

### Today

9:30 AM - No Church School Today  
10:45 AM - Worship Service

### This Week

Wednesday, Crowded House Communities, West Beaches, 6:30 PM

### Monthly

1ST Sunday, Afternoon Communion Service after a light lunch  
Tuesdays, Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 - 11:30 AM.

1ST & 3RD Wednesday, Crowded House Communities Clay County at 6:30 PM

2ND & 4TH Wednesday, Crowded House Communities West Beaches at 6:30 PM

3RD Sunday, Communion Service, followed by a fellowship meal

Last Saturday, Vos Group at 7:30 AM in Starbucks on Roosevelt

### Yearly

Fall Theology Conference

### Announcements

Happy Anniversary!! to Clif & Victoria Estes, on December 25th.

The Ladies Bible Study being held on Tuesdays will resume on January 30th, 2018.

Please plan to attend this evening's Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols at 6:30 pm.

Sermon Title: *Why Jesus Came*

Text: Matthew 1: 18-25

### Welcome Visitors!

We are delighted to have you worship with us. May we heartily worship and praise God together in a manner both pleasing to Him and edifying to you. If you would like more information about our church or have another need, please speak with one of our pastors or an elder.

### We Affirm The "Solas" Of The Protestant Reformation

*Sola Scriptura:* The Bible is the sole written divine revelation and alone can bind the conscience of believers absolutely.

*Sola Fide:* Justification is by faith alone. The merit of Christ imputed to us by faith is the sole ground of our acceptance by God, by which our sins are remitted.

*Solus Christus:* Christ is the only mediator through Whose work we are redeemed.

*Sola Gratia:* Our salvation rests solely on the work of God's grace for us.

*Soli Deo Gloria:* To God alone belongs the glory.

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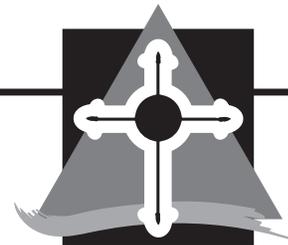
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For the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ...  
Revelation 1:9



# Lord's Day Worship

**Prayer of Preparation:** *O Lord, who has given us cause for perpetual joy by the coming of Your Son our Savior among us; raise up Your power, we pray, and possess us with a mighty sense of Your wonderful love; that whereas through the cares of this life we are sorely impeded and hindered in running the race that is set before us, we may be anxious for nothing, but thankfully commending ourselves in everything to Your bountiful grace and mercy, the peace of You our God, which passes all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds; through the satisfaction of Your Son our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

## Welcome & Announcements

### Musical Prelude

**\*Call To Worship:** (responsively) Isaiah 40:1-5 (ESV)  
*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.*

*A voice cries: "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 made low; The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

**\*Salutation:** (responsively) The Sursum Corda  
*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**  
*Lift up your hearts*  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God*  
**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** *Angels We Have Heard On High, st. 1-3* #214

**\*Prayer of Invocation:** (followed by the Lord's Prayer)

**\*Confessing the Faith:** (responsively) *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe** in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
**I believe** in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
And born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe** in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church, [Note: catholic means universal]  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Response:** *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, st. 1-4* #211

**The Word of God:** John 1:1-18 (Pew Bible, pg. 886)

### Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

**Assurance of Pardon:** Luke 1:68-69; 78-79 (ESV)

*"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."*

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings:** 2 Corinthians 9:6 (ESV)

*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

**Morning Psalm:** *Joy to the World, st. 1-4* Psalm 98 #195

### Pastoral Prayer

**\*Scripture:** Matthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible, p. 807)

**Sermon:** *Why Jesus Came* Pastor Dan Clay

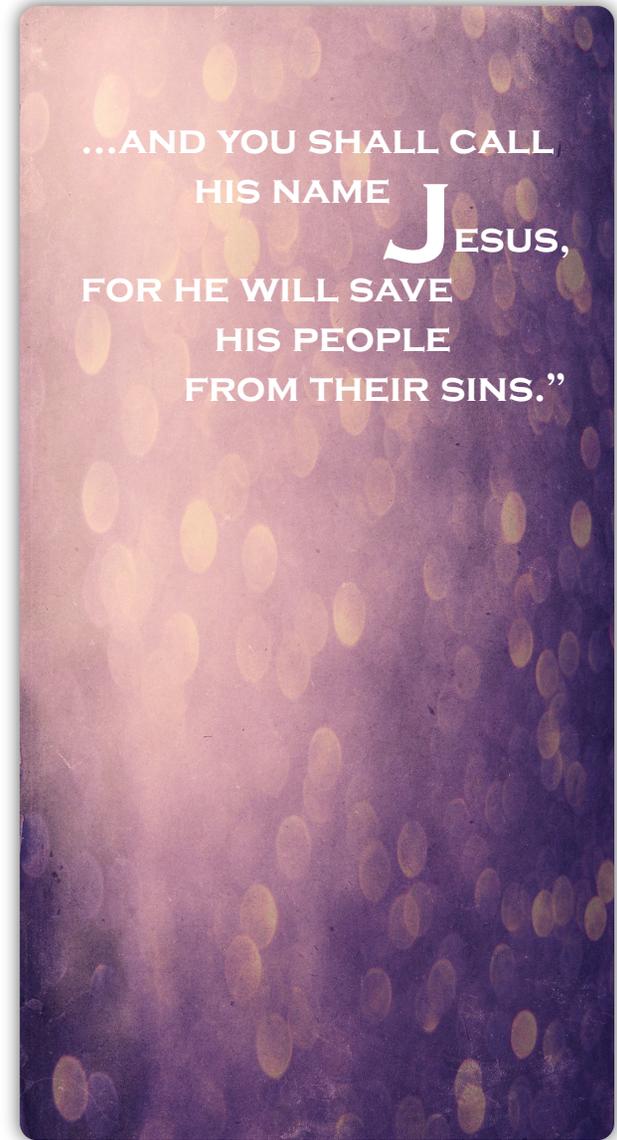
**\*Hymn of Application:** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing, st. 1-3* #203

### \*Benediction

### \*Musical Postlude

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Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.



\* Congregation Standing, all those who are able