armadillo Meeting *Workroom*
12:30 pm Second Family Care Partners Luncheon *Act. Bldg. #104*
1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
6:00 pm Holiday Concert - *Journey in Song* *Sanctuary*

MONDAY

DECEMBER 8

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 9

- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous *Gathering Place*
7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Chapel*

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 10

- 6:00 pm The Chalice: Mid-Week Spiritual Deepening**
6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Meal *Activities Building*
6:30 pm The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening *Sanctuary*
7:00 pm The Chalice: CLM (full) *Gathering Place*
7:00 pm The Chalice: The Open Door *Sanctuary*
7:00 pm The Chalice: Labyrinth *Activities Building*

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 11

- 6:45 pm Houston Pride Band Ensemble Rehearsal *Chapel*

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 12

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 13

- 1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 14

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
10:15 am Lay Delegates Meeting *Activities Building #108*
10:45 am Children & Youth Worship *Activities Building*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
12:30 pm Parents Lunch Social *Activities Building*
1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*