

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 11, 2011  
Spanish-speaking service in the Chapel at 10:45 am

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**Our Spiritual Journey**  
Helps for personal spiritual development



**Daily Reading: Sunday**, (December 18) Luke 1.26-38;  
**Monday**, Exodus 20.18-26; **Tuesday**, Galatians 3.23-4.7;  
**Wednesday**, 2 Corinthians 5.16-21; **Thursday**, John 3.1-8;  
**Friday**, Ephesians 1.3-14; **Saturday**, Colossians 1.15-23;  
**Sunday**, (December 25) Luke 2.22-40

**Suggested Spiritual Exercises:** (Select one for the week)

1. Review your year. Make a list of events that have wounded you during the past months. Pray for healing in these areas of your life.
2. Pray a sentence prayer throughout the day. For example, Ps. 51.10: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."
3. If you begin to feel stressed or hurried during this week, practice the breath prayer—breathing in the presence of Christ and breathing out your anxieties or fears. The traditional breath prayer is "Lord, Jesus, have mercy on my soul."

**RAMS FOR CHRIST** **Doug Johnson, ASU Campus Minister**

## COLLEGE CHRISTMAS BREAK

- Welcome back to all of you returning home!  
Please join us **Sunday morning** for Bible class in room 216, and down front (right side) to worship together.
- **Chill at the CCC** (or warm up if it's cold)!  
Tuesday night at 7 we'll be meeting for fun & fellowship, and we hope for a good time of catching up during the break.

## WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (1001)*  
*Angels We Have Heard on High (1002)*

## RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 96

*Come, Thou Almighty King (19)*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

Clint Lasiter/Ryan Kramer

*To Us a Child of Hope Is Born (1006)*

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All Christians are invited to partake in this feast of remembrance.  
The bread and wine symbolize the body and blood of our Savior  
who died and was raised for us. In eating together we proclaim  
our unity with Him and with one another until He comes.*

*Jesus Loves Me! (1014)*

## OFFERING

Justin Mock/Jeremiah Oviedo

## NO KIDSTIME IN DECEMBER

*What Child Is This? (998)*

## SCRIPTURE TEXT Luke 1.46-55

## SERMON

**"Singing With Mary"**

*O Come, Let Us Adore Him (264)*

## PASTORAL COMMENTS, PRAYER & BLESSING

Don Horner

*Following this service, Elders are available in the parlor  
to pray with you for your spiritual and physical needs.*

*Joy to The World (1018)*

*Worship Leader, Bryan Elliott*

*Preaching Minister, Tommy King*

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## EVENING WORSHIP

Spanish-speaking service in the Chapel

Call to Worship/Song Leader

Dan Johnson

Intercessory Prayer

Don Horner

**"Riding Backwards Through Life "** Hebrews 1.1-4

Tommy King

Closing Prayer

Mike Branham

**AN ATTENDED NURSERY** is available for infants through 48 months on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

**BRICKS FOR THE COURTYARD — \$35 EACH**  
Remember your loved ones—forms are in the office.

**BULLETINS ONLINE**, you can now view the Sunday bulletin online at our website.

**JSCC Email News**—If you would like to receive JSCC news via email, please write your email address on your attendance card.

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS** are encouraged to complete an attendance card.

**OLAN MILLS PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**—sign up sheets are in the foyer or you can sign up online @ <https://signup.olanmills.com/familyinfo.aspx?chcontract=66521>

**SERMONS ONLINE**—you can listen to or download the Sunday morning sermon at our website. (CD's are available for \$2.00)

**With Gratitude and Thanksgiving**

Dear Johnson Street Church:

We want to thank each one of you for the lovely bridal shower and many gifts we received. We really appreciated it. Thank you so much ~ Barbara & Charles Roe

Today, December 18

8:30 am - 12 noon Last CHANCE to sign up for the “NEW” Pictorial Directory at the church - you must sign up online after today

Tuesday, December 20

6 am **Men’s Bible Study**, conference room

Wednesday, December 21

NO CLASSES - NO SERVICES

**The church office will be closed Thursday, Friday and Monday for Christmas, hence, no bulletin on December 25. Please make plans to join us in the Family Center for the New Year’s Eve Celebration, Saturday, December 31 @ 7:30 pm and check Box “A” on your attendance card today if you plan to attend.**

**THE RECORD-DECEMBER 11, 2011**

Sunday Bible Class	264	Tues. Men’s /Moms’ Studies	11/30
Sunday Morning Assembly (221/403)	624	Wednesday Ladies Bible Study	n/c
Sunday Evening	88	Wednesday/WinterSong	257
Contribution	\$19,797.42		

**C.P.R.**

**Current Prayer Requests**

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Charlsie & Tyler Bethea on the birth of a daughter, Isabella Jewel, born December 12. She weighed 8 lbs and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Noel & Velinda Bethea.

To Gottfried & Hannalore Reichel as they celebrate their 57th Wedding Anniversary on December 28.

**HEALTH/HEALING:** Ann Smith, Bob Knox, Tommy Thomesen, Chad Kretschmer, Rusty Rogers, James Satterwhite, Kent McNeal, and Matt Miller.

**HOMEBOUND:** contact the church office for more information.

**JSCC EVENTS:**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—December 24

**LOVED ONES LIVING WITH CANCER:** Andy Cupp, Jo Ann Cobb, June Green, Bonnie Alley, Barbara Stewart, Bob Bartlett, Fae Danz, Teresa Mitchell, Anita Bissett, Monica Masters, Gerald Jones, Ted Peterson, Larry Galyon, Dirk Burcie, Bobby Wood, Mike Webster, Clayton Taylor, Paul Kolb, Charles Siburt, Ruth Guess, Tommy Hagler and Glenda Winkley.

**MILITARY TROOPS:** Brent Danner, Caleb Davis, Evan Ray, Jacob Fraiser, Cody Kretschmer, Rannie Bond, Danny Simmons, Cole Bouligny, Matt Anderson, Adam Jolliff, John Mahon, Justin Douglas, Steve Gouak, Aaron Farmer, Matt Jalufka, Jeremy Clark, Todd McAda and Damall Martin.

**REJOICE:** Our brother, Jose Davila Sr., baptized Eliseo Sanchez December 11. Welcome to our family, Eliseo!

**SYMPATHY:** Derek Schoen’s grandmother, Ruby Schoen passed away December 11. Funeral services were Wednesday in Goldthwaite.

Robert Hernandez’ aunt, Maria Beltran, passed away December 11. Maria was 91 years old. Robert has asked for peace & comfort for the Hernandez family.

To Mark Bell and family at the death of his uncle, Ray Aldridge, who died December 12. Services were Friday in Robert Lee.

To the family of Charles Finley (grandfather of Charlsie Bethea) who died December 12. Services were Friday in Ballinger.

To the Armando Martinez family—Armando’s brother, Robert, passed away Thursday. Services are pending.

**HOSPITAL NOTES:**

CMC	Luci Korn (209)
Shannon	Earlene Tyler (530)

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

**Bryan Elliott, Associate Minister**

**Wednesday evening options beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>**

- Worship Center: **Baptism in the Early Church**, Tommy King
- Fellowship Hall: **Financial Peace University** (pre-registration, kit and fee required)
- Room 214: **Turning Point** (an open 12-step group)
- Room 215: **Choice Living for Moms**, Lois Power
- Room 216: **Courageous Living for Dads**, Mitch Freeman
- Room 217: **Kenosis** (a ministry to 20’s & 30’s)
- Conference Room: **Experiencing the heart of Jesus**, Ladies’ Class
- Chapel: Spanish Speaking
- College: meets at CCC, 1920 Johnson (@ the crosswalks on ASU campus)

From the Elders ~

Our names are very important to us. Most of us would rather be known by our names than by any other identification. A name signifies a person with a body, strengths, weaknesses, likes, dislikes, character, reputation, and a host of other characteristics. Knowing names is the first step in building a relationship. As we seek to build a relationship with Jesus, He reveals himself to us in the Bible, and assures us in John 10.3 that He, the chief shepherd, knows our names—the names of His sheep.

There is a difficulty, though, as we under-shepherds at Johnson Street church of Christ seek to be like the chief shepherd, and know the names of 1045 sheep in 615 family units. The difficulty is in the sheer volume of the task, and is the reason the flock has been divided into 6 shepherd groups with 2 shepherds (elders) and about 100 families of sheep (members). We plan to elaborate on this strategy during the month of January.

Elders are called not only to minister to the day-to-day needs of their flocks, but also to oversee the organizational and administrative tasks that are necessary for the flocks to be successful. A sheep-fold is needed, pastures must be provided, and arrangements must be made for the sheep to fulfill their purposes (shearing and sales of wool, reproduction, and butchering for physical sheep; benevolence, evangelizing, and worship for spiritual sheep). January will also be a time for attending to administrative issues. Please be in prayer and plan to attend your Shepherd Group meeting the evening of January 29—time and place to be announced.

~Royce Smith

**TEAM JSY**

**Kevin Huddleston, Youth & Family Minister**

**RHYTHM OF GRACE**

Much of my coursework this semester has centered around the tradition of hospitality. Author, Christine Pohl says,

*"The future of Christian hospitality is partly tied to the future of the home and family. Recovering hospitality will involve reclaiming the household as the key site for ministry..."*

While this sounds great, the truth remains that most of us feel that we simply do not have time for others. To recover this cornerstone marker as God’s people, we must find a new rhythm. I believe that rhythm can be found in recapturing a sense of Sabbath - a time set apart for holy rest and renewal.

As we enter the heart of the holiday season, I pray that you experience this special gift. In the midst of the Christmas craziness, set apart some time for holy reflection and renewal. Give your family the true gifts of grace, rest and renewal this year.

Peace to your homes!

**CHURCH-WIDE NEW YEAR’S EVE CELEBRATION**

Saturday, December 31  
7:30 - Midnight  
Family Center

The entire church family is invited to celebrate New Year’s together. Bring your favorite snacks, soft drinks and board games. We will have tables set up for games in the Cafe and Youth Room along with ping pong. The gym will also be available for basketball.

Come join us for this evening of food, fun and fellowship!