

## Prayer Requests

Our expectant mom: Karri Bledsoe

### The Sick

Larry Habegger	Denise Hogan	Deborah DeMesa
Brook Lee	Lenny Ryan	Leanna Giaquinto
Leah Gomillion	Dorie Penney	Nick Kracko
Antonia Hellekson	Cory Sheets	Brittany Gernand
Kathy Cook	David Fergon	

### Other Needs

The Treadways	The Knecht Family	All Saints Presbyterian
The Givlers	The Shivers	Timothy Riely Family

Christ Covenant Church of San Antonio, TX and her pastor David Givler;  
Church of the Good Shepherd in Tomball and her pastor Fr. Dan Dunlap.

November is tableware month at Boys and Girls Country. Bring a place setting or flatware to church and we'll deliver it for you.

For Advent the Altar Guild is decorating with poinsettias and you can bring a white one as a memorial or a red one to honor someone.

## Announcements

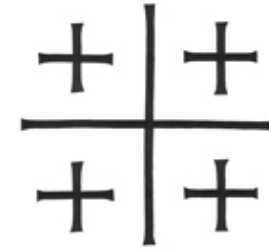
### November

30 – Unction Service 2PM in the Chapel

### December

21 – Nine Lessons and Carols – 11AM in the Chapel  
24 – Open House at the Franklins  
28 – Unction Service 2PM in the Chapel

# SAINT DAVID'S



# CHURCH

## The Lord's Day

November 30, AD 2008  
First Sunday of Advent

# The Word Was God

**\*Call To Worship** ~ *Awake My Soul* ~ Ladies Chorus

\*Pastor: We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

*Congregation: Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

*Who made heaven and earth!*

The eyes of all look to you,

*And you give them their food in due season.*

You open your hand,

*You satisfy the desire of every living thing!*

\*Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Page 219

**Confession of Sin**

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity.

*And in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

*And you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

Psalm 51 *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* Page 415

Hymn *In Every Time I'll Always Bless the Lord* Page 60

**\* Doxology**

\**Nunc Dimittis* Page 425

\* Pastor: Now go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions to them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our LORD: do not be sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength. Go in peace, and may almighty God bless you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

\*Congregation: Amen

*\*Please Stand*

*punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in the nations of the world, we humbly pray you to regard your servants, especially the President and Congress of the United States, the Governor of Texas, and all those who administer, and judge our laws, that all who receive the sword as your ministers may bear it according to your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Let us pray for our Christian families, that our Lord God would grant us the grace and mercy to establish Christian homes equipped to nurture God's people.

*Most Holy and Almighty God, sanctify and sustain our families. Give to each of us the gifts and grace we need to uphold our responsibilities to one another. Firmly establish each husband in the Christian faith so that he provides for his household, loving his wife, and nurturing his children. Let every wife find joy in helping her husband, always adorned in godliness. Let each husband and wife together set a Godly example for their children and let the children learn godliness through obedience. Guide and protect those yet to be married that they may frame their families with purity and fidelity. Grant those who must act as both father and mother special grace to rear their children in godliness. Please make each of our homes a center of love, learning and outreach to our community. Amen.*

Let us pray for those who are in any way afflicted, oppressed, or troubled in body or soul:

*God of mercies, we pray that you would comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. And to all your people grant a message of your love, taking them into your tender care, especially those we name in our hearts before you now (silent prayer). Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer*

**The Lord's Supper**

*Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

\*Lift up your hearts!

*\*We are lifting them up to the Lord.*

\*Let us render thanks to the Lord our God.

*\*It is proper and right to do so.*

\*Surely it is proper and right that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Therefore, with the angels and the archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

*\*Gloria in Excelsis Page 396 (Precentor starts alone)*

*Hymn O Song a New Song to the Lord Page 134*

**\*The Old Testament Reading ~ Isaiah 9:6 – 7**

Pastor: This is the Word of God!

*Thanks be to God.*

**\*The Epistle Reading ~ Colossians 1:9 - 18**

Pastor: This is the Word of God!

*Thanks be to God.*

\* Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord,  
How excellent is Your name in all the earth,

*Who have set Your glory above the heavens!*

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants  
You have ordained strength,

*Because of Your enemies,  
That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.*

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,  
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

*What is man that You are mindful of him,  
And the son of man that You visit him?*

For You have made him a little lower than the angels,  
And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

*You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;  
You have put all things under his feet,*

All sheep and oxen—  
Even the beasts of the field,

*The birds of the air,  
And the fish of the sea  
That pass through the paths of the seas.*

O Lord, our Lord,  
How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

\*Psalm 8 *O Lord Our Governor* Page 9

**\*The Gospel Reading** ~ John 1:1 - 5

\*Pastor: This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus!  
*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

**\* Corporate Confession of Faith**

*(The Nicene Creed from the Council of Nicea –AD 325)*

*I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin, Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church; acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**Sermon** ~ *The Eternal Word*

John 1:1 - 5

\*Hymn *God the Lord Is King* Page 138

**\* Prayer for Our Tithes and Offerings**

**\* Gloria Patri**

Let us pray for the whole church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

*Save and defend your catholic church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers according to your spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and sacraments. Make it perfect in love and good works, and establish it in the faith once delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy church may bear witness to you, the God and Father of all. Amen.*

Let us pray for all those in authority that we may live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty:

*O merciful Father in heaven, because you hold in your hand all the might of man and because you have ordained, for the*