



WE ARE A
MATTHEW 25 Church

Actively Engaged in the World



January 5, 2021

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Invitation to Inreach (Fellowship/Care)!



Click above to attend!

This Week:

Sanctuary Music

Reconvening Tomorrow--Epiphany!

Wednesday Morning Conversations and Prayers

in the Activity Center

8-9:15am

Chairs and distancing provided. Bring your own beverage and mask (*required*).

As you spend time looking for an Epiphany, seek the Spirit's guiding.

Did you get your Star Word in church last Sunday?

[Click here](#) to send an email with a number from 1-172, and be matched with a word to ponder in your heart this year as you seek to find and serve the Christ Child.

How might we reach out to Christ in 2021?

From the Finance Committee

To date, we have received Estimate of Giving cards from 23 families totaling \$216,280 which is about equal to last year's giving for those same families. This includes 11 families who increased their estimate of giving, 1 new family and the loss of 3 families who have moved from the Waco area. Based on prior year giving, we have estimated that we should receive approximately \$243,000 from congregational giving in 2021.

Of some concern though is, that in addition to the families who typically give to our Church without completing an Estimate of Giving card, we have 7 families who have not submitted a 2021 Estimate card who submitted a 2020 estimated card and those outstanding cards totaled \$13,620 in 2020. This raises the risk of budgeting our estimated congregational giving in 2021.

We will submit a budget to the Session asking for any adjustments and their final approval of the 2021 budget and the Session will present that approved budget at the Congregational meeting at the end of January. We would ask that if you plan to give to Central in 2021 and you have not submitted an Estimate of Giving card that you submit a card as soon as possible. Please remember that if you don't have a card that you can now submit the information online by going to the church's website and submitting it there, as some have done, or leave a phone message at the church office requesting a card.

We are grateful for everyone who has given in the past and also those who plan to give in the future and those who share their time and talents with our church.

Invitation to Upreach!

Creating Sacred Community Online

(Buttons for Zoom and Facebook can take you to our Sunday services
from the church webpage at www.cpcwaco.org)

Sunday Morning

9:10 AM Gathering/Fellowship

9:35 Genesis Class meets on Zoom; Check with Matt/Jay to see where the Men's Class will meet

10:25 Fellowship, Gathering of Joys and Concerns

10:40 AM Prayer and Worship *with Communion (have your elements ready)*

Watch live from [Zoom](#) Or [Facebook](#)

(Links above will open our Zoom Tabernacle or the Facebook recording)

Order of Worship--January 10, 2021

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.

From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children

Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.

Please pray with me:

God who watches over us, offering us light and hope, be with us this day as we hear the story of Jesus' baptism. Help us to remember your healing, cleansing, and claiming love. Help us to see the many ways you reach out. May the image of the waters give us hope and carry us closer to you, loving God. As we open our hearts to you this day, embrace us again in the love of Christ. AMEN.

Genesis 1:1-5

Hymn # 285 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" AUSTRIAN HYMN

Litany of Confession

Lord, we are wanderers from the path,

Yet we often think we know the way.

Sometimes we seek comfort that leads to darkness,

Or adventure that distracts us from compassion.

We have been entertained by fear and horror,

And ignored division and injustice.

Lord, forgive us the mistakes we have made...

The silences kept, and the things left undone...

Lord God,

guide us upon your paths,

Lord Christ,

bathe us in your healing light,

Holy Spirit,

warm our hearts with hope and strength,

Amen.

Mark 1:4-11

Time with Young Disciples

Hymn # 356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

Acts 19

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

(Excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1990)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives.**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
to live as one community.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn # 430 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! DARWALL'S 148TH

Benediction

Prayer Concerns

- for Martha, who had a fall and hip surgery last week, to heal and recover as she moves today to her daughter Linda's home;
- for Nancy C, who is bandaged and recovering at home after a fall last week;
- for Willis, who is hospitalized with double pneumonia and having surgery today to repair a fracture and look for possible bleeding after his fall over the weekend;
- David J., still recovering from eye surgery, but no longer having to remain face down (yay);
- for those struggling with addictions of any kind, and those who love them;
- for a friend's husband Bob who has just been diagnosed with a cancer on top of his heart condition;
- for family with COVID: Allison's sister in ICU, Groman's grandson, Judith's uncle, our own Gwynn Range, and for Gwynn's son and Jane's sister, recently exposed;
- for Denyse's father's amazing recovery from cancer and infection;
- for Meg's cousin Libby, suffering multiple metastatic cancers;
- for our meal deliveries, deliverers, and other visiting angels of God among us;
- for all our members, friends and family to stay safe, healthy and connected;
- for everyone born, a place at the table!



Celebrating Birthdays

Meghan Franks - January 15

David Fleuriet - January 17

Phil Oliver - January 17

Nancy Cagle - January 18

Wren Williams - January 18

Anne Stewart - January 18

Gwynn Range - January 19

Margaret Pauling - January 20

Rita Smotherman - January 28

**(We are missing many birthdays in our database; please let us know yours!
We need the year to enter the date in the database, but will never print it!)**



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