

**DECEMBER 4, 2011**



# 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.

**Ringing of the Hour**

HeavenSound Handbells

**Prelude / Preludio**

Video

**Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne**

Rev. Elder Lillie Brock

**Announcements / Anuncios**

Rev. Michael Diaz

+ **Welcome Song / Canción de Bienvenida**

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bears the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

+ **Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz**

Rev. Elder Lillie Brock

+ **Welcome Song Reprise**

**Processional Hymn / Himno de Entrada**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer, Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Refrain*

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who order all things far & night;  
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

*Refrain*

+ **Invocation / Invocacion**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

**Gifts for the Journey: Litany for Advent Candle**

Colt Meier  
Rebecca Keo

One: God of comfort, as your people cry out to you, you never fail to reveal the  
glory of your countenance.

**All: We receive Divine gifts as our voices shout, "Here is our God!"**

One: God of good tidings, though the grass withers, and the flowers sometimes  
fade away, your word stands forever.

**All: We receive Divine gifts as our voices shout, "Here is our God!"**

One: God of joy, as we delight in the warmth of your loving arms, you gently lead  
us to heavenly bliss.

**All: We receive Divine gifts as our voices shout, "Here is our God!"**

**Sung:**  
It's a gift to be simple, It's a gift to be free,  
It's the gift to come down where you ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
Will be in the valley of love and delight.

One: Let us who are learning to walk in the light of God's gifts, celebrate JOY!

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

Anthem / Himno

Gospel Ensemble

*Angels*  
by Richard Smallwood

+ Gospel Procession / Procesión del Evangelio

O Star of wonder, star of night. Star with royal beauty bright.  
Westward leading, still proceeding. Guide us to thy Perfect Light.

+ The Ancient Word / Lectura Bíblica

Joy Jolley (9 am)  
Darrin Brindle (11 am)

One: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

All: **Glory to you, Oh God.**

One:

*Mark 1:1-8*  
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son 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 his paths 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.’

One: This is the Gospel of Joy.

All: **Praise to you, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.**

+ Gloria / La Gloria

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Sermon / Sermón

Rev. Elder Lillie Brock

*iGod: Downloads from Heaven*

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ in his Second Advent.

Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of people as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. That acknowledgment provides the basis for holy living arising from a profound sense that we live "between the times" and are called to be faithful stewards of what is entrusted to us.

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, anticipation, preparation, and of longing. There is a yearning for deliverance from the evils of the world, first expressed by Israelite enslaved in Egypt as they cried out from their bitter oppression. It is the cry of those who have experienced the tyranny of injustice in a world, and yet who have hope of deliverance by a God who has heard the cries of oppressed and brought deliverance!

It is that hope, however faint at times, and that God, however distant God sometimes seems, which brings to the world the anticipation of Jesus who will come and reign with truth, justice and righteousness over all creation. It is that hope that once anticipated, and now anticipates anew, the reign of an Anointed One who will bring peace and justice and righteousness to the world.

## Ministry of Music: Praise and Worship / Alabanza y Adoracion

### *Mountains Tremble*

Did you feel the mountains tremble? Did you hear the oceans roar?  
When the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ the risen one

Did you feel the people tremble? Did you hear the singers roar?  
When the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ the risen one

*And we can see that God you're moving, A mighty river through the nations  
And young and old will turn to Jesus, Fling wide your heavenly gates  
Prepare the way of the risen Lord*

*Open up the doors and let the music play, Let the streets resound with singing  
Songs that bring your hope, Songs that bring your joy  
Dancers who dance upon injustice*

Did you feel the darkness tremble? When all the saints join in one song  
And all the streams flow as one river to wash away our brokenness (repeat)

(Chorus 2x)

### *Awesome God*

Our God is an awesome God, Who reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love, Our God is an awesome God

## We Offer Ourselves / Ofrenda

### Offertory / Ofertorio

HeavenSound Handbells

#### *Christmas Bell Suite*

arranged by John A. Behnke

### Communion / Comunion

Rev. Michael Diaz

Mark Eggleston

### Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

#### *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Into my heart, into my heart, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus  
Come in today, come in to stay, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus

Into my heart, into my heart, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus  
Come in today, come in to stay, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature  
O thou of God and man the Son  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor  
Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight  
And all the twinkling starry host  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations  
Son of God and Son of man  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration  
Now and forever more be Thine  
Now and forever more be Thine

## We Receive

All congregations in MCC practice an open communion. You do not need to be a member of this church or any church to come to the table and receive communion.

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. Gluten-free wafers are available from the communion server on the far right. Simply say, "Gluten free."

Todas las congregaciones de ICM (Iglesias de las Comunidades Metropolitanas) practican una comunión abierta. Creemos en el amor de Dios incondicional para todas las personas.

Si deseas tomar la comunión en español, por favor dirígete hacia al ministro de comunión localizado hacia la izquierda y pídele, "En español, por favor."

*I Could Sing of Your Love*

Over the mountains and the sea,  
Your river runs with love for me,  
and I will open up my heart  
and let the Healer set me free.

I'm happy to be in the truth,  
and I will daily lift my hands:  
for I will always sing of when  
Your love came down.

I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever.

*(Repeat All)*

*I Exalt Thee*

For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth  
Thou art exalted far above all gods  
For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth  
Thou art exalted far above all gods

I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee  
I exalt Thee, O Lord  
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee  
I exalt Thee, O Lord

*(Repeat All)*

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias**

Rev. Michael Diaz

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Elder Lillie Brock

+ **Benediction Response & Recessional / Himno de Fin**

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere,  
Go tell it on the mountain,  
Our Jesus Christ is born.

**Postlude / Postludió**

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**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, open us to your living presence through your life at this table.

Receive the living sacrifice of our awakened life.

**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.

**Embody**

We want to encourage you to engage your spiritual life beyond worship on Sunday.

**NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION**

**TODAY | 12:30 PM**



Are you new to Resurrection MCC? If you have begun attending Resurrection MCC within the past few months, or have returned after hiatus, welcome home! You are cordially invited to attend a reception immediately following the 11 am Worship service with refreshments provided. You'll have the opportunity to meet new folks and some of the ministry leaders and clergy, learn more about Resurrection MCC, and ask any questions you might have. To RSVP and for more information, please email [RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org).

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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 that follows God's call to justice for all people. We build on a rich history of social justice for, and on behalf of, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. Since its founding in 1968, Metropolitan Community Churches have been at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements as an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, transphobia and homophobia can result in violence and death. MCC has been on the forefront in the struggle towards marriage equality in the US and other countries worldwide and continues to be a powerful voice in the LGBTQ equality movement. MCC's ministry reaches over 43,000 members in over 250 churches in 22 countries worldwide.

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 to those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.

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# Give Thanks

CAMPAIGN

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Dear One:

**“When I heard of the solid trust you have in Jesus and your outpouring of love to all, I couldn't stop thanking God for you — every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks.”**

**Ephesians 1:15**

As we approach the Thanksgiving Season, I want to say a special word of thanks to you for the ways you have blessed my life and the lives of so many who have made Resurrection MCC their home. Even in a short time, I have grown to deeply appreciate the level of commitment that this congregation has to the ministry of this church . . . locally, nationally and globally.

In 2011, we have been able to accomplish a great deal even in the face of an unexpected pastoral transition. **For all the ways this transition took its toll, there are a thousand other ways that this church continued to save and transform lives.**

- Provided over 775 pastoral care consultations
- Raised \$6,200 for HIV/AIDS outreach
- Gave \$68,040 to support MCC's social justice efforts and mission around the world
- Served 695 individuals through our food pantry and clothes closet
- Blessed 11 couples in holy matrimony
- Officiated 10 funerals and memorial services
- Guided 14 individuals into the waters of their baptism
- Supplied 406 Composition Books, 1270 Crayola Markers, 276 Dry Erase Markers, 1324 Pencils, 416 Crayons, 284 Pens, and 4 Back Packs to children in need
- Gave 23 blankets/comforters and 72 sets of sheets to individuals in transition from the streets.

**In cash or kind, we have given away \$117,240 in 2011!**

No matter what else came our way, we continued to give outside ourselves. That is who we are at Resurrection MCC and it is who we will continue to be.

This year, as part of our annual Give Thanks Campaign, **I would like to ask that you consider doing two things:**

1. Write down the things for which you are most grateful at Resurrection MCC on a Give Thanks card.
2. Prayerfully consider a financial gift to this campaign.

The goal of the Give Thanks Campaign is \$50,000. We have already achieved 35% of our goal, over and beyond their regular tithes and offerings! Envelopes and Gift Thanks cards are available at all Sanctuary entrances, or if you would prefer, you may contribute online at ResurrectionMCC.org. Your Give Thanks gift will help us end this year with gratitude for all we have experienced and begin a new year with a determination to have even greater impact.

In Gratitude,



Rev. Lillie Brock  
Consulting Pastor

## JESUS BORN AGAIN

**Mondays, November 28 - December 19**  
**7pm • Activities Building**



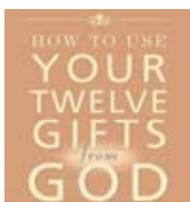
Every year during Advent, we celebrate the coming birth of Jesus (Christmas) through different stories. While the Gospel of Matthew tells us of the Magi from East who follow a star, the Gospel of Luke speaks of simple shepherds being the first to visit Jesus. Did you know there are other stories surrounding Jesus' birth and childhood,

even Jesus going to grade school and being a little mischievous? How do we separate fact from fiction? Is it possible to appreciate the varied stories of Jesus' birth in order to understand why we celebrate the coming of Christ every year?

Join us on Monday nights at 7pm for a 4-week small group study on the different stories surrounding Jesus' birth and childhood. Using narratives from the Gospel of Luke and Matthew and the Infancy Gospels of James and Thomas, we will go beyond facts to find spiritual truth in midst of the many stories surrounding Jesus' birth. Join us this Advent as we encounter, engage, and embody Jesus being born again. For more information, contact [RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org).

## HOW TO USE YOUR TWELVE GIFTS FROM GOD

**Wednesdays, November 30 - December 21**  
**7pm • Activities Building**



What is the greatest gift you have ever received? A child might say a toy. A teenager might say a car. As we grow gifts take on new meaning as our needs, values, and priorities evolve. There might not be only one greatest gift but many. Imagine what your life would be like if you not only knew what those gifts were, but how to use them to develop your spiritual awareness and experience a life of inner peace.

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7pm for a 4-week small group study on the book, *How to Use Your Twelve Gifts from God* by William Warch. In this study, we will journey towards inner transformation as we explore how particular gifts refresh our minds to the Divine within us. This Advent, we are growing into divine fullness as we affirm the many gifts that God gives us. For more information, contact [RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org).



## Jesús Nace de Nuevo - Grupo de Adviento por la Galería

¡Estás invitado a "Jesús nace de nuevo" por la Galería! Comenzando desde esta semana, nuestro grupo de estudio de Adviento, "Jesús Nace de Nuevo", se reunirá en la Galería. El grupo tendrá sus sesiones durante cuatro semanas, empezando desde el miércoles 30 de noviembre y continuando el 7, 14 y 21 de diciembre. Marcial Rentería atenderá a este grupo. Para más información y para confirmar asistencia, por favor visite [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC) o escribir a [supermpr@gmail.com](mailto:supermpr@gmail.com).

## Jesus Born Again - League City

**Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22**

Full details, including the address, are available on [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC) or by email to [RevFarnan@verizon.net](mailto:RevFarnan@verizon.net)



# \$20 each

Help us beautify our Sanctuary with a potted Christmas Poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person or relationship. Poinsettias will be on display in the Sanctuary from Sunday, November 27 - Sunday, December 25.

Write "Poinsettias" in the memo line of your check, or on a donation envelope with your name, and place in the offering plate. Email a brief note to [Poinsettias@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Poinsettias@ResurrectionMCC.org) if you would like us to include a note on a card with the Poinsettia. If you would like, you may take the Poinsettia home, or give it as a gift, after our 11 am Christmas Day service.

# Experience this Season's Gifts!

**Christmas Eve Worship**  
**5 pm - Children's Musical**  
**7 pm - Candlelight Communion Service**



## 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.

# Christmas BASKETS



Food & Cash Donation  
Received in Gathering  
Place After Services on  
December 4 & 11

## 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

Full details on this amazing annual event, as well as volunteer opportunities, are available on Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC

If you are able to provide assistance helping our hungry neighbors, please email  
[ChristmasBaskets@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:ChristmasBaskets@ResurrectionMCC.org)

# FRIDAY NIGHT OUT



Friday, 7 pm  
**December 9**

## Chelsea Grill

4621 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77006-6132  
(713) 942-9857  
[www.chelseagrill.com](http://www.chelseagrill.com)

Join our most popular social group for dinner each month at local restaurants. With over 50 on average attending, it's a great way to meet some new friends!

Join our group on Facebook:

**Resurrection MCC Friday Night Out**  
RSVP to [FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org)

# FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NORTH



Friday, 7 pm  
**December 9**  
**El Bosque**

19073 I-45 South  
Shenandoah, Texas 77385

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](mailto:FridayNightOUTNorth@ResurrectionMCC.org)

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

"God, where are You?!"

"Right where you are,  
my beloved one!"

"And where is that?!"

"Good question, my beloved one,  
good question!"

At Resurrection MCC we believe that God meets you right where you are! Creating a place for you to discover and explore your spiritual location is where we come in!

**Introducing a very special "Meet You On the Journey!" all-church event from 12:30-1:45 pm on Sunday, December 11th!**

We invite every one of our members and friends to ...

- enjoy a buffet lunch and holiday raffle drawing!
- discover your personal Spiritual Location - **Searching, Changing, Connecting, Listening, Preparing, Serving!**
- explore ways to meet God right where you are in 2012 with our newest Spiritual Location programming!
- select and share your spiritual adventuring together as we "Meet You On the Journey" at Resurrection!

Special editions of our newest On the Journey magazine will debut, complete with listings for January-April 2012 and our enlightening personal "Spiritual Locator" tool! Can't wait to see you next Sunday!

# Children's Choir Rehearsal



**Sundays**  
**10:30 am - 11:00 am**  
Activities Building #104  
1st - 7th grades welcome

Our children will bring this year's Christmas musical, "Shepherds, Sheep, and a Savior," on Christmas Eve at 5 pm. We look forward to singing with your children! If you have questions.

Please contact Jules or Eve at  
[ChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:ChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org)

# HOLIDAY RAFFLE

**DECEMBER 11, 2011  
12:45 PM  
ACTIVITIES BUILDING**

**TICKETS**  
\$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20

**1ST PRIZE** MAGNAVOX 32MF301B 32" 720p LCD TV  
**2ND PRIZE** PANASONIC SC-XH150 SURROUND SOUND ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM  
**3RD PRIZE** AMAZON.COM KINDLE FIRE

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN  
INSPIRATIONS COFFEE CAFÉ & BOOKSTORE TODAY.



## CALLING ALL LEAD VOCALS & MUSICIANS!

Do you want to be a part of a new Praise & Worship Band at Resurrection MCC?

Please contact  
Natasha@ResurrectionMCC.org



## YOGA CONNECTIONS

Every Tuesday

7 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

Yoga means to yoke or join. Join us as we join with God through Yoga! Connect with other folks in this non-competitive activity that is suitable for every person. If you are new to Yoga, you'll meet others with varying skill levels. You'll also learn about the benefits for your overall health and well-being. Please bring a mat and towel. Everyone is welcome to join us for these free sessions. RSVP at Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC or for more info email Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org

## 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 Member on Duty

Kecia Bullock and Jackie Marshall

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Advertise  
with us.

As low as \$25 / week.

Ads@ResurrectionMCC.org

### 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 Sara@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x112.

## Financial Report

For YTD Ended November 27, 2011

Tithes & Offerings & Capital Giving	Week Ended	YTD Total	YTD Average Attendance	YTD Average Per Person
Amount Needed	\$19,884.42	\$944,510.10	607	\$32.76
Amount Received	\$16,762.37	\$818,626.18	530	\$32.20
Budget Variance		(\$125,883.92)		

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## **SUNDAY** **DECEMBER 4**

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fishers 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>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	Newcomers Welcome Reception	<i>Gathering Place</i>

## **MONDAY** **DECEMBER 5**

7:00 pm	Jesus Born Again	<i>Gathering Place</i>
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## **TUESDAY** **DECEMBER 6**

7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Yoga Connections	<i>Activities Building</i>

## **WEDNESDAY** **DECEMBER 7**

6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	How to Use Your Twelve Gifts From God	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	Facility Committee Meeting	<i>Work Room</i>

## **THURSDAY** **DECEMBER 8**

6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
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## **FRIDAY** **OFFICE CLOSED** **DECEMBER 9**

7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT	<i>Work Room</i>
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT North	<i>Work Room</i>

## **SATURDAY** **OFFICE CLOSED** **DECEMBER 10**

9:30 am	Soul Care for Servant Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
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## **SUNDAY** **DECEMBER 11**

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fishers 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>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	Meet You On the Journey	<i>Activities Building</i>
12:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1:00 pm	Santa's Workshop	<i>Activities Building</i>